



St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

—Mission Statement



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*When someone strikes you on your right cheek,
turn the other one as well. - Matthew 5:39*



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

Monday – Thursday

9:30 a.m. – 12 + 1 – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

*(Un traductor español está disponible
los martes por la noche.)*

Come and pray with us!

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. + 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 5:30p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. and 12 Noon, Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Come and know God's mercy!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated **every day after Daily Mass** in the church. The sacrament is also celebrated in the church on Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. (Spanish). Confessions are also heard on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Come to the quiet!

The church building is open from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 7 p.m., if not later, daily. Seton Chapel, in the white convent building, is open around 8 a.m. and also remains open to approximately 7 p.m. Take some time to open your heart to the voice of God.

Come and spend some time with the Lord!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel on
Mondays from 3:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. and
Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Come and know God's healing of the sick!

Please contact the Rectory (631.878.0009) for a priest to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with the seriously ill or those preparing for surgery. Please also let us know if a loved one is sick so we can pray for them at Mass and list their name in the bulletin.

Come pray the Liturgy of the Hours

We pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

Mondays at 3 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. in Seton Chapel.

Thursdays at 1 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. in Seton Chapel.

Saturdays and Sundays after Evening Mass in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.

Come to know Mary, Our Lady Queen of Apostles

ROSARY: We pray the Rosary every day after Daily Mass in Our Lady's Chapel in the church building.

MONDAYS + We pray the Miraculous Medal Novena after 7 a.m. Mass in the church building and at 7:30 p.m. in Seton Chapel in the Convent.

LENT 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020



Masses

7:00 a.m. + 12 Noon + 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Services

10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m.,
4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Ashes will only be distributed as part of the prayer service. Please make plans now.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK IS HERE!

This Lent, St. John's is once again offering everyone a little black book. This book contains brief reflections for each day of the Lenten season based on Scripture and Lenten traditions.

You can carry it with you, leave it in your car or keep it in a place at home where you will see it every day. It's a nice, simple way to bring the spirit of the season to each day of your Lenten journey. The books are free of charge. If you'd like to make a donation, please place it in the Poor Box to support the work of Parish Social Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul.



LENTEN BACKPACK CHALLENGE

This year, on Ash Wednesday, we are giving all who come to SJE a String Backpack! So you can have one but you need to take two! Bring one back filled with the items needed for our Street Ministry...and keep one for yourself...OR....bring two back for our Street Ministry. Not only will these backpacks be a great way to return your donations, they are a huge help to those we minister to on Thursday nights.

Each backpack will need to come back with some or all of the following:

- Woman's underwear
- Woman's socks
- Disposable razors
- Small shaving cream
- Quart zip bags
- Gallon zip bags
- Dollar store feminine hygiene pads
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper

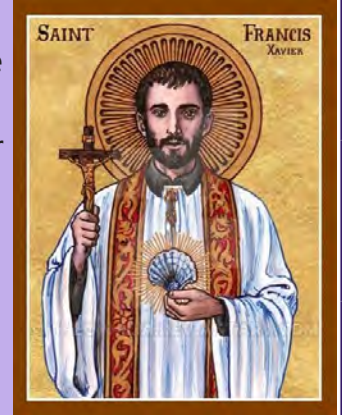


LENT 2020

Novena of Grace

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – Thursday, March 12, 2020

This year, instead of a traditional Lenten "mission" or "evening prayers", we are inviting all to be part of the Novena of Grace. The Novena of Grace, nine day of prayer, originated in the 1600s and became more popular after St. Francis Xavier was canonized a saint. This novena traditionally takes place from March 4 -12. We will celebrate the Novena of Grace here at SJE this Lent.



Evening Prayer – March 4, 2020 – Church – 7:00 p.m.

Day of Fasting – Friday, March 6, 2020

Sunday Eucharist – Saturday/Sunday, March 7/8, 2020

Creative Ministries – Journey, Cross and Crucifixion –

Monday, March 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Closing Holy Hour – Thursday, March 12, 2020 – Church – 7:00 p.m.

It is traditional to pray this Novena of Grace for a particular intention – to ask the Lord what you desire. To be truthful, I pray the Novena of Grace twice a year. Never have I prayed it without receiving some sign of God's consolation and compassion. I hope the same will be true for you.
-Look for more information about our Day of Service also taking place during the Novena of Grace-

Stations of the Cross

This Lent, we will
celebrate the
Stations of the Cross
at
**7 p.m. Fridays in the
Church.**



The Art & Environment Ministry invites parishioners to take part in a very special Lenten Journey.

We look to reflect, pray, and create our own personal action or commitment during the weeks of Lent. After reflecting on how we would like to grow with Christ, we would like to write those thoughts, commitments and actions on paper and place in the jars located on the sanctuary steps. These reflection slips will then be put together as a paper chain, connecting us as a community on a Lenten Journey towards Christ. Please feel free to write as many reflections as you'd like.



Paper for this project can be found in baskets at the entrances of the church. The project will begin the first weekend in Lent (2/29-3/1) and will continue until 3/28-3/29. Thank you for being part of our parish Lenten Journey!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday – Thursday 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

We hope, after the Novena of Grace, to offer additional times for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 – 7 p.m. Mondays – Thursdays here in Seton Chapel beginning Monday, March 16th. This will be a great blessing for our parish and will require a weekly commitment from many.



The 3:00 p.m. hour will begin with Exposition and the Liturgy of the Hours then continue with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Three O'Clock Prayer. The hours from 4 – 6:30 p.m. will be silent. Evening Prayer will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude with Benediction.

Please consider signing up today! We can also use someone who is good at organization to serve as a coordinator (which can mostly be done from home).

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Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____@_____

Please check which hours you can be available for on a weekly basis.

Mondays ___ 3-4 p.m. ___ 4-5 p.m. ___ 5-6 p.m. ___ 6-7 p.m.

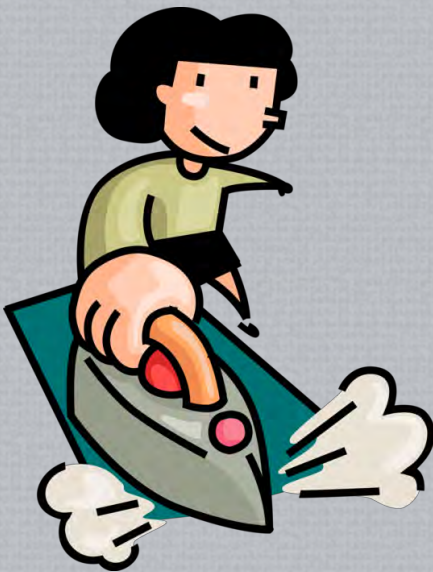
Tuesdays ___ 3-4 p.m. ___ 4-5 p.m. ___ 5-6 p.m. ___ 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays ___ 3-4 p.m. ___ 4-5 p.m. ___ 5-6 p.m. ___ 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays ___ 3-4 p.m. ___ 4-5 p.m. ___ 5-6 p.m. ___ 6-7 p.m.

Exposition takes place at SS. Peter and Paul in Manorville and St. Jude's in Mastic Beach on Fridays.

ALTAR SOCIETY



Are you good with an iron? Do you love to do wash and dry? Love a can of starch? Want to work for the glory and praise of God?

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with our Altar Society. The Altar Society at SJE washes, dries and prepares the linens that are used at Sunday and Daily Mass. Volunteers work off a schedule – usually once or twice a month – and you can work on your own time.

Want some more information? Contact the Rectory Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org so we can get you connected.



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

"...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them." Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.

Have you thought about "fasting" from a regular purchase of something - i.e., a hand-crafted beverage? Over a 10 month period, this simple "fast" can serve many people in need! \$6.25 a week for one month is \$25 -- over 10 months it is \$250.

To make a donation, you can also visit
<https://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call us at **516-678-5800**
ext. 296

2020 CMA Goal
\$100,600

"...hagámonos prójimos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que pasan dificultades, compartiendo con ellos nuestros bienes espirituales y materiales." -Papa Francisco

Dar limosna en Cuaresma

En cuaresma, se nos invita a poner en práctica la oración, el ayuno, y a entregar limosnas.

La Cuaresma es tiempo propicio para orar por nuestros hermanos más necesitados, por su bienestar material, emocional o espiritual. Durante estos cuarenta días, cuando usted haga ayuno y abstinencia. por favor recuerde a aquel que no tiene algo que comer, y considere compartir sus bienes con el hambriento.

Una forma de hacerlo, es mediante un donativo a la **Campaña de los Ministerios Católicos** -la cual a través de Caridades Católicas y las oficinas de Alcance Social de nuestras Parroquias- cada año apoya programas que ofrecen alimentos para los más necesitados de nuestra comunidad.

¿Ha pensado en "ayunar" renunciando a comprar ese café especial o esa bebida 'gourmet'? ¡En un lapso de 10 meses, ese simple "ayuno" podría ayudar a muchas personas necesitadas! Ello representa \$ 6.25 a la semana, esto es \$25 al mes. Y en 10 meses \$250.



Pledge: \$ _____ Down Payment: \$ _____ Balance: \$ _____

Parish: St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____@_____

Donor Signature: _____ Date _____

Place in weekly collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office make your donation or use the donation options listed above. Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Alex Finta + afinta@sjecm.org + Director of Parish Social Ministry (631-878-0009 ext. 119)

Sister Ann Berendes + aberendes@sjecm.org + Director of Senior Ministry (631.878.0009, x. 127)

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Jospeh Conklin + afinta@sjecm.org + Social Work Intern (631-878-0009 ext. 119)

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Eve O'Brien—eveobrien@optonline.net + Helen Williams—hannah51@optonline.net + Jeri Eten—jeten@optonline.net

Communion to the Homebound: Kevin Both - counts2n2@aol.com

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—msikora@sjecm.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – x. 173 – svdp@sjecm.org

We're here to help

If we are unable to assist you directly, we will be more than happy to connect you to resources that can help.

Our office hours in the Red Barn are:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00PM-3:00PM.

Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 to make an appointment. Alternative office hours can be given upon request of appointment.

Ernie's Place (Food Pantry) -Monday 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Thursdays 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thrift Shop - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous- Offered daily @ 6:45 AM & Tuesdays, 7:00 PM– Red Barn Meeting Room

ALANON– Thursdays, @ 7PM– Red Barn Meeting Room

AA Men's– Sundays @ 8AM– Red Barn Meeting Room

12 Step Meetings

SJE STREET MINISTRY

The Street Ministry is continuously serving 60-90 individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless. We are tremendously grateful for all of the donations that continue to allow us to do this work. We are in need of the following:



**Jelly + Blankets + Disposable razors + Women's underwear/socks
Quart zip lock bags + Toilet paper + (Dollar store) feminine hygiene pads**



Financial donations or gift cards to places such as the Dollar Store or Walmart are most welcome too. Checks may be made payable to St. John the Evangelist and donations can be left in the Parish Office. Donations may be dropped off to the Parish Office (Blue House) during normal business hours or Parish Social Ministry Office (Red Barn)

**Monday-Thursday 10:00AM-12:00PM
or 1:00PM-3:00PM.**



Chefs/volunteers needed. Every Thursday night. Set up begins at 6:15 p.m. at the convent. At 7:15 p.m. vans leave SJE and return around 8:30. We are now making two stops so we need more volunteers! If you're interested in cooking a tray of food or going out with the van please contact Alex Finta (afinta@sjecm.org or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.)

IT TAKES ALL TYPES

Have A Heart **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Saturday,
February 29th
9 AM - 3 PM in Auditorium**



Are you
my type?
Donate Blood!



Urgent need for all blood types.

***Get a free large sandwich or premium salad
from McDonalds.***

Must bring ID or donor card, be between the ages of 16 to 75, and weigh at least 110 lbs. No new tattoos for the past 12 months. For more information contact Kevin Both at 631-878-4945 or counts2n2@aol.com.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

St. John the Evangelist

Community Meal

*Join us Monday, February 24, 2020
in the Red Barn at St. John the Evangelist
Church in Center Moriches.*

The Meal will consist of a home-made dinner from **6:00PM-8:00PM**. If you are in need of toiletries or clothes, please let a volunteer know!

If you are interested in cooking a meal or volunteering, please reach out to Alex Finta at afinta@sjecm.org



Parish Social Ministry Memorial Cards NOW AVAILABLE

This is one way to honor one who has passed away. These cards allow you to express your sympathy while also benefitting the less fortunate in our local community. Each month we will celebrate Mass for all those remembered via the Memorial Cards. The names of those remembered will be periodically included in the bulletin. The memorial offering made will benefit Parish Outreach, our Homeless Initiative, Food Pantry and Thrift Shop and the many works of Parish Social Ministry at SJE.

To obtain a parish social ministry memorial card, visit the Rectory Office during regular hours or Parish Outreach from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information, contact the Parish Social Ministry Office.

Child Protection



ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Please be sure you are checking for VIRTUS bulletins delivered electronically around the first weekend of each month. Volunteers who receive these bulletins must read them and complete the question at the end. **THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL.** Failure to complete these monthly learning bulletins may result in your being suspended from ministry. (At present, volunteers who work or have worked with children are required to complete these learning bulletins.) Please reach out to Liz Dellaratta or Michael Walsh – 631.878.0009 or email to faithformation@sjecm.org.

Our next VIRTUS training at St. John's is on Thursday, February 27th, 5:30 p.m.
(You may take a VIRTUS training class at any site. See www.drvc.org for more information.)

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Important: NEW TIME

There will be a meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. for all members of the Ministry of Consolation. This meeting will take place in the Lower Meeting Room of the Red Barn. All members of this ministry – greeters, readers, companions, etc. – are asked to attend.



YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM—aberendes@sjecm.org + 631.878.0009, x. 127



Our evening Bereavement Support group will begin on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 6:00 this week only because of the beginning of the Novena of Grace. After

that, we will meet each Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the IHM room of the Convent for approximately 9 weeks. The morning meetings for Support will continue at 10:00 am as before.

Please don't forget the other options we have for The Young At Heart: T'ai Chi Chih at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays in the IHM room; God Isn't Finished With Me Yet, by Barbara Lee, book reflection, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in the IHM room at 10:00 a.m., and Lenten Fridays at 11:00 a.m. with Stations of the Cross for Seniors in Seton Chapel. Because the ordering of books is involved, please register a few days in advance.

Oasis Rehabilitation and Nursing Presents

Breath For Life—

A COPD Support Group

Are you suffering from COPD or caring for someone who is? Come to the Oasis Center, 6 Frowein Rd, Center Moriches

Thursday February 27, 2020

5:00 PM

Free of charge

Light Dinner will be served
RSVP to Amy Mahnken, LPN @
631-655-9928 by February 24th

**Come
Join Us**



**WALKING
WITH
MARY**

**A SENIOR
LENTEN
RETREAT**

**Friday March 20th
Noon TO 5:30 PM**

PRESENTED BY

**YOUNG AT
HEART MINISTRY**

RSVP to Sr. Ann by 3/6

THE DAY INCLUDES:

- 12 NOON MASS AT CHURCH
- LUNCH AT CONVENT
- TIME TO RECEIVE RECONCILIATION
- REFLECTION TIME
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you an adult that never got around to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Now is your time!

St. John's will be starting our Adult Confirmation Class at the end of this month. Spots are filling up quick, please contact Fr. Michael soon for more information and to get signed up at mplona@sjecm.org



BECOMING CATHOLIC

**Do you want to be Catholic?
Do you want to be baptized?
Were you baptized into another
Christian faith but now want to join the
Catholic Church?
Then the RCIA is for you!**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process for adult women and men who want to join the Catholic Church. It involves learning about the Catholic faith, sharing faith with others and participating in the life of the Church.

If you want to learn more, leave a message in the Rectory (631.878.0009) or e-mail to rcia@sjecm.org. We will be putting together our next RCIA group in the weeks ahead!



Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

Dirección de la Oficina: 25 Ocean Ave. Center Moriches, NY 11934

Teléfono: 1-631.878.0009

Horas especiales para asistencia en español: Martes- 7 PM – 8 PM

Santa Misa: Sábados - 7:30 PM, Martes - 7:30PM en el Convent (La Casa Blanca)

Confesiones: Sábado - 7 PM en la Iglesia

Bautismos: Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia. Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes. Locación – en el granero (la casa roja) a las 7 PM.

Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

Requisitos:

1. Certificado de nacimiento del niño o/de la niña.
2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Matrimonios:

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

Exposición del Santísimo (adoración): Jueves, 12:00PM - 8:00PM

Renovación Carismática: Viernes 7:00 pm en el granero (la casa roja).

R.I.C.A (Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos):
Padre Michael 1-631.878.0009

Templos del Espíritu Santo (Grupo de Jovenes) cada sábado a las 5PM en el Red Barn



¿Usted o alguien que usted conoce tiene más de 7 años y necesita los Sacramentos del Bautismo, la Comunión o la Confirmación? Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gregorio Chavez en p-chavez@hotmail.com para el próximo paso a seguir. Gracias.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Let us pray for our parish's catechumens. These young women and men are preparing for full initiation at the Easter Vigil this April! Let us pray for them and for us. May their journey remind us ever more of the importance of our baptismal call.

Giovanni Aranda
 Pricilla Aranda
 Jamie Gabino
 Jesselyn Gabino
 Jayden Marciano
 Michael Marciano
 Steffon Marciano
 Dylan Torres



LITURGICAL PRACTICES, GOOD HEALTH AND COMMON SENSE!

My former Pastor, Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, a former professor of liturgy at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, prepared a brief article for my former parish's bulletin that runs during the winter months. With his permission, I have reprinted it here. As we are in the midst of the winter season, there are some good things to consider in our celebration of the Eucharist.

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.
- **Mass Attendance:** MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext 5 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11AM-12Noon; 1PM-4:30PM (RED BARN, Upstairs)

UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

Level 6 Makeup Parent Meeting:

Saturday, February 29 @ 9AM, Auditorium

For parents who missed the Level 6 parent meeting earlier this month. All parents of students in grade 6 must attend one of these meetings.

Sacramental Prep

**All parent meetings held during class times*

Level 1 – Saturday, March 7, Auditorium

Level 2 – Saturday, April 18, Auditorium

Level 7 – Monday, March 23, Church

Level 8—Tuesday, March 24, Auditorium



LEVEL 2 RETREATS

We are happy to again be holding a 1st Communion retreat for our Level 2 students and parents. Below are the assigned days/times.

Level 2 Retreats 2020:

8:30AM Classes: Saturday, March 21, 8:30AM-10AM*

10AM Classes: Saturday, March 28, 10AM-11:30AM*



**Please note the retreat will run for an hour and a half.*

We are asking that one parent/guardian accompany each child during the retreat (due to limited space). A retreat is an opportunity to step away from our daily lives and take some time to reflect on God's great love for us. It is also a time for you and your child to draw closer together through our faith. There will be activities for parents and children to enjoy!



GRADE-LEVEL RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Level 6 – Thursday, February 27, 2020 @ 7:00PM, Church

Level 4 – Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 11:30AM, Church

Level 5 – Saturday, March 14, 2020 @ 11:30AM, Church

Level 7 – Monday, March 30, 2020 @ 7:15PM, Church

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJE!

Hospitality Ministry

"Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way."



This Lent, we are really going to form our Hospitality Ministry...and we need you! (If you signed up in the Fall there is no need to sign up again now.) This ministry will coordinate, be present at or even run all of our hospitality events and make sure we have enough supplies, volunteers, etc. for hospitality events in the parish!

Think you might be interested? Have that great organizing spirit? Love for things to look "just right"? Then this is the ministry for you!

Reach out to Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org or leave a message at 631.878.0009.



-The Knights of Columbus
Present-

**BINGO
NIGHT**
Every Friday



Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
(First game 7:30 p.m.)

\$2000 IN PRIZES!



Mercy Sundays



**Every fourth Sunday of the month Family Life Ministry
puts mercy into action.**

We hope that you will join us!

**Call the parish office at 631-878-0009 or email
mplona@sjecm.org to find out more.**

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Remembering our Loved Ones *Helping our Parish*

Altar Bread and Wine—for the month an offering of \$150 is requested
Altar Candles—\$25.00 per week

Altar bread and wine for the month of February has been donated: In honor of Jeanette Kopstain.



Stewardship

How can I repay the LORD for all the great good done for me?

- Psalm 116:2

Sunday 2/16/20: \$13,092 (2019: \$14,530)

The Church in Need Collection

On March 1st, 2020 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is a particular need for help.

Light the Way of the Saints

You may have noticed that the candles have been re-installed next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection.

We can use some support in keeping those candles lit. We invite parishioners to make an offering for a candle, perhaps near a particular saint of significance for you. Reference of the offering will be included in the bulletin where we acknowledge offerings of bread and wine

To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, pray for us!

St. Joseph, pray for us!

St. Therese Liseux, pray for us!

St. Gerard Majella, pray for us!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS First Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Jesus has atoned for Adam.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

Discussion Questions

1. After their sin Adam and Eve desired to cover their bodies. They did not want to be seen as they really were. Is it easy to be honest about faults? If you do become honest about your failings, what is the next step?

2. St. Paul says in today's reading, "but the gift is not like the transgression." It is like killing a roach with a nuclear weapon! Why do you think God would go to this extreme to save us?

3. Immediately after Jesus was baptized, the Father's voice spoke of him as "My Beloved Son" ([Mt 3:17](#)), and the Spirit led him to the desert. Jesus might have wanted to think about what those words meant, and to pray about his ministry. The Spirit wanted him to be tested. How does it make you feel to think he had to fight temptation the same way we do?



SJE PRAYER CARDS



SJE offers prayer cards by the windows of St. Dymphna, St. Michael the Archangel and St. John the Evangelist (in Our Lady's Chapel). Please feel free to take one! Better yet, take an extra one and share it with someone you know who can use a prayer.

PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

We Celebrate

"The sacrament (of Matrimony) is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since "their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church." —Pope Francis,

The Joy of Love, 55

III. Justin Petito and Shannon Cunningham

We Remember ...

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. -Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass

Pierre L. Vaillant

We Pray...

"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials..." -1 Peter 1:6

John O'Leary, Juliana Gales, Andrew Hennings, Joseph Guzzello, Jennifer Lynn Peck

Leo DiPierro, Valerie Caldero, Nicholas Sarubbi, Paul Healy, Thomas Taylor, Palma D'Amara

Diana Guercio, Barbara Parent

Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.

Praying for our Military

US Army

Sgt. Justin Sikorski, PVT Bailey Meyer, PVT Sean Casey, SGT Daniel Smith,
PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith, PVT Jack Dyer, SPC Jarrad Satornino

US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SRA Ryan Kerstiens, SRA Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens

US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes, Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado, CPL Andrew Schlosberg
PVT Charles O'Connor, SGT Quentin Montemarano, Recruit Evan Berkemeyer

US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher, ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr., MMN3 Christopher J. Esposito Jr

Please pray for our parish family members serving abroad in the military. Family members, please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org to add or update your loved one's status if they have returned.

YOUTH MINISTRY

St. John the Evangelist "3 vs. 3" Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, March 13th @ 6:00PM

OLQA Gym/SJE Auditorium



FAQ

- \$15 per team (all money donated will go to the Street Ministry)
- **Maximum of 4 players to each team.**
- Teams can consist of both boys and girls (Grades 4th—8th).
- **Depending on the amount of teams that register for each specific age group, at least two brackets will be made to separate the age differences.**
- Games will be to 5 points or 5 minutes. All baskets will be worth 1 point. Take backs on everything.
- **All teams must have a name.**
- Double elimination for each team.

Please contact Alex Finta at afinta@olqany.org if you'd like to register a team!

Frequently Asked Questions

MAKING THINGS OFFICIAL

We ask that all individuals and families who participate in the parish life of SJE register in the parish. It's pretty simple! Just contact the Parish Office and one of the members of our Pastoral Team will meet and greet you and maybe even show you around the place. Please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail rectory@sjecm.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We love to welcome new people into Catholic faith! Baptism ceremonies are held every Sunday at 2 p.m. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must meet with one of our parish priests or deacon and be part of our Belonging preparation process before the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to rectory@sjecm.org for more information!

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our parish wants to pray for and with those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests. To include you or your loved one's name on our sick list, please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org. In addition, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring communion to the homebound—both those temporarily unable to attend Mass and those who more permanently cannot attend Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Do you want to become Catholic? We want you to become Catholic too! Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rcia@sjecm.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation process. This process begins during Lent each year and concludes on the Vigil of Pentecost. Please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rcia@sjecm.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics planning to be married should receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding. To begin this process, you will meet with one of our parish's priests. You can do this by contacting the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.

Are you married civilly and want to have your marriage recognized by the Catholic Church? We are happy to help! Please contact the Parish Office and we will walk with you through this simple and engaging process.

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PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

RBMR—Red Barn—1st Floor Mtg. Room/**RBUR**—Upper Room

Monday, February 24, 2020

4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Community Meal	RBMR
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
6:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	RBUR
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	Faculty Rm.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m.	Scouts 1227	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium

Thursday, February 27, 2020

4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
5:30 p.m.	VIRTUS	
7:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Level 6 Reconciliation	Church

Friday, February 28, 2020

6:30 p.m.	K of C Bingo	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:30 a.m.	FF Classes	School
9:00 a.m.	Blood Drive	Auditorium
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

Sunday, March 1, 2020

4:00 p.m.	Mass Band Rehearsal	Church
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**WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE
IN 2023?**

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 24, 2020 Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Patricia Tomasoni
12 Noon	Senja Mazzola

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Thomas Fay
12 Noon	Joseph M. Sherry
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m.	Harold Lapham
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Service
12 Noon	Daniel DeRienzi
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Service
3:00 p.m.	Prayer Service
4:30 p.m.	Prayer Service
6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Thursday, February 27, 2020 Thursday After Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m.	John and Ida Carcich
12 Noon	Ferdinand DeFelippi Sr.

Friday, February 28, 2020 Friday After Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m.	Thomas McNiff
12 Noon	Peter Guercio

Saturday, February 29, 2020 Saturday After Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m.	Intention Still Available
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First Sunday of Lent

Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Helen Langone
7:30 p.m.	The People of the Parish

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Frank Lynette
9:00 a.m.	Jason C. Nichols
10:30 a.m.	David Pratt
12:00 p.m.	Scott Sapanaro
5:30 p.m.	Robert Nidzyn