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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*(in the Blue House)*

**Monday – Thursday**

9:30 a.m. – 12 + 1 – 8 p.m.

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday**

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

# St. John the Evangelist

## Roman Catholic Church

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*Welcome Home-St. John the Evangelist*

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**“To the person who strikes you on one cheek,  
offer the other one as well,”**

**Luke 6:29**

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**February 24, 2019**

### Come to the quiet!

The church building is open from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 7 p.m., if not later, each night. 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 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, 5:30 p.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

**Seton Chapel:** Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

### 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 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 and spend some time with the Lord!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel on

**Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.** and on

**Thursdays from 1:00 pm. until 5:00 pm**

### 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 the 7 a.m. Mass in the church building and at 7:30 p.m. in Seton Chapel in the Convent on most Mondays, with the exception of holidays and whenever the parish is closed.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJE!

It's Back.....

## SJE Mardi Gras!

*(The great feast before the Lenten fast begins!)*

**NEXT  
SUNDAY!  
RSVP  
TODAY**

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**School Auditorium**

**Immediately following the 12 Noon Mass**

**Come and celebrate with our parish family for an  
afternoon of music, games, food, and fun for all ages!**



Mardi Gras will conclude with the burning of the palms which will produce the ashes we will use this Ash Wednesday.

Please bring an appetizer, a 1/2 tray of "something" or a dessert to Mardi Gras  
(you can drop it off before Mass).

*To RSVP and to let us know what you can bring, contact  
Elaine Zukowski at elainezukowski@yahoo.com or call at 631.878.0565.*

### MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ #of adults \_\_\_\_ # of children & ages \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Covered Dish/Appetizer/Dessert you are bringing \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to help with: \_\_\_\_\_ set-up ( 3/2 @ 2:30pm) \_\_\_\_\_ day of celebration \_\_\_\_\_ clean up

*Please RSVP by contacting Elaine—contact info listed above—or return this form to the Rectory or in  
the collection basket ASAP. All donations accepted.*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On our own...but never on our own...

# INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

Dear Parish Family:

The season of Lent is less than two weeks away. For some, this is not significant. For others, we are caught up in what we are going “to do” for Lent (give up something, some act of charity or something like that). For others, Lent is a busier time of the year than others. It sounds strange but we can be so caught up in doing that our relationship with God takes a back seat.

I am hoping this Lent, as a parish both individually and communally, we can increase our focus on prayer. This week, I am going to write about some individual invitations. Next week, we can focus more on some of the communal invitations.

I am always challenged by the writings of Sister Ruth Burrows, OCD. Whenever I read one of her books I am challenged and excited, disappointed and hopeful, all at the same time. The disappointment is usually in myself. She presents such ideas of what a spiritual and holy life should be. I am forced to confront how I come up short. Yet, she gives many paths and opportunities for one to consider. I am presently reading *Essence of Prayer*. In it she writes (3-4),

*“We must remember that prayer takes place at the deepest level of the person and escapes our direct cognition; therefore we can make no judgment about it. It is God’s holy domain and we may not usurp it. We have to trust it utterly to God.”*



I guess we have to begin sort of like the father in the ninth chapter of Mark’s Gospel, “I believe, help my unbelief.” (We will pray with this Gospel at Monday’s daily Mass.) Trust utterly that this is God’s work, God’s domain. Start there.

This Lent, I think we can all pray a little more deeply. I am not speaking about you personally, but I am going to guess that every single one of us can pray more deeply as individuals. Remember, our prayer is never individually focused. It is in a context always of loving God and neighbor.

Here are some ideas:

- **Make use of Scripture.** Bishop Barres has published a letter for Lent. (We have not received it yet so it may not make this bulletin.) He focuses on *Lectio Divina*, a powerful practice of prayer using scripture. Read this letter. Take time with this process. Allow God to use his Word to transform you and me. You can use the readings of the day or perhaps start with a Bible passage you are already comfortable and familiar with and begin.
- **The Little Black Book.** This is a great little tool that uses Scripture and reflection. They will be available either this weekend or next. (Note: There is no fee for this book. If you can, please place a donation of your choosing in the Poor Box.)
- **Quiet Time.** Can I ask you to think about creating a solid time for prayer? For me and for many others, it’s the early morning. People laugh at me when they get email at 5:30 a.m. I am up most days about an hour and a half earlier so I can try to make some time for quiet and prayer. It may not be the morning for you. But find a quiet time where you can just be. Again, take your time. Maybe it’s not a holy hour of quiet. It might have to be a holy 15 minutes or even 5 minutes. It’s OK. Start somewhere. Try to be consistent about it. (Please note: Even the Venerable Fulton Sheen acknowledged the need for coffee

before prayer! He states, “The average American is physically, biologically, psychologically and neurologically unable to do anything worthwhile before he has a cup of coffee. And that goes for prayer too. Even sisters in convents whose rules were written before electric percolators were developed would do well to update their procedures. **Let them have coffee before meditation.**” Get that coffee timer set early or the K-cup machine warmed up!)



- **Find a place.** Time and place matter in our openness to God’s domain. Where can you **be**? Where can God work best with you? Is it here at SJE? Did you know the Church and Chapel are open to 6:30/7:00 p.m. each night? Have you thought about taking some time in quiet prayer here—maybe in the Peace Garden, Seton Chapel, Our Lady’s Chapel in the Church, the Church itself? Try to find a consistent place. Perhaps a “make a visit” before the Blessed Sacrament outside of our times of communal prayer? Pray the Rosary quietly before an image of the Blessed Mother? Maybe come and light a candle each day in the midst of the quiet at one the shrines?

For many, coming here every day may not be possible. So find the quiet place near you. It might be a place that is only quiet certain times of the day....then find that time and place.

- **Finding the Expert.** There are a few spiritual writers I follow—Sister Burrows is one of them. When I learn they have written or published something, I buy it and then usually about 10 other copies for others I care about. I admit I am often looking for a new way, some idea, some method that might help me get prayer right. The truth? Often I am wasting my time. The one expert you and I can come to know better this Lent is the only one we need—**Jesus Christ**. Talk to him. Remember what you learned about him. Think about what you know about him. Ask him to help you. I use a book called *Sacred Reading* to help me. If you think it might help you, look into it. This book and these other things—good methods, spiritual writers, etc.—can help. Nothing replaces our relationship with Jesus Christ. Nothing.

Sister Ruth Burrows writes later in the same work, “*On our side prayer is simply being there: open, exposed, inviting God to do all God wants. Prayer is not our activity, our getting in touch with God, our coming to grips with or making ourselves desirable to God. We can do none of these things, nor do we need to, for God is there ready to do everything for us, loving us unconditionally. We all know this in theory; but how many really know it in terms of practical living*” (28)?

I hope this Lent finds each one of us more open to God’s domain and God’s working with us so he can better work through us knowing that is ready to do everything for us.

Please pray for me.

*Featherston*

## REPEAL THE ABORTION EXPANSION ACT

This week please visit [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) or [nyscatholic.org](http://nyscatholic.org) and sign the petition to repeal the Abortion Expansion Act. Express your firm opposition to New York's new abortion law by the signing the petition to Governor Andrew Cuomo. Urge him and the legislature to repeal the radical new law in its entirety.

**Sign it today and share it with your friends.**





# LITURGY OF THE HOURS

O God, come to our assistance...

*The purpose of the liturgy of the hours is to sanctify the day and the whole range of human activity. Therefore its structure has been revised in such a way as to make each hour once more correspond as nearly as possible to natural time and to take account of the circumstances of life today. Hence, "that the day may be truly sanctified and the hours themselves recited with spiritual advantage, it is best that each of them be prayed at a time most closely corresponding to the true time of each canonical hour."*

-From the *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours*, 11

Beginning this Lent, we will begin to pray the Liturgy of the Hours more frequently at SJE. You may have noticed this in some of our literature about Seton Chapel. We pray the Liturgy of the Hours to unite our prayer with the Church that seeks God at all times.

There is a certain ritual to the Liturgy of the Hours that involves our posture (sitting and standing), our voices (in praying the psalms), our listening (to the Word of God).

Some of us pray the Liturgy of the Hours regularly. This is wonderful. I hope you can help us in establishing this rhythm of prayer at SJE.

We will pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the Church on Saturday at approximately 6:15 p.m. and on Sunday at approximately 6:45 p.m. in Our Lady's Chapel. Booklets will be provided for you.

During the week, we will pray the Liturgy of the Hours in Seton Chapel beginning and ending our times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday—3 p.m.—Daytime Prayer

Monday—8:45 p.m.—Night Prayer

Thursday—1 p.m.—Daytime Prayer

Thursday—4:45 p.m.—Evening Prayer

Friday—8 a.m.—Morning Prayer

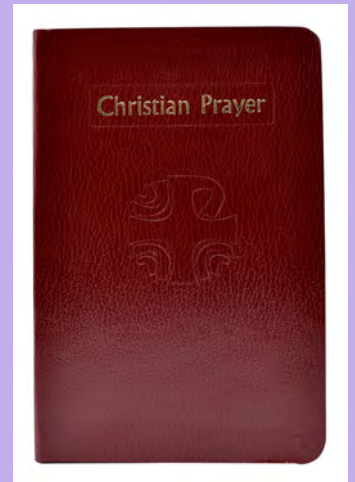
Friday—11:30 a.m.—Daytime Prayer

For these times, we will use books of the Liturgy of the Hours that will be provided for you. (NOTE: It will take us each a little time to get used to these—so always have patience!!!!)

You do not need to come to each of these times of prayer—come when you can!

You can pray the Liturgy of the Hours also by using the ibreviary app or visiting [universalis.com](http://universalis.com).

**...O Lord, make haste to help us.**



# EAST END HOLY HOUR



ADORATION + CONFESSION +

PRAISE + FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY MARCH 1ST

7PM

THERE IS NOTHING  
SO GREAT AS THE  
EUCCHARIST.  
IF GOD HAD  
SOMETHING  
MORE PRECIOUS,  
HE WOULD  
HAVE GIVEN  
IT TO US.  
-ST. JOHN VIANNEY

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## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

*"Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy." ~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

The tradition of First Friday is part of the larger devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Catholic Church. While the context for the start of First Friday devotions is different than our times today (this originated in the 1600s and 1700s), I think there is a value to our focus, particularly on First Fridays.

On Friday, March 1, 2019,

- We will pray Prayers and the Litany to the Sacred Heart after the 7:00 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses and at 6:30 p.m.
- The East End Holy Hour will be held.
- The opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be offered after the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses and around the East End Holy Hour.

Let's pray that for those who are able and so desire, this devotion may inspire a deeper conversion to the ways of the Lord. **Related to this, beginning in Lent, we will offer additional time for Eucharistic Exposition in Seton Chapel from 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (taking place in between our two daily Masses).** This will not be limited to First Friday but will take place on all Fridays beginning on Friday, March 8, 2019.



## LENT 2019

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019



#### Masses

7:00 a.m. + 12 Noon +  
7:30 p.m. (Bilingual)

#### Prayer Services

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

### PARKING ON OCEAN AVENUE

Please do NOT park on Ocean Avenue when attending Mass at SJE. It has become a traffic hazard and, I'm sure, a bother to our neighbors.



St. John's has plenty of parking –on the north side of the Church, behind the Church, on St. John's Place (in marked spots only please) and the school parking lot. Please make use of those spaces.

Random Act of Kindness Thought. If you're able, park further away. Keep the parking spots closer to the Church for those who might find walking a challenge!

### Preparing for Palm Sunday

We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is March 6, 2019. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As

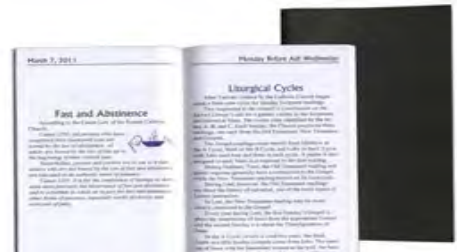


we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes brand us with the sign of the cross — a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during the Easter season. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection. What you may not know is where the ashes come from. Very simply, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from palms saved from Palm Sunday the previous year, which have been burned. This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on March 3rd and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Please join us!

### 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 (see Fr. John's letter).

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.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

**Something new for Children and Families!!!**

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Beginning Sunday, March 10, 2019 at the 9 a.m. Mass  
**Open House—Sunday, March 3, 2019** after the 9 a.m. Mass

St. John's new program **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will begin Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am Mass. The program is structured to help children hear God's message in a way that is more understandable for them.

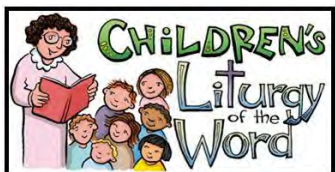
### Here's how it works:

- At the 9:00am mass, after the Collect (opening prayer of the Mass), children in Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to come forward and sent forth so they can hear God's Word in a special way. (Children do NOT have to participate. That's up to their parents and family members. We hope everyone will.)
- At the Children's Liturgy of the Word, we will use the *Lectionary for Mass with Children*. These are the same readings everyone else is hearing but in a slightly different translation that is easier for them to understand. A special homily is also given—by a homilist—to better help them understand the readings.
- The children will then return back to Mass with our Shepherds (guides) to participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their family.



The purpose is not to offer a babysitting service or to isolate the children. Rather, it is a chance for them to participate in Sunday's readings on their level with our *dedicated and trained* volunteers. The program will run every Sunday until Mid-June. Don't worry we will be back in September!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a great opportunity to encourage young children to participate more fully in Mass and can help open up conversation between parents and children on what they heard in the readings. Let's help them know how much Jesus loves them!



If you have any questions or would like to assist with this new ministry, please contact Deanna Ditta at [cltw@sjecm.org](mailto:cltw@sjecm.org) or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

### "Pray"-ers Needed!

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays—3 p.m. to 9 p.m. + Thursdays—1 pm to 5 pm

Lent 2019—Fridays 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Seton Chapel + Convent Building



SJE is privileged to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons in Seton Chapel. (Seton Chapel is located in the Convent Building, the white house south of the school building.) Over twenty five parishioners have committed to an hour and many more are making time to pray on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons.

**WE ARE IN PARTICULAR NEED ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Would you be willing to give an hour of your Monday evening (particularly) or Thursday afternoon to sit in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? If so, can you please contact Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or call at 631.878.0009.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Mondays (which hour?) \_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays (which hour?) \_\_\_\_\_

Fridays (beginning 3/7/19) \_\_8—9 a.m. \_\_9 a.m. to 10 a.m. \_\_10 a.m. to 11 a.m. \_\_11 a.m. to 11:30/11:45 a.m.

### 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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

-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!**



## Family Life Ministry



### Upcoming Mercy Sunday Events:

*March— Holy Week Children's Service  
Spring— Holy Mary's Meals Run / Walk*

### What is the Family Life Ministry? How Can I Join?

The Family Life Ministry at St. John the Evangelist seeks to connect families within our parish through fun, thoughtful service opportunities. Calling to mind that we can do no great things, only small things with great love, we hope to find the joy in serving others through coming together. Through our service we seek to strengthen our sense of belonging to our parish, helping us to come to know those around us by name. We believe in the great power of our families and we call to mind the words of Pope Francis that, "Families transform the world and history." **We are looking for some members to help make our mission statement a reality.** If you have skills in creating costumes for children, or can help organize a run/walk. We need you. Please contact: Linda Filosa email: [Lindalos3@optonline.net](mailto:Lindalos3@optonline.net) or cell: 631-559-7227

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### ALTAR SERVERS

*"Dear altar boys and altar girls, the closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy you have received."*

**-Pope Francis, 4 August 2015**

Our parish is in desperate need of new altar servers. Altar servers assist at Masses, prayer services and sacramental celebrations. They are invaluable members of the parish community who contribute a great deal to parish life...and we're working to have some more community building times as well!

Altar servers need to be in fourth grade or above, should be attending Sunday Mass and desire to get more involved in the life of the parish and the Church. We will begin training soon! If your child is interested, please leave a message for Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or via phone at 631.878.0009.



February 24, 2019

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

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Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—[msikora@sjecm.org](mailto:msikora@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 will be able to 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 @ 6:30 AM & Tuesdays, 7:30 PM—  
Red Barn Meeting Room

**ALANON**— Thursdays, @ 7PM— Red Barn Meeting Room

**AL-A-TEEN**— Mondays @7PM— Red Barn Upper 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 which 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:

*Financial donations are most welcome as they allow us to purchase items as they are needed. Checks may be made payable to St. John the Evangelist and donations can be left in the Parish Office. We would also be most grateful for gift cards to places such as Dollar Store or Walmart so we can obtain these items.*

- Small size toothpaste
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- **Women's socks**

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.

The Street Ministry is also in need of cooks! If you'd like to prepare a meal (usually a tray) of the food that is chosen that week, please reach out to Corinne Bernath [bernath52194@optonline.net](mailto:bernath52194@optonline.net) or Alex Finta [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.

## 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 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the Parish Social Ministry Office.



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

*St. John the Evangelist*

### Community Meal

*Join us Monday, February 25, 2019*

*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, please reach out to Alex Finta at [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org)

## SENIOR MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM—[aberendes@sjecm.org](mailto:aberendes@sjecm.org) + 631.878.0009, x. 127

### Senior Ministry News

Several people have asked about the next play at St. Joseph's College and I promised that I would let you know *The Outgoing Tide*, by Bruce Graham, will be Mar. 1, 2, 8, 9: at 8:00 p.m.; and Mar. 3, 10: at 3:00. The play takes place in a summer cottage on Chesapeake Bay. Gunner has hatched an unorthodox plan to secure his family's future but meets with resistance from his wife and son, who have plans of their own. As winter approaches, the three must quickly find common ground and come to an understanding before the tide goes out. This drama hums with humor and powerful emotional truth.

General admission is \$15.00; student and Senior citizen is \$12.00. A group rate for 20 or more is \$10.50. From past experience, it is risky to wait to purchase tickets so if interested, let me know by calling me to reserve the tickets. Or, you can go on your own with your family. If you want to go as a group, I will be glad to make the arrangements—just don't wait too long. The theater is small. Payment must be by check or cash—**no credit cards**; checks are to be made to St. Joseph's College.

I am interested in starting a prayer group based on the Sunday Scriptures. I have done this in a previous parish and it proved to be quite successful. Please let me know if you are interested so we can discuss a time and day. Praying with Scripture is more than just "reading." It involves seeing how the scriptures can apply to "me."

All other activities for Seniors are continuing: Tai Chia, Sophia's Circle, movies. Bereavement Support is available.

Please call S. Ann at 631-878-0009 ext. 127 for additional information or to register. If I am not in the Office, please leave your full name and phone number and I will return your call.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

#### ***The Religious Imagination of CS Lewis: A Walk Through The Great Divorce***

Join the SJE community on an epic journey from Hell to Heaven in The Great Divorce by CS Lewis. There will be a suggested free will offering of \$15 to cover the cost of the materials for the course.

When: 11am on March 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>

Where: The Red Barn @St John the Evangelist

*Please contact Seminarian Joe Catafago for more information at [jcatafago@sjecm.org](mailto:jcatafago@sjecm.org) or (631)878-0009x113 if you would like to attend.*

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSE

#### ***"Lord, Teach us to Pray!"***

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>,  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Seton  
Chapel  
When: 7pm**

Coving the topics of Liturgy, Sacraments, Scripture, Devotion, and the Saints, this class will aim to help making prayer practical and easy – even for the busiest among us! There will be a free will offering taken up. The suggested donation is \$10.



## FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext 5 + Website: [sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org) + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

Email: [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)

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



### EXPERIENCING THE JEWISH SEDER

In Level 6, our students study the Old Testament. One of our classes turned the lesson about Passover into a hands-on experience recently, going through the ritual of the Jewish Passover Seder.



### THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Our Level 3 students spend the year learning about the beginnings of the Early Church and the Apostles, as well as the Church today. In one of our classes, children completed an activity to learn about how the Catholic Church is Universal.



### UPCOMING GRADE-LEVEL RECONCILIATIONS

Level 7 – Thursday, February 28, 2019 @ 7:00PM, Church

Level 4 – Saturday, March 2, 2019 @ 11:30AM, Church

Level 5 – Saturday, March 23, 2019 @ 11:30AM, Church

## YOUTH MINISTRY



The Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Youth Ministry presents:

### LONG ISLAND

### CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

MARCH 30, 2019

Please contact Fr. Michael for more information.

St. Anthony's HS (Huntington)

\*For teens in grades 8-12\*

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Most Rev. John O. Barres,  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



Guest Speaker,  
Mari Pablo



Guest Speaker, Fr. Pierre  
Toussaint Guiteau, C.F.R.







Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing  
Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing



**When young people encounter Christ in their life, you have helped to empower them to live as disciples in today's world.**

*"My faith is so important to me – without it I would be lost. I wouldn't know what I would be doing right or wrong. I wouldn't have God's voice with me at all times."* -Youth Ministry Participant

*"It's important to place young people in front of the Living God and to create encounters with the Sacraments and with God for the possibility of that conversion moment of instilling in them the Faith – to come face to face with God. It can change their lives."*

- Nolan Reynolds,  
Director, Youth Ministry

Please consider donating to the Appeal and a difference in someone's life. Thank you!

**2019 CMA Goal**  
**\$100,600**  
**Pledges as of 2/19/19: \$36,420**  
**Donor Goal 400 Donors**  
**Donors as of 2/19/19: 82 Donors**

## 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 Espiritu Santo (Grupo de Jovenes)** cada sabado 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.

Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Down Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish: St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_  
Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 loving memory of Arthur Cunningham.*



## Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

**Sunday 2/17/19: \$14,530 (2018: \$6,989)**

Each week, we provide envelopes for specific areas of parish life. This allows us to focus our stewardship in certain areas. Ideally, we would love to have a strong regular collection which would make these envelopes unnecessary. Next week, please make use of the Parish Improvements and Parish Social Ministry envelopes and/or place your offering in the regular collection.

## COME JOIN OUR LADY'S ARMY THE LEGION OF MARY

One of the wonderful ways to become more involved in parish life here at St. John the Evangelist is through The Legion of Mary. The Legion meets regularly and welcomes you to join in praying the rosary, spiritual readings, and discussing service to our neighbors in need.



Membership is open to men and women of all ages. The Legion is a great opportunity to join a community of faith-in-action, grow closer to Jesus and Mary, and support our Pastor and our church. Active Member activities include evangelization work, visits to the sick and aged, outreach to our neighbors, religious education, prison and hospital ministry, and escorting the

Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima to homes in the parish. We also lead our parish's First Saturday Program, sponsor St. John's annual May Crowning of our Lady, and promote special events, pilgrimages, and retreats with other Legions on Long Island.

The Legion of Mary meets every Thursday at 4:00 PM in our Red Barn. Individuals unable to commit to active membership can support us in prayer through auxiliary membership. Please call Judy Paulsen at 631-878-5872 or Christine Cappiello at 631-757-9834 for more information. Come spread the love of Jesus with our Lady's help.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reading I:** Sirach 27:4-7  
*Speech shows state of mind.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** PS 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
*Death has no victory.*

**Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45  
*Take the plank from your eye.*

## Discussion Questions

1. If you were a judge should you assume the worst or the best about the person judged? Should you test the relationship between your own heart and your words and actions while helping correct the problems of others?

2. Just as grace changes the corruptible and the mortal, will it also change death? How? Why does St. Paul say death will lose its sting?



## Join the Knights of Columbus



In 2018, our parish Knight of Columbus Council 4126 accomplished so many things, from donating coats to children, supporting the Special Olympics, helping towns destroyed by natural disasters, placing ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers and so much more.

We're looking for more men from St. John's Parish to join us. With the Catholic Church under attack, now is the time to stand up in support of religious beliefs.

If you would like to join, please call Grand Knight, Mike Lankau 631-909-1249 or Bill Morgan 516-458-6448

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Andrew McKeon + [music@sjecm.org](mailto:music@sjecm.org)

Director of Music Ministries

Sister Ann Berendes IHM + [aberendes@sjecm.org](mailto:aberendes@sjecm.org)

Tess Austin + [tessaustin1624@gmail.com](mailto:tessaustin1624@gmail.com)

Stephanie Lengyel + [slengyel@gmail.com](mailto:slengyel@gmail.com)

### This Week's Music

Scheduled Hymns for 2/23 and 2/24

Entrance Hymn: #763, Open My Eyes

Preparation Hymn: #861, The Servant Song

Communion Hymn: #1033, Eat this Bread

Closing Hymn: #902, We Are Called



**Adult Choir:** Practice Tuesdays @ 7PM (please contact Andrew via Email above)

**Children's Choir:** Practice Tuesdays @ 6PM (please contact Stephanie via Email above)

**5:30 p.m. Mass Band:** Practice Sundays @ 4PM (please contact Tess via Email above)

Do you love to sing? We are always looking for members for our choirs from our community. If you have a passion for making music with us at Church, please join us. You can contact one of our directors or reach out to Andrew McKeon at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [music@sjecm.org](mailto:music@sjecm.org).

## PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

### We Believe

*Baptism incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God's people.*

**-Rite of Baptism, 2**

**Our Newly Baptized:** Isabella rose LoGiudice,  
Lauryl Elizabeth Prestano, Charles Lucas DeFraia

### We Remember...

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass**  
**Joan Stabili, Louise Grella**

### We Pray...

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

**Margaret Lacetera, John May, Maria Stitch**  
**Kathleen Igoe, Gary Caponi, Melissa Gato,**  
**Sophie Kostuk**

*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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)*

### Praying for our Military

*In your generosity, please pray for our parish family members serving abroad in the military. Family members, please call the rectory to add or update your loved one's status if they have returned.*



#### US Army

Sgt. Justin Sikorski  
PVT Bailey Meyer  
SPC Kevin Arpino  
PVT Sean Casey  
SGT Daniel Smith  
SPC Justin Daisy

#### 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.  
LCL Andrew Schlosberg  
PVT Charles O'Connor  
SGT Quentin Montemarano

#### US Navy

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

*If you would like have someone serving in the military placed on the list above or if a name should be removed, please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).*



## PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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

#### Monday, February 25, 2019

4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Levels 3-6	School
6:00 p.m.	Community Meal	RBMR
6, 7 PM	CYO	Auditorium
7:15 p.m.	Level 7 Class Mass	Church
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

#### Tuesday, February 26, 2019

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Levels 3-6	School
6,7,8 PM	CYO	Auditorium
6PM, 7PM	Children's Choir / Adult Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	RBUR

#### Wednesday, February 27, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6,7,8 PM	CYO SSPP	Auditorium
6:00, 7:30 PM	Cub Scout Pack / Boy Scout Troop 800	Cafeteria

#### Thursday, February 28, 2019

4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5PM, 9PM	Street Ministry	Seton Chapel
6,7,8 PM	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Level 7 Reconciliation Service	Church

#### Friday, March 1, 2019

6:30 p.m.	K of C Bingo	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	East End Holy Hour	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Seton Chapel

#### Saturday, March 2, 2019

8:00 a.m.	First Saturday Devotions	Cafeteria
8:30, 10 AM	FF Classes Levels 1 and 2	School
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Level 4 Reconciliation	Church
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

#### Sunday, March 3, 2019

12:30 p.m.	RCIA Session	Faculty Room
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## PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Please say a prayer for the following priest and seminarian or intention each day this week.

2/25- Bishop John O. Barres / For Vocations

2/26- Fr. John J. Barrett / The Youth of our Diocese

2/27- Fr. Michael Bartholomew / The Young Adults of our Diocese

2/28- Msgr. Robert Batule / For Discerners

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, February 25, 2019

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Ricco Cannone
12 Noon	Virginia Kindzerski

### Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Joseph Maag
12 Noon	Ferdinand DeFellippi Sr.
7:30 p.m.	Ryan Henn

### Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	John and Ida Carcich
12 Noon	Rose Casella

### Thursday, February 28, 2019

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Peter Guercio
12 Noon	Juan Martinez

### Friday, March 1, 2019

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Robert Nidzyn
12 Noon	Jason C. Nichols

### Saturday, March 2, 2019

Weekday

8:00 a.m.	John F.R. Clark
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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Kenneth Horbal
7:30 p.m.	People of the Parish

### Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Brian Radigan
9:00 a.m.	Frank Ruggiero
10:30 a.m.	Scott Sapanaro
12:00 p.m.	Samuel Hum
5:30 p.m.	Sandy Fabricatore Sr.