



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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are the salt of the earth. - Matthew 5:13



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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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Isaiah 58

Making Light Shine

Dear Parish Family:

The way the liturgical year works light has been prominent over the past three weeks from the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time, the Presentation of the Lord (celebrated on a Sunday this year) and the readings from this Sunday. I do not know if it's because of the liturgy alone or perhaps my own need to feel more of Christ's Light these days but is definitely impacting me.

I have always loved today's first reading. It's part of the reading we proclaim on the Friday after Ash Wednesday (so come to Mass on February 28th to hear more!). The prophet Isaiah speak very clearly about what happens when light shines. Can I share some thoughts—admittedly my own and probably not the best—that might be a help? Might be a good pre-Lenten check up for you and certainly for me?

So “Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them”...and then your light will shine! If you are reading this bulletin you know this parish works pretty hard to do these things. What would make them even better would be if even more people engaged in these activities! How about these ideas? What about donating a percentage of your food budget (maybe 2 or 3 or 10%) to Ernie's Place or our Street Ministry? How about each time you get a new item of clothing you donate an existing item to our Thrift Shop? (How many t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. do we need?) What about getting involved in our Street Ministry or Community Meal who serve many who are in need of shelter? How about volunteering in our Parish Social Ministry as we are constantly seeking housing for individuals and families? Then, your light shines. Actually, the Light of Christ shines through you!

After all this then “your wound shall quickly be healed” when the light shines. There is something about this isn't there? When we move out of ourselves, particularly in moments of struggle, and go out of our way to be there for others we are lifted. We pray this in the Prayer of St. Francis when we say it is in “giving that we receive.” Our giving helps the other. When we allow God to use us for the good of the other, don't we become a little more of God's healing presence?

Further, Isaiah writes, “If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech...then the light shall rise for you in the darkness.” This focus moves us from exterior action to interior reflection. For the words we speak, the oppression we allow or encourage, and the false accusations we consider so often come from an interior darkness. We can quickly judge, condemn, castigate, slander, or destroy one another pretty quickly. We do this with the words we speak, the thoughts we hold, the posts we make, and bandwagons we jump on. As we approach the days of Lent, could we consider removing those internal weaknesses that so quickly lead to external destruction?

What's common in all cases here? It involves a real letting go. We need to let go of so much of the “stuff” we hold on to. You and I know that, in many cases, we can do with less so others can have a little more. As we let the healing Light of Christ touch our wounds, we become stronger. When we speak less, think less negatively and are more open, do we not encounter the presence of Christ in the other, even the one we may have judged wrongly or too quickly?

Know what the next verses are “Your people shall **rebuild** the ancient ruins; the foundations from ages past you shall raise up ‘**Repairer** of the breach,’ they shall call you, ‘**Restorer** of ruined dwellings’.” It just takes a little light.



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.

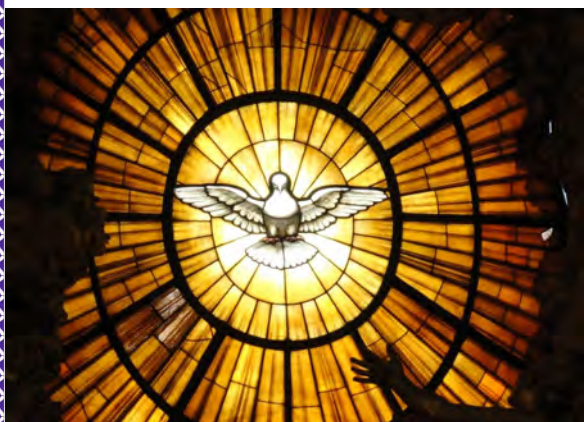
Thursdays ___ 3-4 p.m. ___ 4-5 p.m. ___ 5-6 p.m. ___ 6-7 p.m.

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

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Preparing for Ash Wednesday

We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 26, 2020. 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 and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 26th.

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.

February 9, 2020

Below please find a copy of the letter mailed to those who have contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal in the past. It was mailed earlier this week.



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"The Lord is my light and my salvation"

-Psalm 27

26 January 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family:

I write to you a little over a month after the celebration of Christmas. Those days and the days leading up to them are busy ones in the life of the parish. This year, we cared for nearly 150 individuals through our Toy Drive and hundreds more through our Advent Giving Tree. We welcomed thousands here on Christmas Eve and Day.

This past Christmas I preached about how God does some of his greatest work in the darkness. Christmas is celebrated during, literally, the darkest time of the year. Yet it is here that God breaks into the world. Admittedly, I write during some dark times in the Church.

Yet, the Light of Christ must continue to shine! The psalm we prayed with this weekend reminds us of this. You and I both know that this is the mission of the Church. Regardless of good times or bad, times of great hope and even during times of some disillusionment, we must work to build the Kingdom of God both in our own parish and throughout the Church of Long Island. As you know, we rely on the larger church in many ways from education and formation of seminarians to assisting with the larger work of evangelization throughout Long Island and beyond. We see it in other parts of our diocese that are not directly supported by the CMA like the Catholic Faith Network or Catholic Health Services. The truth is this – amid a lot of darkness in these days – the light of Christ still shines. We need to keep it burning brightly.

Would you consider being part of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal? I will. After a lot of prayer and consideration I know how important it is to support this work of the "larger" church on Long Island. I hope you do too. Everything you need to make a pledge is included here in this mailing. Our parish goal this year is \$103,200. Twenty percent of this goal returns to SJE. If we go above the goal, which I hope we will, we will receive back 80% of the amount over goal. As I have written before, this effort benefits the larger work of the Church and our parish as well. The truth – the CMA is our parish's largest single fundraiser. (I also want you to know that I have been reassured that no monies from the CMA go to anything related to the child sex abuse scandal or to settlements or anything of the sort. If you choose to make an offering it is going to ongoing work of diocese.)

Thank you for the many ways you support the larger church, our parish and me. I am grateful and humbled.

Sincerely,

Reverend John Sureau

"As I have done for you, you should also do." -John 13:15



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



2020 CAMPAÑA DE APOYO A LOS MINISTERIOS CATOLICOS
DÍOCESIS DE ROCKVILLE CENTRE



Please consider making a gift to the
2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal.



For more information, to watch our video
or to make a donation,
visit www.drvc.org/CMA
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296



Por favor considere hacer un donativo a la Campaña
de Apoyo a los Ministerios Católicos 2020



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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

WE LOVE BABIES AND BAPTISMS!

BELONGING MINISTRY

Preparing Families for Baptism.

A few weeks ago, members of our Belonging Ministry spoke about the possibility of getting even more involved in preparing our parents and young families for the Sacrament of Baptism. Here is the sign up form. Cut it out from the bulletin or email to shirleyautobody@aol.com or to mplona@sjecm.org.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

So you want to help with Baptism Prep? Please check the areas that you are interested in!

Lead or help lead a Belonging Class.

This includes having the TV set up and playing the different segments on the Belonging DVD as well as ensuring the coffee machine is all set up. Bringing some snacks is always a plus too! This position requires a warm, friendly personality and an ability to make our couples and their children feel welcome here at St. John's!

Help with Baptism Rehearsals

Baptism rehearsals are held on the first Monday of the month in the church at 7PM. This is a great way for our couples to get to know and see you. They can't say they don't know anyone here anymore because of you! You will also help them to know what to expect at their Baptism by sharing some experiences of having your children baptized in the Church. Again, big smiles and warm attitudes go a long way here!

Help at Baptisms

Okay, we've made it to the big day and the couples now get to share the joy of having their children baptized with you! You can help our couples in simple ways by helping move them around during the Baptism, help lead them in the response to the prayers and being a warm presence to them. Baptisms are held at SJE on most Sundays at 2pm.

Phone Calls

Don't like getting up in front of people? Not sure if you're the warm, welcoming type, but still want to help? Great news! We need people to call up our couples after the Baptism itself to see how everything is going now because Baptism is not one isolated event, but the beginning of a relationship with Jesus and His Church. This position requires volunteers to "follow-up" with our couples, listen to positive experiences and also concerns so we can do better, and always letting people know that their place of belonging is in our parish.

If you would like to know more, please call or text Anthony Posanti at 631-384-5272 or e-mail to shirleyautobody@aol.com or mplona@sjecm.org.





OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Catholic School in Center Moriches

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Children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School in Center Moriches participated in the Knight of Columbus council number 7423 "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Each child had the opportunity to create a poster of what the saying Keep Christ in Christmas means to them. It was an enjoyable experience for all of our children, and they all did an excellent job on their posters. This year OLQA is proud to announce that we had nine winners. All participants received a certificate of participation and the nine winners received a box of art supplies to keep their creativity flowing.



Feast of St. Blaise

Students at The Catholic School in Center Moriches celebrated the Feast of St. Blaise by receiving the traditional blessing in Seton Chapel and during the 12 Noon Mass. St. Blaise, pray for us!

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



Mercy Sunday-
February 23rd

Stony Brook Children's Hospital Goody Bags

Meet in the auditorium after the 9am mass (approximately 10 am) to help make Goody Bags for the children at Stony Brook. Please donate as many items as you can by dropping off at the Parish Office in a box clearly labeled Family Life Ministry. (Donations Requested):

Crayons + colored pencils + coloring books
adult coloring books + sketch/drawing pads
playing cards + game cards
(old maid...uno...go fish)

All items need to be brand new, NOT stored items (kept in a closet since September) due to the hazard it may pose to the children in the hospital.

Feel free to contact Mplona@sjecm.org
or Lindalos3@optonline.net for more information.

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)

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Con- gratulations to our Level 2 students who celebrated their 1st Reconciliation recently. Students and family members came together in prayer during a special service and afterwards, everyone—adults and children—had the opportunity to go to confession. Thank you to everyone who made these celebrations so special!



IMPORTANT LEVEL 6 PARENT MEETING: CONFIRMATION PREP

This Monday & Tuesday, during our Level 6 class times, Fr. John will be meeting with all parents of current 6th grade students to discuss our new application and program for Confirmation prep. All parents of 6th graders must come to ONE of the following parent meetings:

Monday, February 10 @ 4:45PM OR 6PM, Auditorium

Tuesday, February 11 @ 4:45PM OR 6PM, Auditorium

GRADE-LEVEL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Last month, we began our Grade-Level Reconciliation services for parents and students. Following the service, all present are offered the opportunity to go to individual confessions.

Remaining Grade-Level Reconciliation Dates:

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

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

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

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



February 9, 2020

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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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 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 the Dollar Store or Walmart so we can obtain these items.

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.)



YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

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



Senior Ministry has been replaced by

Young at Heart Ministry

Do you want to improve your immune system, lower your blood pressure, lessen depression, improve balance, have better sleep, and/or reduce your symptoms of arthritis and chronic pain? If you answered yes to any of the above, why not join our **T'ai Chi Chih** group that meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 in the Convent for approximately 40 minutes. This is an easy moving meditation that consists of 10 simple repetitive movements. Those who have been attending this group will attest to it.

Since I have not gotten any responses for a Retreat Day on February 20th, perhaps an afternoon closer to the middle of Lent for a meditation, **Walking with Mary** during those difficult first Lenten days would be more appropriate. Daylight Saving Time begins on March 8th so the evenings will be lighter and hopefully warmer, enabling more people to want to venture out. This will be held in the IHM Room in the convent. As a result, let's plan on **Friday, March 20th**. We can attend the 12 Noon Mass in the Church, walk (or drive) to the convent, have lunch, and begin at approximately 1:30. That allows you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and have lunch. There will be a reflection on Walking with Mary during those first Lenten days, time for quiet reflection, **Stations of the Cross for Seniors** (like we had last year) and it will be finished at approximately 5:30. PLEASE CONSIDER IF THIS MIGHT WORK FOR YOU. Please RSVP to Sr. Ann by **March 6th** as these activities do take time to plan.

There have been many funerals during the past year. As of now, we have held successful **Bereavement Support** meetings on Wednesday mornings. I would like to change them to evenings so that those who are still working can take advantage of them. As I've often said, these gatherings are non-threatening, supportive for all who are grieving and finding it difficult. They are for ANYONE, not just "Seniors" who need support. Too many people who have not experienced the death of a close one often mean well but do not completely realize that it sometimes takes longer for some people to go through this difficult period. If an evening session would benefit you or someone you know, please let me know.

Contact me at email: aberendes@sjecm.org or 631-878-0009 ext 129. Please leave your first and last name and the best way to contact you.

God Bless You and all that you do for others.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

SJE THRIFT SHOP

...not the dumping shop!

Please respect the incredible work of our dedicated volunteers. **Look what we found this weekend at SJE.**



Our volunteers needed to move and destroy these things as they were left out in the rain. We needed to schedule an additional dumpster pick up which is a cost to the parish. Good items that could be used were destroyed.

Our Thrift Shop Ministry accepts the following items - generally those that fit in the green bins - including: clothes, coats, pocketbooks, shoes, blankets, sheets, toys, dishes, silverware, glasses, small appliances in working condition.

We do NOT take large furniture, used mattresses (seriously?!), undergarments, large appliances (like that freezer someone left) and the like. If you're not sure if we take something, don't leave it. Call the Parish Social Ministry Office for more information.

Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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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.

MUSIC MINISTRIES @ SJE

Andrew McKeon, Director of Music Ministries—music@sjecm.org.
Stephanie Llengyel— Children's Choir Director—slengyel@gmail.com
Tess Austin—5:30 Mass Band Director—tessaustin1624@gmail.com

Hymns for this week:

#652 - O Spirit All Embracing

#649 - O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

#1025 - Take and Eat

#692 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

On Tuesday, February 4th, the St. John the Evangelist Youth Choir (under the direction of Stephanie Llengyel) welcomed the Children's Choir from Temple Beth Emeth of Mount Sinai (under the direction of Nadine Greenberg) to join them for an evening of interfaith celebration. Each choir chose two songs from their faith to perform for the other. They also performed collaboratively, learning and singing songs from each faith. Together, their voices made beautiful music singing "Shalom" and "Siyahamba." The children enjoyed learning the new repertoire, and the choir from Temple Beth Emeth plans to continue singing Siyahamba in their future services. During their time together, members of our Youth Choir showed their guests around our church, teaching them about what we do here at St. John the Evangelist. At the end of the evening, the children from both choirs had time to socialize, forging the beginnings of new friendships.



ELECTRONIC GIVING @ SJE

Giving Greener

Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the check you write to our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to our parish website at SJECm.org. You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet. Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.



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 2/2/20: \$15,010
(2019: \$15,288)

Electronic Donation Summary for 1/1—1/31

Total Transactions: \$12,071.56 -56 users - \$215.55 Avg/User
One Time Transactions: \$346.00 -3 users - \$69.20 Avg/User
Recurring Transactions: \$11,725 -55 users- \$56.92 Avg/User

GOLDEN WEDDING LITURGY

*Honoring couples married fifty years
or more.*

Sunday, May 3—St. Patrick's Church,
Smithtown

Liturgy will begin at 2:00 pm. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. For more information, call Suzanne at 516-678-5800, ext.223

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20

We may choose life or death.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God reveals his wisdom through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37 OR 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

Jesus comes to fulfill the law.

Discussion Questions

1. "The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands (our) every deed." If so, should we be frightened? Or is God the one who not only understands, but forgives and loves even sinners?

2. Discuss a beautiful scene in nature that you like, or your favorite painting, or your most preferred music. Take your time. Now read from the Second Reading what St. Paul tells us God has prepared for those who love him. Can you sense something of what that will be?

3. Jesus is critical of the Pharisees' type of righteousness, which focuses on externals. They make sure everyone sees when they fast, pray on street corners, wash hands, etc. How do these things relate to the inner Spirit of the law? How do they relate to loving God and neighbor?



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**WHERE DO WE WANT
TO BE IN 2023?**

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

II. Darwin Castro and Carlotta Maria

I. 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

Louis H. Leon, Kathleen Pomara, Daniel DeRienzi, Senja Mazzola

We Pray...

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

Susan Ruffini, Barbara Parent, Michael Randazzo, Patricia Foley

Joan Huey, Thomas Taylor, Elizabeth Soto, Tony & Janice Pruzzi

Michael Nostitz, George Martin, Dominc Pironi, John O'Leary, Juliana Gales

Andrew Hennings, Joseph Guzzello, Jennifer Lynn Peck, Leo DiPierro

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

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.

Lent 2020 – Novena of Grace

March 4–12, 2020

Get ready to grow deeper in God's love!

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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PARISH TRUSTEES

Elizabeth Harrington
Angelo Rollo

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, February 10, 2020

4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
4:30 p.m.	Level 6 Parent Meeting	School
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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

Wednesday, February 12, 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 13, 2020

4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5:30, 7PM	CYO	Auditorium

Friday, February 14, 2020

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

Saturday, February 15, 2020

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

Sunday, February 16, 2020

1:00 p.m.	CYO Game	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Mass Band Rehearsal	Church

BRINGING UP THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

St. John's invites family members of those for whom the Mass is being offered to bring up the gifts of bread and wine at that Mass. (On the weekend, please inform any of the ushers 10 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass).

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 10, 2020 St. Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 a.m.	Kathleen Garcia
12 Noon	Guy DiCosola

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Weekday
Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 a.m.	Intention Still Available
12 Noon	Giacomo Contardo and Deceased Family Members
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Florence McArdle
12 Noon	Gilberto Soriano

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Intention Still Available
12 Noon	Frank Calandriello

Friday, February 14, 2020

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

7:00 a.m.	Intention Still Available
12 Noon	Doris Hennessy

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Weekday

8:00 a.m.	Nick Rutigliano
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Margaret and Peter Corcoran
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Frank Pirro
9:00 a.m.	Dennis Harrington
10:30 a.m.	Mary Vettek
12:00 p.m.	Saverio Giambalvo
5:30 p.m.	People of the Parish