



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



First Sunday of Lent

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test. - Matthew 4:7



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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

Novena of Grace

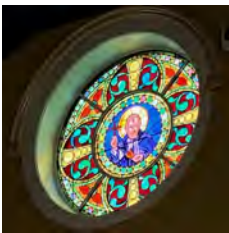
THIS WEEK!

Dear Parish Family:

During Lent, many parishes are offering Parish Missions or evenings of reflection. We have done that over the past years here at SJE. This year, after talking with members of the Pastoral Team, we are going to do something different. We are going to participate, as a parish I hope, in the Novena of Grace.



Tradition has it that the Novena of Grace traces back to 1633. A Jesuit priest, Father Marcello Mastrilli sought the intercession of St. Francis Xavier. In a message from St. Francis Xavier, Father Mastilli heard, "All those who implore my help daily for nine consecutive days, from the 4th to the 12th of March included...will experience my protection and may hope with entire assurance to obtain from God any grace they ask for the good of their souls and the glory of God." March 12th is the date of St. Francis Xavier's canonization.



Over the nine days of the Novena of Grace, we are going to implore the help of St. Francis Xavier through acts of prayer, community, and service. (An image of St. Francis Xavier is found about the South Vestibule doors.) It is my hope that this prayer will help us grow stronger as a parish and allow each one of us to know more intimately the passionate love God has for each one of us.

So how does this work? It's pretty easy! This week, at the doors of the Church, special booklets are available for all to use. We have worked to provide some reflections for each day of the Novena. We will begin the Novena with a **Solemn Evening Prayer THIS WEDNESDAY at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.** I ask you to come, if you are able. We will pray the Liturgy of the Hours, led by our Music Ministry. At that service, each one of us will be asked to place a particular intention before the Lord as part of the Novena. It may be a prayer intention for you or for someone you love or for the Church or the world. This will help us to focus our prayer each day.

Each day of the Novena, I ask that you follow in the book that will be provided. There are directions, reflections and prayers. Please commit to take some time each day to pray the Novena.

In addition to the prayers, we ask that you consider being a part of some or all of the "events" of the Novena. You do not *have* to be part of any of them...but I hope you will. There is more information in these pages, but let me draw you attention to a few of the "event" type things:

Solemn Evening Prayer—This Wednesday. We will begin the Novena this Wednesday. Please try to come and pray with us at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Day of Service and Mercy—This Thursday. We would like each member of SJE to do some spiritual or corporal work of mercy. Did you forget them? Don't worry—they're on page 7 of this bulletin. It may be as part of an organization or something you do individually. Whatever you do, remember you do it in the service of the Lord and His people.

Day of Fasting—This Friday. We ask all parishioners to fast this Friday. To fast is to refrain from something, usually food but not limited to that. (How about that smartphone?) This absence links us to the poor and the vulnerable. It also reminds us that ultimately it is God alone who provides, not the things of this world. We ask everyone to fast and pray especially for victims of child abuse. As a church and a local community, we have seen this pain. Let us turn it all over to the Lord.

Day of the Cross—Monday, March 9th—We welcome Creative Ministries to SJE for a presentation of Journey, Cross and Crucifixion. This will take place in the Church at **7:30 p.m.** on Monday.

March 1, 2020

Day to “Catch Up” - Tuesday, March 10, 2020—Did you forget to fast? Failed to do your acts of charity and mercy? No problem. Use this day of the Novena to catch up or to fast and serve a little more!

Day of Spirit—Wednesday, March 11, 2020—A special call out to our young people for this great 3 on 3 tournament. See the enclosed flyer for more info!

East End Holy Hour—Thursday, March 12, 2020—This will conclude the Novena. We welcome Fr. Jim Donovan, S.J. to lead and preach at the Holy Hour.

There is part of the bulletin - page 6—which you can “cut out” and hang in place to remember all of this!



I hope you can create the time and space needed to enter more fully into this Novena of Grace. The hope for us as individuals is that we might receive answer to our prayer—God’s answer, not ours. Our hope, too, as a parish is that great fruit will be born from this Novena of Grace. You can see signs of it—desire for more people to be part of Exposition of the Blessed Sacraments, the beginning of plans for 2023 and more.

As you can probably relate, I have a connection to this Novena. Bishop Murphy ordained me to the priesthood on the 3rd of December, the feast of St. Francis Xavier. Someone introduced the Novena of Grace to me soon after and, honestly, it has made a major impact in my personal, spiritual, and pastoral life. I hope the same will be true for you!

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, pray for us! St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!
St. Francis Xavier, pray for us! All holy men and women, pray for us!

And, if you can, please say a prayer for me.

Featherman



**Solemn Evening
Prayer**
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
7:00 p.m. Church

We begin the Novena of Grace by praying the Liturgy of the Hours, led by our Choir and music ministers. We formally begin the Novena on this night. All are welcome!

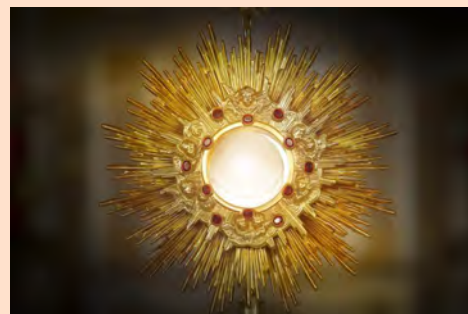


PRAYER AND WORSHIP

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday – Thursday 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

What is this???



Eucharistic Adoration is simply being with Jesus. The same Host which is consecrated at Mass is put on display in a ornate liturgical device known as a monstrance for the faithful to come and adore. As Catholics we believe that Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Holy Communion. There is no “right” or “wrong” way to go to adoration. You just have to be with Jesus. It is kind of like being in front of the sun, just being there will eventually give you a tan! Being with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration changes us, which in turn helps us to become saints and change the world.

Yes, that’s right, being with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration is that powerful. Don’t believe me? Here’s what St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta had to say:

“What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer.”

Maybe this Lent instead of “giving something up” you can instead “do nothing”. That’s right, do nothing and just be with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and you can even help save the world in the process!

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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.

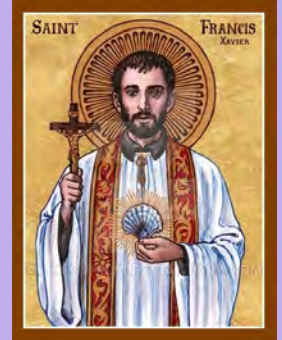
Thursdays ___ 3-4 p.m. ___ 4-5 p.m. ___ 5-6 p.m. ___ 6-7 p.m.

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.



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

Thursday, March 5, 2020— Day of Service — see page 7

Friday, March 6, 2020—Day of Fasting for Victims of Abuse—see page 8.

Saturday/Sunday, March 7/8, 2020—Sunday Eucharist/Family Life Sandwich Making

Monday, March 9, 2020 - Creative Ministries – Journey, Cross and Crucifixion – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020—“Catch Up” Day—see Fr. John’s letter.

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – Day of Spirit—see below

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – Closing Holy Hour – 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.

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my hope. Let me never be confounded. –St. Francis Xavier

St. John the Evangelist “3 vs. 3” Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, March 11th @ 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!



LENT 2020



Day of Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

"It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards a one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken."

-St. Francis Xavier

THIS THURSDAY, ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO A SPIRITUAL OR CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY, AS PART OF OUR NOVENA OF GRACE. YOU MAY DO IT WITH A GROUP OR BY YOURSELF. LEARN MORE BELOW:



The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry

Give Drink to the Thirsty

Shelter the homeless

Visit the sick

Visit the imprisoned

Bury the dead

Give alms to the poor

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Counsel the doubtful

Instruct the ignorant

Admonish the Sinner

Comfort the Sorrowful

Forgive Injuries

Bear wrongs patiently

Pray for the Living and the Dead

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LENT 2020

Friday, March 6th – Day of Fasting

On Friday, March 6, 2020, all parishioners are encouraged to fast—refrain eating throughout the day and limit yourself to no more than one meal. In those times of hunger and desire to eat, speak quietly to the Lord and offer a time of prayer for those effected by child abuse. If you cannot fast from food, consider another fast—perhaps a fast from technology or some other activity!



Litany of Healing

Provided to us by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop via the Office of the Protection of Children and Youth from the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Response: *Save, heal and protect them O, Lord!*

For children wounded and tearful: R

For children confused and alone: R

For children afraid and abandoned: R

For children beaten: R

For children who sleep in fear: R

For children afraid to go home: R

For children afraid of their abusers: R

For children assaulted and for children who assault: R

For children whose innocence has been stolen: R

For those who cannot trust: R

For those who cannot love: R

For those whose hearts are filled with fear: R

For bishops, called to be Good Shepherds: Make them vigilant defenders of the weak, O, Lord!

For priests conformed to the person of Christ: Grant them purity and Christ-like love, O Lord!

For all ministers of the Church, called to live the Gospel: Grant them a love of Christian virtues, O Lord!

For priests who abuse children: Grant them repentance, O Lord!

For parents or relatives who abuse their children:

Grant them repentance, O Lord!

For teachers and coaches who abuse children: Grant them repentance O Lord!

For all who abuse children: Grant them repentance, O Lord!

To doctors and therapists: Lord, grant compassion and skill

To houses of healing and renewal: Lord, grant wisdom and dedication

To men and women of the media: Lord, grant a love for the truth alone.

To lawyers and judges: Lord, grant wisdom and conviction.

To those imprisoned for abuse: Lord, grant repentance and healing.

Holy Mary, Mother of God: Pray for us!

Saint Peter and Paul: Pray for us!

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: Pray for us!

Saint Brigid of Kildare: Pray for us!

All holy saints: Pray for us!

Lord, have mercy Lord have mercy

Christ, have mercy Christ have mercy

Lord, have mercy Lord have mercy.

March 1, 2020

LENT 2020

CM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

presents... **JOURNEY
CROSS & CRUCIFIXION**

Presented at **St. John the Evangelist**
in **Center Moriches**
on **Monday, March 9, 2020 @ 7:30 PM**



**NOVENA OF
GRACE**
MARCH 4 - MARCH 12

for more information visit www.cmpac.com or call 631.218.2810

*Good Will Offering

LENT 2020

SINNERS WELCOME and WANTED!

Come and celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Daily after the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses and
after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday (*Please wait in the
lobby of the convent building*)

Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.* (Spanish/English)
Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.*

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation:

Monday, April 6, 2020 - 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10, 2020—5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020—4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Of course, you may call the Parish Office and make an
appointment with one of our priests.*

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence.

Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from the Good Friday fast and abstinence.

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

We are looking 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 community project can be found in baskets at the entrances of the church. This project will last for the duration of Lent (2/29 - 3/29.) Thank you for being part of our parish Lenten Journey!

Stations of the Cross

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



LENT 2020

LENTEN BACKPACK CHALLENGE

This year, on Ash Wednesday, we gave all who came 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 Ziploc bags
- Gallon Ziploc bags
- Dollar store feminine hygiene pads
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper



Leave these filled backpacks in the vestibules of the Church throughout the season of Lent.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT 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

Need volunteer hours?

CALLING ALL KIDS!!

We need children to participate in our Children's Services for Holy Week. Not a large time commitment. 2 -3 practices max. Holy Thursday and Good Friday Services have available parts. Please contact Linda Filosa at Lindalos3@optonline.net



Upcoming Mercy Sunday Event: Sunday, March 8th, 2020- Sandwich Making Day: Meet in the Auditorium approximately 10am for another Sandwich Day. Please bring your family and help make sandwiches for the less fortunate. You may bring cold cuts, peanut butter & Jelly, or bread. Can't participate but want to help? We will accept any donations of sliced bread, plastic knives, gloves, table cloths, plastic sandwich bags and PB & Jelly. Feel free to either bring it on that day or in advance to the parish office in a box that clearly states Family Life Ministry.

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.



BAPTISM TEAM MEMBERS WANTED!

ARE YOU LOOKING TO HELP YOUR PARISH IN A BIG WAY, BUT DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME? IF SO, THE BAPTISM TEAM MAY BE THE PLACE FOR YOU! WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW, FRIENDLY VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUR YOUNG FAMILIES KNOW THEY BELONG HERE AT SJE! FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT FR. MICHAEL AT MPLONA@SJECDM.ORG OR 631-878-0009

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5:30PM - 7PM

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

LENTEN LITURGICAL NOTES



• The Gloria (Glory to God) is not said or sung during Lent, except on the Solemnity of St. Joseph (Thursday, March 19th) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation (Wednesday, March 25th). We will sing the Gloria again at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and then again at the Easter Vigil.

• The Alleluia is omitted from all hymns and as the Gospel Acclamation during Masses.

• We will use the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The Roman Missal (#19) clearly encourage the use of the Apostles' Creed during the seasons of Lent and Easter. It is a good practice to get used to. We will try to have these on cards.

• We will use simpler Mass settings during the season of Lent.

• During the time when the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and the altar prepared, there will be no music—instrumental or otherwise. (We'll make an exception for Laetare Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent.) It is our hope this will help us to reflect more on what has been proclaimed and preached during the Liturgy of the Word and enter more fully into the sense of the Lenten season.

• During Weekday (Daily Mass), we will not sing an Entrance Hymn or a Closing Hymn as is our custom here.

SJE invites all to...

First Saturday Devotions

March 7, 2020

7:30 a.m. Rosary and Confession

8:00 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast in the Cafeteria



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 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.



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
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THANK YOU!

Your support helps us to provide for the needs of those who come to us for help.

Many Parishes use their share of the Appeal to help fund projects within their own Social Ministry Programs.

At St. Raphael in East Meadow is the Hope Mobile. It schedules rides for seniors and homebound parishioners and brings them to Mass, food shopping and to medical appointments.

"The Hope Mobile was originally purchased several years ago by the Parish Share of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. We were able to buy the van, retrofit it to accommodate wheelchair users. On Long Island there aren't satisfactory transportation options for the growing population of seniors. Many that we serve can't wait outside for long periods of time for those services that are available."

- Sister Judy Fay, CSJ, Director of PSM



As one senior shared: "I am able to attend Mass which gives me the opportunity to receive communion, contribute to my parish and be part of a community. At home I don't have anyone to talk to - this is a way for me to mingle with others."

**2020 CMA Goal
\$103,200**

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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

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)



GRADE-LEVEL RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Level 4 – Saturday, March 7 @ 11:30AM

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

Level 7 – Monday, March 30 @ 7:15PM

**All Grade-Level Reconciliation Services take place in the Church.*

UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

**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!



March 1, 2020

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)

Christian Diconsiglio + cdiconsiglio@sjecm.org + Case Manger (631-878-0009 ext. 119)

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

Ministry of Consolation:

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.)



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Ernie's Place

St. John's Food Pantry Ministry
Mondays – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays – 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.



SHOPPING LIST

Tuna fish, Chicken in a can, Rice, Instant potatoes, Small jelly (grape), Small mayonnaise,
Boxed mashed potatoes, Cooking oil, Toilet Paper, Soup, Ramen Noodles, Cereal
-Thank you for your continued generosity.-

Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!

YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

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

Come
Join Us



WALKING
WITH
MARY

A SENIOR
LENTEN
RETREAT

Friday March 20th
Noon TO 5:30 PM

PRESENTED BY

YOUNG AT
HEART MINISTRY

THE DAY INCLUDES:

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

RSVP to Sr. Ann by 3/6 aberendes@sjecm.org + 631.878.0009, x. 127

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 March has been donated: In memory of Anita Baldari.



Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

Sunday 2/23/20: \$12,520
(2019: \$13,949)

Electronic Donation Summary for 2/1—2/29 (to date) Sunday Collection

Total Transactions: \$7,005.00 –57 users –\$122.89 Avg/User

One Time Transactions: \$540.00 –3 users– \$180.00 Avg/User

Recurring Transactions: \$6,465 –55 users– \$117.55 Avg/User

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 12:1-4A

Abram leaves home receiving promises from the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8B-10

Following the Gospel entails some hardship.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

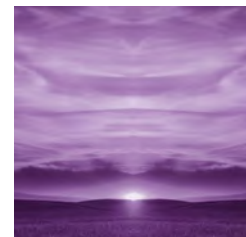
Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John.

Discussion Questions

1. God gives Abram a unique blessing at the start of Abram's journey. What would be a "blessing" for you? For whom are you a "blessing" from God?

2. Are we all baptized as missionary disciples to become a living Gospel in the world? Will that involve some hardship? What does Paul's letter to Timothy say about this? Will it involve some joy?

3. In his transfiguration, Jesus invited three of his disciples to watch him. Do you ask yourself each night when you saw Jesus during the day?



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.

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!

March 1, 2020

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: Luka Dominic Acevedo, Jaina Antoinette Casper, Frankie Grace Stevenson

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. Jerry Gasowski and Denise Rodriguez

We Remember ...

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

We Pray...

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

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

Nicholas Sarubbi, Paul Healy, Thomas Taylor, Palma D'Amara, Diana Guercio, Barbara Parent

Kathleen Both, Doreen Berrias, Patricia McGowren, Anna Lambert, John Skarrathy, Blanche Laskee

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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!



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, March 2, 2020

7:00 p.m.	Baptism Rehearsal	Church
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
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, March 4, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m.	Scouts 1227	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible Camp Core Team Meeting	RBUR
6:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	RBMR

Thursday, March 5, 2020

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

Friday, March 6, 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, March 7, 2020

7:30 a.m.	First Saturday Devotions	Cafeteria
8:30 a.m.	FF Classes	School
8:30 a.m.	Level 1 Parent Meeting	School
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Level 4 Reconciliation	Church
2:00 p.m.	Scouts 1227 Blue & Gold Dinner	Auditorium
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

Sunday, March 8, 2020

4:00 p.m.	Mass Band Rehearsal	Church
10:00 a.m.	Family Life Ministry	Auditorium
10:00 a.m.	Belonging Baptismal Class	RBMR

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 2, 2020

Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	John F.R. Clarke
12 Noon	Joseph M. Sherry

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Lenten Weekday

St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

7:00 a.m.	Lilianna Amorelli
12 Noon	Deceased Members of the DeFelippi Family
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Lenten Weekday

St. Casimir

7:00 a.m.	Kathy Huestis
12 Noon	Peter A, Gencarelli

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Carol Osa
12 Noon	Ferdinand DeFelippi Sr.

Friday, March 6, 2020

Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Vivian Cordeiro
12 Noon	Ann Marie Farley

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Lenten Weekday

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 a.m.	Coddy Family
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Second Sunday of Lent

Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	William Scheu
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Patricia Townsend
10:30 a.m.	Thomas Nolan
12:00 p.m.	Kevin Joule
5:30 p.m.	Rita Leary O'Brien