



# 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



### Fourth Sunday of Lent

*You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. - Ephesians 5:8*



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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*(in the Blue House)*

All appointments and office  
visits are by appointment only  
at this time.

# UPDATED March 21, 2020

## Come and pray with us!

### SUNDAY MASS

Livestreamed via Facebook Live:

Saturday Evening—5 p.m./Sunday—8 a.m.  
(Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)



### WEEKDAY MASSES

Livestreamed via Facebook Live: 8 a.m. Monday—Sunday  
(Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

*While we will not have a Sunday collection, we rely on your generosity in these days. Please visit [www.sjecm.org](http://www.sjecm.org) and click "Give Online" or mail your envelopes to the office. Thank you to those who are already doing this so we can continue to pray and serve in these days.*

*All parishioners are asked to make an Act of Spiritual Communion each day they cannot attend the Mass, even when watching online.*

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

***My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.***

***I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.***

***Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,***

***Come at least spiritually into my heart.***

***I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.***

***Never permit me to be separated from you.***

***Amen.***

## 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. If this is a serious medical emergency, please dial 631.878.0009 and press 9 or dial 516.220.0987. Your priests are here to serve you, most especially in these times.

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## Come and know God's mercy!

As per the directives of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not to be celebrated in **any scheduled or communal way** out of concern for your health and safety. Those in need of the sacrament should contact the Parish Office. The priest on duty will set a time to meet you in the church building to hear your confession (face to face or behind the screen). There are not and will not be any scheduled times for confessions in the near future.

## Come to the quiet!

The church building and Seton Chapel (located in the white convent building) are open from

**Sunday—Friday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

for private prayer. No devotions or communal prayers are scheduled or to take place during these times.

All who visit must wash or sanitize their hands before entering the worship space and keep a safe social distance from others.

No more than ten people maybe in either space at any time. As this situation develops, this may change. Please follow SJE Social Media for the latest updates.

## Come and spend some time with the Lord!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is postponed until further notice.

## Come and spend some time with the Lord!

The communal celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours is postponed until further notice. Those who wish to pray may visit [universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com) or [http://www.ibreviary.com/m2/breviario.php?fbclid=IwAR3Uf7\\_k5b0b791qiJL9PJ\\_LJeTBMnVRqCk-cPMu3JfvMG8uC1\\_Ht2e\\_cXQ](http://www.ibreviary.com/m2/breviario.php?fbclid=IwAR3Uf7_k5b0b791qiJL9PJ_LJeTBMnVRqCk-cPMu3JfvMG8uC1_Ht2e_cXQ). You may also download the app for your iphone or android device. Those wish to pray may pick up a *Christian Prayer* book from the lobby of Seton Chapel to keep in these days.

## Come to know Mary, Our Lady Queen of Apostles

The communal praying of the Rosary is postponed until further. Each person who reads this is asked to pray the Rosary daily. Extra Rosary beads are available at the doors of the Church and Seton Chapel. (Please clean them before use though they are new.)

Not sure how to pray the Rosary? Click here—<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/scripture-and-tradition/devotions/praying-the-rosary> or click here and pray online—[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtJM\\_V8scoo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtJM_V8scoo)



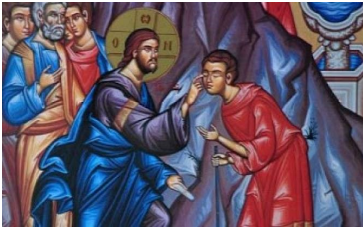
## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Lack of Sight, Hearing, Feeling

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Dear Parish Family:

It is all too much. You almost stop feeling, right? You become numb. We can find ourselves to feel any more. How can we be limited to our homes? How can we not have enough medical supplies? How can this be so overwhelming? What else is going to happen?



Yet, we are a people who feel. We feel pain. We feel loss. We feel emptiness. We feel isolation. We feel closings. We feel things being taken away or cancelled. We feel the darkness. We want to avoid it. Some of us go to great extremes to avoid the feeling. We want to stop seeing, stop hearing, stop sensing. I spoke to a client I work with this week (via technology) and he said those words. I'm starting to want to avoid all of this. I want to stop feeling. She wanted to be numb.

People of faith must feel. First, we need to feel the love of God. The Lenten journey is about re-claiming our identity as the "beloved" of God. God walks with us in these days. We sense the signs of God's consolation even in the midst of the pain. We feel the silence (which can be good). We sense the light that is trying to break through these times. We cannot avoid the feeling. We cannot be blind or deaf to all that is happening. We must face it as the beloved of God.

It is sort of the story of the blind man in this week's Gospel. He cannot see. He encounters Christ. He sees. The leaders are blind. His parents are blind. Even the disciples show some signs of blindness (Who's fault is it that he is blind?). The blind man actually has the most vision of all of them. More than that, he hears who Jesus is and responds (John 9:37-38).

Since the beginning of Lent, we have turned off the Church bells. Beginning this Sunday after the 8 a.m. Livestream Mass, we are going to start ringing the bells. A priest I know from Chicago shared this idea from me. The bells will ring now at **9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.** At each time, I ask everyone to pause and say one of the prayers below. They come from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Whether you physically hear the bells or not, I ask you to stop at those times to remember each intention. (We'll add a little more to the bells on the Solemnity of the Annunciation on Wednesday.)

Taking our cue from Chicago, I ask you to try and commit to the following:

#### **9 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill**

*Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN*

#### **12 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick**

*Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN*



#### **3 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers**

*Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN*

**6 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders**

*Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN*

**9 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today**

*Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.*

I ask you to share this with those you know –whether they belong to SJE or not. We all can be united in our prayer in these days.

Who knows? Hearing the sound of the bells, stopping for a moment to pray, shedding a tear, seeing the Light of Christ in one another, feeling the warmth of His love—we might become a little less numb. You

Peace -

*Featherman*

**CAN YOU HELP OUR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS?**

**Make a mask!**

We are asking all parishioners who are able to begin making masks for our health care providers in our local area. We are providing a pattern. Please drop them off in the lobby of Seton Chapel or by the Main Entrance of the Church. We will pass them on to those who need them! You can get a sample pattern here:

<https://freesewing.org/docs/patterns/fu/instructions/>

*(We have printed these directions and will leave them at the doors of the church and in the lobby of Seton Chapel.)*



## LENT 2020

### Stations of the Cross

In the days ahead, visit our Facebook page and YouTube channel for Stations of the Cross and other devotions.



### LENTEN BACKPACK CHALLENGE

**Lenten backpacks may be left at the Main Entrance doors of the Church.**

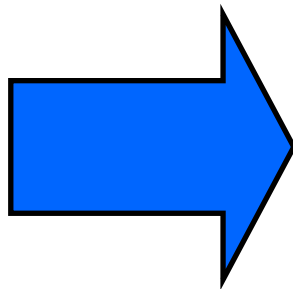


This year, on Ash Wednesday, we gave all who came to SJE a String Backpack! So you can have one but you need to take two! Bring one back filled with the items needed for our Street Ministry...and keep one for yourself...OR....bring two back for our Street Ministry. Not only will these backpacks be a 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*

Please cut out and share with someone you know who is home-bound and may or may not be online!





## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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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:

During these days, please call to make an appointment.

Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus at all times.

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.

It is our hope to open Ernie's Place at our regular times.

## Self Help Support Groups

Please refer to NA and AA literature to determine the status of meetings here at St. John the Evangelist and elsewhere in these days.

**12 Step Meetings**

## SJE STREET MINISTRY

As of today, March 22, 2020, the Street Ministry will attempt to serve those in need. We are consistently in need of donations. These donations can be left in the lobby of Seton Chapel and the Main Entrance of the Church.

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 outside the Parish Office or in the locations listed above.

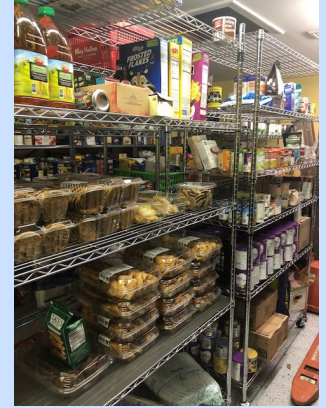
## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### PSM Winter Updates— Submitted 3/12/20

**Thank you for your support of Parish Social Ministry, especially in these days. Look what you are making happen for God's people!**

#### Ernie's Place Renovation:

Ernie's Place has been renovated to a full "client-choice" model. This means that clients are able to walk around the pantry with shopping carts to select the items they want.



After seeing our client choice model, LI Cares has asked us to be part of their Healthy Pantry Initiative which allows us to collaborate with their knowledge, resources and opportunities for grants.



#### Street Ministry:

3 Year anniversary this March!!!

We, and the people we serve, are fortunate to have had a warm winter. Thank you to the parish community for supplying the Street Ministry with the necessary items needed as many of those that we serve brave the winter conditions as they sleep in tents outside or other places not meant for habitation.

The month of March is special as we invite the 8th grade students from OLQA to experience the work we do on Thursday evenings. We are happy to continue the relationship with Stony Brook University's Campus Ministry as their students continue to volunteer with us 4-5 times each semester.

#### Outreach office:

4 EFSP applications accepted by Catholic Charities for emergency funds (totaling over \$4,000.00) were used by clients to either move into permanent housing or to end the eviction process thus allowing them to keep their permanent housing.

The following are some of the highlights of those who Outreach has helped in the past few months:

- **Michael\*** is a single father of 2 young children who fell behind on bills as he was in between jobs. We assisted by paying \$113.00 towards his PSEG bill.
- **Ashley\*** is a single mother of 3 young girls who stopped receiving child support. Outreach assisted by contributing \$600.00 towards their rent.
- **Rebecca\*** has two teenage girls (one of whom has a rare blood disease with many expenses coming out of pocket). Rebecca's husband's work hours get cut during the winter time. We contributed \$150.00 towards their PSEG bill.
- **Gloria\*** is a single mother who was residing in a homeless shelter who we had met through the Street Ministry. We contributed \$800.00 towards the security payment so that Gloria and her daughter could move into their new apartment and out of the shelter.

*\*names have been changed to protect the confidentiality of clients.*

Volunteers from Parish Social Ministry have also been helping serve breakfast once a month at Grace Lutheran in Mastic Beach as they host guests from Maureen's Haven during the winter.



March 22, 2020

## 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-4:30PM (RED BARN, Upstairs)

### WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...



**All families with students in faith formation are requested to check their email for important message from Michelle Pirraglia regarding the cancellation of classes until at least April 14, 2020.**

## 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.*

• *This week, the Blessed Mother Candle has been lit in honor of Gregory Albert Hammond.*



### Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

**Sunday 3/15/20: \$7,365 (2019: \$15,381)**

**Catholic Education: \$1,272 (2018: \$1,686)**

Please continue to support SJE in these difficult days if you are able. Make your donation on line:

<https://stjohntheevangelistcm.weshareonline.org/>

or mail your envelopes to the parish office.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Reading I:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

*The Lord promises to raise his people from the dead.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:8-11

*The Spirit of God dwells in us.*

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

*Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.*

### Discussion Questions

1. Would your actions change if you really believed you had access to the Holy Spirit at all times? How?
2. St. Paul said, "Those of you who are in the flesh cannot please God." Does "in the flesh" mean "led by the temptations of the flesh?" How?
3. How does the raising of Lazarus point to Jesus' words, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live"? Compare Jesus' statement, "Untie him and let him go," with Moses' statement to the Pharaoh, "Let my people go."



## 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](mailto:rcia@sjecm.org). We will be putting together our next RCIA group in the weeks ahead!





## PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

### We Celebrate

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

*The Joy of Love, 55*

**III. Andolfo Dubon and Midia Herrera Figueroa**

### We Remember ...

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

**Beverly Ann Barrett, Olga Irene Kiefer, Mabel Evelyn Prebish,  
Philip McEntee, Stephen Nicholas Brooks. Patricia Curcio, Rita West**

### We Pray...

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

**Kathleen Both, Doreen Berrias, Patricia McGowren, John Skorobohaty, Blanche Laskee  
Anna Paredes-Sanchez, Justin Pacheco, Peter Messina, Jeannette Titmus  
Susan Ruffino, Theresa Amorese, Kenneth Rosenman, Joseph Ponzio, Walter Haas**

*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

#### 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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) to add or update your loved one's status if they have returned.*

## 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](http://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.





## PREPARING FOR THE WEEK

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

ALL EVENTS AND MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED.  
ALL PUBLIC LITURGIES ARE CANCELLED.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Masses are celebrated privately and can be viewed beginning at the times listed below and are available for viewing all**

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Vigil: Sherry and Egle Families  
5:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Anthony and Mattea Mattessich  
Joseph Toolan  
Nunzio L. Bellini  
Dominick Finocchio  
The People of the Parish

#### Monday, March 23, 2020 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Gene O'Connell/Daniel A. DeRienzi

#### Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Lenten Weekday

St. Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Alexander Favuzzi /Lisa Bravo

#### Wednesday, March 25, 2020 The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Bartolillo/Chester Blum

#### Thursday, March 26, 2020 Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Stephen Brooks/Donald Belfi

#### Friday, March 27, 2020 + Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Roger Titmus/Peter Crecarelli

#### Saturday, March 28, 2020 + Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Gerald E. Healey

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Vigil: Helen Scheu

8:00 A.M. Thomas Valva  
Daniel McNulty  
Helen Smith -Stewart  
Dorothy Louise Rudzinski  
The People of the Parish

## Comunidad Hispano de San Juan

### MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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

**Teléfono:** 1-631.878.0009

**Bautismos:** Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia.

Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

**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.

## THRIFT SHOP CLOSED!

Just a friendly reminder that we are unable to accept any clothing donations at this time, as the thrift shop is closed and there is no one to go through the bins.

Thank you for understanding.  
Please spread the word!

