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SJE)*

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*(in the Blue House)*

**Monday – Thursday**

9:30 a.m. – 12 + 1 – 8 p.m.

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday**

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

# St. John the Evangelist

## Roman Catholic Church

25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, New York 11934-3698

**631-878-0009** | [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) |

*Parish Website: [www.sjecm.org](http://www.sjecm.org)*

*Facebook:*

*Welcome Home-St. John the Evangelist*

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“Whoever thinks he is standing secure  
should take care not to fall.”

**1 Corinthians 10:12**

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 24, 2019**

### Come to the quiet!

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

### Come and pray with us!

#### SUNDAY MASS

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

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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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

### Come and know God's mercy!

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

### Come and know God's healing of the sick!

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

### Come and spend some time with the Lord!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel on  
Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays from 1:00 pm. until 5:00 p.m.  
and Fridays from 8:00 am. until 11:45 a.m

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

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

**MONDAYS +** We pray the Miraculous Medal Novena after the 7 a.m. Mass in the  
church building and at 7:30 p.m. in Seton Chapel in the Convent on most  
Mondays, with the exception of holidays and whenever the parish is closed.



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Parish Mission

### March 25th - 28th

### 12:45pm & 7pm

### In the Church

**THIS  
WEEK!**

Fr. Richard Veras was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of New York in 1996. Father Veras currently serves as the Director of Pastoral Formation at St. Joseph's Seminary and the New York Chaplain for the Lay Ecclesial Movement Communion and Liberation. He is the author of three books and is a regular contributor to Magnificat magazine.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

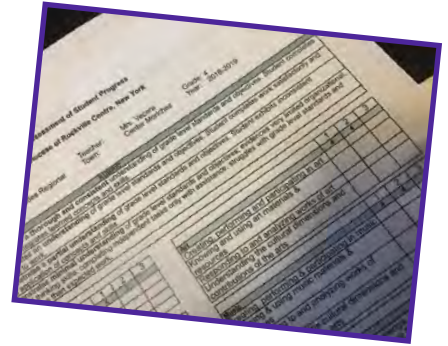
### Lenten Check-In

# REPORT CARDS

Dear Parish Family:

I am writing to you in the midst of some busy Lenten days! It is hard to believe we are already three weeks into the season of Lent.

As I write to you, I am reviewing each student's report card at Our Lady Queen of Apostles—the Catholic School in Center Moriches. We are just finishing the second trimester here. (It's hard to believe we have completed 2/3 of the school year.) I try to look over each one and, when I can, offer a word of encouragement and challenge. It is good for me to learn more about how our students are progressing and to see what they can improve in on their end and, at the same time, how our school can provide more challenging and effective interventions. It is a “work in progress” on all sides. I think Jesus is calling us to acknowledge this in today's Gospel. Let's try to give that fig tree



a little more time. Let's try to give ourselves and one another a little more time.



So much of my life and work is about trying to discern the best interventions. It requires identifying what is in need of change/conversion. It requires trying to make sure the intervention is effective and can be supported. It requires follow up to see if the intervention is actually making a difference. In the social work world, it might mean a different program, more or less of something (counseling, medication, group, etc.) or a difficult decision regarding one effort or another. In the educational setting, it may mean adding opportunities like the Academic Learning Center or having a book fair or encouraging reading and so on.

I do not think it is all that different in the spiritual life. We need to think about the places in need of growth, particularly in our relationship with Christ and the Church. This Lent, we have been offered a number of spiritual interventions (from Little Black Books, more times for Exposition, the Liturgy of the Hours and some more to come). Have you tried any of the ones here or perhaps something else (fasting, increased acts of charity)? **Remember, it is not about doing something. It is more about creating the space for God to do something with me and you.** Are the interventions working? Is it time for something new? More of something you are doing? Removing something you have tried but is not working?

We have a tremendous opportunity for good intervention this week as we begin our Parish Mission. There is something special about the time of a parish mission. We try to cut back on many of the other good things we do in these days so we can be focused and united in prayer together. How blessed are we to welcome Fr. Rich Veras to our parish this week. He comes super highly recommended by Fr. Michael, Paul Clores and Joe Catafago from their working with him at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie. I think you will see why. Please make every effort to attend each day of the parish mission and consider inviting someone else to come as well. (Parish missions are great welcome back opportunities for people who are searching or who have been away from the church for a while.)

Maybe this is the “intervention” you need? Maybe you can better see where your Lenten report card might say “needs improvement” or “needs to make greater effort” or “easily distracted”. This week of mission might be just what you and I need to get back on track in these final weeks of Lent so we're ready to “move up” into the days of Triduum and Easter.

Please say a prayer for me.

*Featherman*

## LENT 2019

### 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.

### 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 15, 2019 - 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19, 2019 —5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019—4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

### 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!



### HOLY WEEK

The Triduum is the pinnacle of the Church's liturgical year as we celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), the Celebration of our Lord's Passion and Death (Good Friday) and the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday night).

Would you be interested in being part of a small committee that pulls together all of the details of these days? Are you interested in the organizing and carrying out some of the details related to our Church's most sacred celebrations?

If so, contact Fr. John at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org).

### EASTER SUNRISE MASS

We are in the midst of planning for another early morning sunrise Mass somewhere in the area. Of course, we would need a committee of people to make this happen! What about you and your family? If you're interested, please call Fr. John at 631.878.0009 or email to [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org).



## LENT 2019

### NEW PASCHAL CANDLE

As we prepare to enter the season of Easter, we would like to invite individuals and families to contribute to the purchase of two Paschal Candles.

The Paschal Candle we have now has served as an incredible reminder of the light that shines through the darkness. At the Easter Vigil this year, we will prepare a new Paschal Candle. Because of our increased use of Seton Chapel we also need to purchase a smaller Paschal Candle for this space.

Both candles will burn throughout the Easter season and for all baptisms and funerals. It is a sign of the "Light of Christ" that shatters the darkness of our world. Our new candles are handmade from beeswax and will be a beautiful sign of Easter light and hope. Because it is beeswax and handmade, it is expensive.

Last year, a nice tradition developed that I hope we can continue. Members of the parish who had lost family members in the past year made an offering in memory of their loved one. If you and/or your family would like to do that, we would be most grateful and appreciative. You can leave a donation in the Parish Office. Please note clearly that it is for the new Paschal Candles.

## Stations of the Cross

This Lent, we will celebrate the  
**Stations of the Cross at**  
**10 a.m. Thursdays**  
**(Seton Chapel)**  
**and 7 p.m. Fridays (Church)**



### Seton Chapel

*(located in the Convent building – The White House)*

Seton Chapel is open each day from 7 a.m. to the early evening.

**We gather in Seton Chapel for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mondays – 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Fridays (beginning 3/8/19) – 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**Mass – in Spanish** – Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

**Liturgy of the Hours (began Lent 2019)**

Mondays – Midday Prayer – 3 p.m.

Night Prayer – 8:45 p.m.

Thursdays – Midday Prayer – 1 p.m.

Evening Prayer – 4:45 p.m.

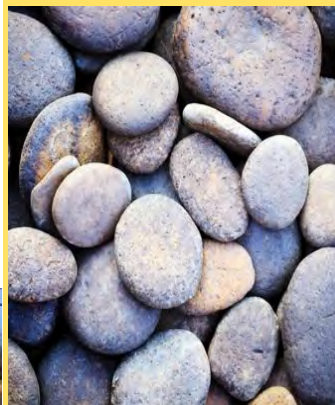
Fridays – Morning Prayer – 8 a.m.

Midday Prayer – 11:30 a.m.



The Art & Environment ministry  
invites you to *Journey Through*  
*Lent*

*with us here at SJE!*



Lay your burdens,  
fears and petitions  
before the Lord. You  
may bring a rock (one  
small enough to fit in  
the palm of your  
hand) to place in a  
special display on the  
sanctuary steps. Each  
week we will add  
more rocks, as we  
pray  
together.



March 24, 2019



**OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**The Catholic School in Center Moriches**

631.878.1033 + [www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org)



Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
*The Catholic School in Center Moriches*

*Taste of Education*

Thursday, April 11, 2019  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*An evening to remember with some of  
Suffolk East's finest foods, desserts,  
drinks and décor supporting the  
Catholic school in Center Moriches.*

**\$35.00 per ticket**

**21 AND OLDER**

*For more information and/or to purchase tickets,  
please call 631-878-1033. Tickets sell out fast!*



Confirmed local businesses so far include:

Ground Round + Sea Cove + Salsa Salsa + The Brewers Collective + Chub's Meats + Carvel + La Placita Deli + Wahlburger's + Meetball Place + Mama Lisa's + Lulu's Lobster & Wing Shack + Sicilia D'Orio + Carlos' Pizza + Swan Bakery + Giacalone's Café Castello + Greek Island Diner + Hummus of Holbrook + Country Rotisserie + Heart Mac & Cheese + Sweet Veggies 4 U + Hamptons Farms + RJ's Latin & American Grill + Piesanos Pizza and more!

2 St. John Place + Center Moriches, NY + [www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org)



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Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School

# Bloomin' Bucks Raffle

Grand Prize \$10,000

2nd Prize \$ 2,000

1st Prize \$ 1,000

20 Prizes of \$100

\$50.00 Donation per Ticket

Drawing will take place on April 11, 2019 8 PM

At our Taste of Education Event (tickets to event purchased separately)

Ticket Holder need not be present to win  
Must be 18 years or older to purchase

For tickets call: 631-878-1033

2 St. Johns Place, Center Moriches

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

### "Pray"-ers Needed!

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays—3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

+ Thursdays—1 pm to 5 pm

Fridays 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Seton Chapel + Convent Building



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

#### **WE ARE IN PARTICULAR NEED ON FRIDAY MORNINGS!**

Would you be willing to give an hour of your Monday evening, Thursday afternoon or Friday morning (particularly) to sit in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? If so, can you please contact Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or call at 631.878.0009.

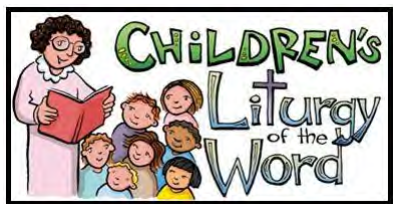
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Fridays (beginning 3/7/19)

\_\_8—9 a.m. \_\_9 a.m. to 10 a.m. \_\_10 a.m. to 11 a.m. \_\_11 a.m. to 11:30/11:45 a.m.



### Something new for Children and Families!!!

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sundays @ 9 a.m. Mass

St. John's new **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** program is structured to help children hear God's message in a way that is more understandable for them.

#### Here's how it works:

At the 9:00am mass, after the Collect (opening prayer of the Mass), children in Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to come forward and sent forth so they can hear God's Word in a special way. We will use the *Lectioary for Mass with Children*. The children will then return back to Mass with our Shepherds (guides) to participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their family.

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

**Please note: There will be no CLTW on Easter Sunday**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

# St. John the Evangelist needs ALTAR SERVERS

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



-Pope Francis

## What about you??

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

Altar servers need to be in fourth grade or above, should be attending Sunday Mass and desire to get more involved in the life of the parish and the Church.

Initial Training Meeting: **Tuesday, March 26, 2019**—5 p.m.—Church  
**Thursday, March 28, 2019** - 5 p.m. + **Friday, March 29, 2019**— 4 p.m.  
**Sunday, March 31, 2019**—3:30 p.m. + **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**—5 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 6, 2019**—3:00 p.m.  
**Installation Mass: Sunday, April 7, 2019**—5:30 p.m. Mass  
**Monday, April 8, 2019** —5:00 p.m.



*I would like to be an altar server!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Age \_\_\_\_\_

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Alex Finta + afinta@sjecm.org + Director of Parish Social Ministry (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: Jerry Malley - jmalley0328@gmail.com

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

# We're here to help

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

### Our office hours in the Red Barn are:

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

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

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous-** Offered daily @ 6:30 AM & Tuesdays, 7:30 PM—  
Red Barn Meeting Room

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

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

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

12 Step Meetings

## SJE STREET MINISTRY



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

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

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

Donations may be dropped off to the Parish Office (Blue House) during normal business hours or Parish Social Ministry Office (Red Barn) Monday-Thursday 10:00AM-12:00PM or 1:00PM-3:00PM.

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

SJE Parish Social Ministry will be making Easter baskets for children involved with the Butterfly Effect Project this season. We are in need of the following:

- \*Chocolate eggs
- \*Marshmallow Peeps
- \*Jellybeans
- \*Chocolate bunnies
- \*Other Easter themed candy



Donations can be dropped off to the designated box in the main entrance of the church or parish office during normal business hours.



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

*St. John the Evangelist*

### Community Meal

Join us Monday, March 25, 2019

in the Red Barn

*at St. John the Evangelist Church in  
Center Moriches.*



The Meal will consist of a home-made dinner from 6:00PM-8:00PM.

If you are in need of  
toiletries or clothes, please let a  
volunteer know!



If you are interested in cooking a meal, please reach out to Alex Finta at [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org)

### Child Protection



#### **ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

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

Please reach out to Liz Dellaratta or Michael Walsh – 631.878.0009 or email to [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org).

*Our next VIRTUS training at St. John's is on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. (You may take a VIRTUS training class at any site. See [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) for more information.)*

### Heaven's Harvest Educational/ Community Garden

We are in need of the  
following:

- \*Hand shovels
- \*Small shovels
- \*Gloves
- \*Watering Cans



If you have any of these in good condition, please drop them off in the wheelbarrow in the main entrance of the church.



If you are interested in getting involved with the garden, reach out to Alex Finta [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.

### The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent De Paul poor box.

For assistance email [depaul@sjecm.org](mailto:depaul@sjecm.org) or contact Alex Finta in the parish Social Ministry Office.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Prison Families

#### Anonymous

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."*

Matthew 25:35-36



Prison Families Anonymous welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system. At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

The Prison Families Anonymous Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:30 P.M. at the Community Presbyterian Church  
1843 Deer Park Avenue  
Deer Park, NY 11729

Northeast corner of Deer Park and Lake Ave. Parking lot entrance on Lake Ave— Use rear door closest to parking lot.

### MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

This ministry reaches out in a variety of ways to those who have recently faced the death of someone they love. The wonderful women and men who offer their time in this ministry—as well as our office staff—do a wonderful job in ministering to those in need.

We are in need of more help as we seek to grow the Ministry of Consolation. We are in need of parishioners to come forward as:

**Liturgical Ministers** (Greeters, Servers, Extraordinary Ministers and Readers)

**Cakebakers** (willing to make a small dessert for a family who has suffered a loss),

**Worship Aid Makers** (able to update our Mass program for each funeral, involves light computer and possibly copier use),

**Organizers** (able to assign tasks to those who have offered their time), and

**Companions** (meeting with a family who has suffered a loss to assist with choosing readings, hymns, etc. and being present on the day of the funeral).

*If you're able to help or want to find out more information, contact Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org).*



*"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."*  
- Pope Francis

## Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten

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

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and consider sharing your gifts with them.

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

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

**2019 CMA Goal**  
**\$100,600**

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



## SENIOR MINISTRY

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

### Senior Ministry News

Seniors (and others),

There will be Stations of the Cross especially for seniors on **Thursdays during Lent at 10:00 a.m.** in the IHM room of the convent. There are special booklets to help us reflect on this important devotion especially for those who over the age of 50-ish!

Please come and pray with us in this welcoming environment. The dates are: **March 28, April 4, 11, 18.** This will not interfere with any other devotion for remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

## RCIA

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADULTS



Are you an adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? For many reasons, present adults may not have received the Sacrament of Confirmation as young people. If you have not been confirmed, please let us help you!!!

If you are a baptized Catholic, but have not been fully initiated, we offer a process for those who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. For adults who desire more information, contact Father John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or leave a message at 631.878.0009.

Meeting will begin during Lent and continue to the celebration of Pentecost in June!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSE *"Lord, Teach us to Pray!"*

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

## YOUTH MINISTRY



The Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Youth Ministry presents:

# LONG ISLAND

# CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

## MARCH 30, 2019

St. Anthony's HS (Huntington)

*\*For teens in grades 8-12\**

**Please contact Fr. Michael  
for more information.**

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



Guest Speaker,  
Mari Pablo



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



## Serving Justice Excellently YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

**ATTENTION:  
TEENS AND  
PARENTS!**

There is such a great need for service in the life of our parish and often a huge number of young people who want to help those in need. This new Service Corps is one way to make this connection.

### Here's how it works:

1. **ANY** middle school, high school and college aged students send their contact information to Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) (You do not need to already be a part of Life Teen or Middle School Youth Ministry to be part of the Service Corps.)
2. As requests for help come from or come into our parish, you'll be contacted to see if you can help.
3. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. You'll be contacted for the next one!

**It really is that easy!!! SIGN UP TODAY** by  
completing the form below or e-mailing Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org).

**YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at SJE**

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

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

As of September 2018, I am in (list grade)

\_\_\_\_ Middle School \_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_ College



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

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

From parent meetings to class visits and church tours, Fr. John and Fr. Michael and Seminarian Joe Catafago have been challenging our students and families to grow deeper in their faith this Lent. Some of our classes also learned about St. Patrick in preparation for St. Patrick's Day last week.



## Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches

### MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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

**Teléfono:** 1-631.878.0009

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

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

**Confesiones:** Sábado - 7 PM en la Iglesia

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

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

#### Requisitos:

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

#### Matrimonios:

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

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

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

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

**Templos del Espiritu Santo (Grupo de Jovenes)** cada sabado a las 5PM en el Red Barn



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

# 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 loving memory of William LaValle.*



## Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

**Sunday 3/17/19: \$15,381 (2018: \$14,626)**

**Catholic Education: \$1,686 (2018: \$1,956)**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

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

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



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

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

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Reading I:** Joshua 5:9A, 10-12

*The Lord removes the reproach of Egypt.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

*All is new in Christ.*

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

*Parable of the prodigal son.*

## Discussion Questions

1. The first reading and the Gospel are about coming home. How does that idea relate to Lent? What is your spiritual home?

2. Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ, says in his poem, *That Nature is a Heraclitean Fire*, "I am all at once what Christ is since he was what I am." Does this mean that Christ lives within us if we consent? Explain.



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will be airing the Mass of Installation of Bishop Robert J. Brennan as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. The Mass will air **live on Friday, March 29, 2019 from St. Joseph Cathedral beginning at 1:30PM ET** and will rebroadcast later that evening at 8PM ET. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream at [www.CFNTV.org](http://www.CFNTV.org)



**EAST END HOLY HOUR ON  
THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE  
MONTH  
7PM**



## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

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

### This Week's Music

Scheduled Hymns for 3/23 and 3/24

Entrance Hymn: #560, Hear Us, Almighty Lord/Attende Domine

Preparation Hymn: None

Communion Hymn: #1028, Gift of Finest Wheat

Closing Hymn: #1067, The Master Came to Bring Good News



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

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

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

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

## PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

### We Believe

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

**-Rite of Baptism, 2**

**Our Newly Baptized:** Jonah Lee Suter

### 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**

**I. Justin Danford and Brittany Papparatto**

**I. Rudolph Lavalozzi and Marybeth Ann Valenti**

### We Remember...

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

**-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass**

**Maria T. Stich, Joseph W. Belford, Madeline Boos**

### We Pray...

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

**Sylia Foley, Jennifer Lynn Peck, Kathleen Geiger**

**John Bell, Margaret Meehan, Jerome Blennau**

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

### Praying for our Military

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

#### US Army

Sgt. Justin Sikorski

PVT Bailey Meyer

SPC Kevin Arpino

PVT Sean Casey

SGT Daniel Smith

SPC Justin Daisy

SPC Olivia Cordero

#### US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes

SRA Ryan Kerstiens, SRA Timothy Kerstiens

PFC Kyle Kerstiens

#### US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes,

Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado.

LCL Andrew Schlosberg

PVT Charles O'Connor

SGT Quentin Montemarano

#### US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher

ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr.

MMN3 Christopher J. Esposito Jr

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

## PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, March 25, 2019

12:45, 7PM	Parish Mission	Church
5PM, 8:30PM	Reader Practice	Church
6:00 p.m.	Community Meal	School
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

#### Tuesday, March 26, 2019

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
12:45, 7PM	Parish Mission	Church
5:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	RBUR

#### Wednesday, March 27, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
12:45, 7PM	Parish Mission	Church
6:30, 7:30PM	Cub Scout Pack 1227/Boy Scout 1227	Cafeteria

#### Thursday, March 28, 2019

12:45, 7PM	Parish Mission	Church
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
5PM, 9PM	Street Ministry	Seton Chapel

#### Friday, March 29, 2019

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 30, 2019

8:30 a.m.	Communion Retreat (Parents/Students)	School
8:30, 10 AM	FF Classes Levels 1 and 2	School
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

#### Sunday, March 31, 2019

11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Faculty Rm.
2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat	School
3:00 p.m.	Reader Practice	Church
3:30 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church

### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

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

3/25- Msgr. Thomas D. Candrea/Pray for Youth of our Diocese

3/26- Fr. Gregory J. Cappucino/Pray for Discerners

3/27- Fr. Anthony F. Cardone/Pray for Young Adults of our Diocese

3/28- Fr. Thomas A. Cardone, SM/Pray for Deacons

3/29- Fr. Elias Carr/Pray for Priests Families

3/30- Fr. Bijoo Choothamparambil George/Pray for Religious Brothers and Sisters

3/31- Fr. Gerald Cestare/Pray for Bishops

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, March 25, 2019

#### The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 a.m.	Margaret Lacetera
12 Noon	James and Wanda Power

#### Tuesday, March 26, 2019

#### Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Pasquale Mastropietro
12 Noon	Larry Betcher
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

#### Wednesday, March 27, 2019

#### Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Martin J. Doherty
12 Noon	Richard Seguino

#### Thursday, March 28, 2019

#### Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Delia Rogerf
12 Noon	Juan Martinez

#### Friday, March 29, 2019

#### Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Joyce Weitzel
12 Noon	Bridget Lea

#### Saturday, March 30, 2019

#### Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m.	Msgr. Daniel Hamilton
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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Mass of Anticipation

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

### Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Brian Radigan
9:00 a.m.	John Kearns
10:30 a.m.	Chris J. Finocchio
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
5:30 p.m.	Neil Biscuiti