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Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Regional Catholic School

*(on the campus of
SJE)*

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY

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www.olqany.org



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

Monday – Thursday

9:30 a.m. – 12 + 1 – 8 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

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“But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has
come to life again”

Luke 15:32

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 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 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. 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.

BRIDGE FOR PEACE presents



“Lord, Is It I?”

Bring Family and Friends
to this Dramatic Presentation

Saturday April 6th @ 7pm

School Auditorium

St John the Evangelist RC Church

25 Ocean Ave

Center Moriches, NY

FREE ADMISSION

Free Will Offering to support the ministry of Bridge for Peace

For more information call:

Bridge for Peace 631-730-3982

www.bridgeforpeace.org



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

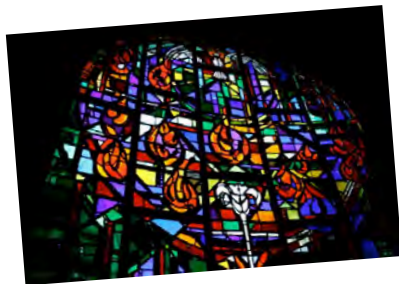
4th Sunday of Lent

Returning Home

Dear Parish Family:

This weekend, you won't see too much of me at SJE. I have the privilege of returning to my home parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip to preach about the Lenten Mission I was asked to lead this week. (Thank you to Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes) for trading pulpit with me this week and covering some masses here.) There is something about returning home, no? It is a place of comfort and consolation, of support and sustenance.

It was around this weekend some ten years ago that I announced to the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes (I think it was April 2, 2009) that I would be leaving there to enter the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception to better discern God's call to priesthood. I said at the end of my announcement that it was "all your fault." For it was that parish community, that home base if you will, that formed me in the faith and helped me to better know God's call in my own life (even if it took some thirty something years to respond).



I have returned home to OLL many times since taking leave in 2009. I returned for moments of great joy including my "First Mass" as a priest, wedding and baptisms. I returned for moments of sadness too, including the funeral of my own dad two years ago. Even in those most difficult moments, there was something about being home.

It is a big part of the message of today's Gospel and the focus of the mission "Let us Celebrate with a Feast". We celebrate this loving father who seeks (remember he was looking) the return of his son. (I assure you my return to OLL won't be as scandalous.) In the midst of struggle and despair, he knows there is no place like home. The story of the Prodigal Son reminds us of more than a physical location (even a home parish) but an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ. He is the home we need. He is the embrace we should desire. He is the welcome to new life. If only that could be enough for me and maybe for you too?

I do not like leaving here for a weekend. This place is my home now. You show me the great love of Christ and His Church again and again. You push and challenge me. Yet, I can tell you there is a part of me that will be happy to be in my home parish. The challenges of pastoring and "principaling", of serving and learning, of trying thrive and survive, of failing and trying to make up for own weaknesses, can get to be a lot. It can get a bit overwhelming and isolating for each one of us at times. I imagine it did for that son in the Gospel, probably for his dad too.

Weekends like this are reminders to me of our need to create a home, a place of homecoming here, at SJE. It is my hope that our parish will continue to be a place of homecoming to Jesus Christ for all who visit here. It requires you and me to continually grow deeper and deeper in our relationship with Him—through these Lenten days of prayer. That's why we're asking you to spend more time in prayer inside or outside the Church, join in the Liturgy of the Hours, commit to times of exposition in Seton Chapel and more. If we find a home in Him, then others will surely find their way. They, too, will "come to life again" and have "been found" (Luke 15:32).



WHAT'S HAPPENING @SJE

The Disciple Maker Index Survey Opens this Week! Please Read and Help!

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.


Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com



The survey will only be available until April 15th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to our Pastoral Council and Pastoral Team as well as our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE		
Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth in Our Community	Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing	
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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.

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.



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.

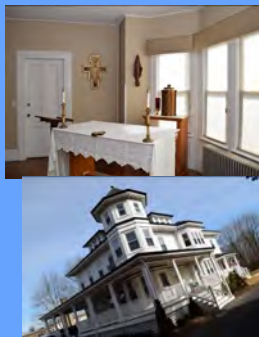
Night Prayer – 8:45 p.m.

Thursdays – Midday Prayer – 1 p.m.

Evening Prayer – 4:45 p.m.

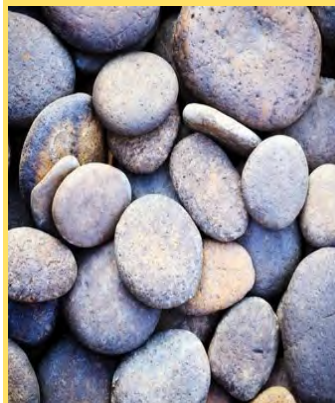
Fridays – Morning Prayer – 8 a.m.

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 31, 2019



OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Catholic School in Center Moriches

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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

March 31, 2019



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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!

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HOLY WEEK AT SJE!



April 14th—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Solemn Liturgy with Procession beginning outside the main doors of the Church) , 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday, (NOTE: Adjusted Sunday Morning Times)

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. *(Please note this is different from our regular Sunday Mass schedule)*

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Masses at 7 a.m. and 12 noon
in Church
Diocesan Day of Confession
3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Church)

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Masses at 7 a.m. and 12 noon
in Church
and 7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
in Seton Chapel

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Masses at 7 a.m. and 12 noon
in Church
and 10:30 a.m. (OLQA School
Mass)

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18, 2019

Morning Prayer – 9 a.m.—Church

Children's Liturgy (a prayer service for children and parents) – 4 p.m.—Church

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 p.m.—Church

Eucharistic Procession with Exposition continuing until 11:45 p.m.—Seton Chapel

Night Prayer – 11:45 p.m. — Seton Chapel



GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 2019

Morning Prayer – 9 a.m. — Church

Children's Liturgy -12 Noon — Church

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3 p.m. — Church

Confessions – 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. — Church

Outdoor Stations of the Cross — Beginning at 6:15 p.m

Night Prayer – 8:30 p.m. — Church

HOLY SATURDAY, April 20, 2019

Morning Prayer (w/Blessing of Easter Foods immediately following) – 9 a.m.— Church

Confessions – 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. — Church

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil — Church

(Please note: The 5 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Spanish Masses are not celebrated. The only Mass on Saturday evening is the Easter Vigil.)



EASTER SUNDAY, April 21, 2019

Sunrise Mass –5:30 a.m. — Holiday Beach, Center Moriches

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. — Church

11:15 a.m. (Bilingual Spanish/English) — Auditorium

The 5:30 p.m. Mass will NOT be celebrated on Easter Sunday night.

Children's Services—HELP NEEDED!

Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019 – 4 p.m. + Good Friday, April 19, 2019 - 12 Noon

Our Family Life Ministry is working to prepare beautiful liturgies for our parish's children and families. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for young people and their families to help serve as ushers and readers at our prayer services. For more information, contact Linda Filosa at Lindalos3@optonline.net or call 631-559-7227

THERE IS
NOTHING
SO GREAT
AS THE
EUCCHARIST.
-ST. JOHN VIANNEY



EAST END HOLY HOUR

ADORATION + CONFESSION
+ PRAISE + FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY APRIL 5TH AT 7PM
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST R.C. CHURCH
25 OCEAN AVE.
CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

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

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

On Friday, April 5, 2019,

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

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

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 or call at 631.878.0009.

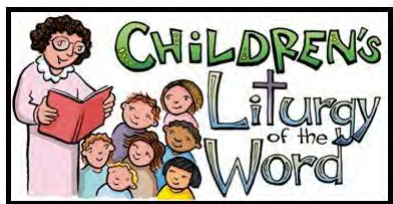
Name _____ Phone # _____

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 – 5th 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 or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

Please note: There will be no CLTW on Easter Sunday

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

Family Life Ministry



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

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

-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!



Thank you!

"A big thanks goes out to Fr. Richard Veras from the Archdiocese of New York for leading the Lenten mission here at Saint Johns this past week. We pray that we may give God flesh by our lives thanks especially to Fr. Rich's pastoral guidance."



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

April 3rd and 10th

7PM- Seton Chapel

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

FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext 5 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

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

LEVEL 2 RETREAT: PREPARING FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

This month, we held retreats for our Level 2 families whose children are preparing for 1st Holy Communion. From songs to crafts to conversations about the importance of Mass and the Eucharist in our lives, the retreat offered families a fun, faith-filled experience. Thank you to all who came and to all our catechists, volunteers and staff who helped plan and run these retreats!



CONFIRMATION RETREATS

**All retreats held from 2PM-5:30PM Mass (Mass is part of the retreat). Sign-in: Main Lobby of the school*

Date:

Class:

Sunday, March 31, 2019

8A, 8B, 8C, 8D

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8E, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J

Sunday, May 5, 2019

8S (Home Study), 8P (Catholic school students)

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

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

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 or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

For assistance email depaul@sjecm.org or contact Alex Finta in the parish Social Ministry Office..

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: **April 4, 11, 18.** This will not interfere with any other devotion for remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

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 3/24/19: \$16,492 (2018: \$14,293)

Low Gluten Host Available

Low Gluten Hosts (less than .01% gluten content) are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a low-gluten host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest and see if this will be acceptable for you and/or your child. If you cannot receive the low-gluten host, we can offer a separate chalice for you. We will be happy to accommodate you if we can. Please let us know.



You're invited to the Men's Group, which meets every Saturday at 9 AM at the Convent (White House). For more information please contact Fr. Michael.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21

God has done and will continue to do great things.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul forfeits all for Christ.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

The Pharisees confront Jesus with an adulteress.

Discussion Questions

1. God says in this reading, "Remember not the things of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" What was the "something new" God was talking about? What is the "something new" God gives to us in our day? What does God give you in your own life?

2. Comparatively speaking, what are all your possessions worth, compared to Christ? How far are you willing to "accept the loss of all things" in order to gain Christ? Does this happen all at once or would baby steps be required for you to accept the loss of these "all things"?

3. What was the woman's reaction when Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin any more?" From his actions, what do you think Jesus thought about the law that dictated stoning? What would he think of torturing prisoners? Capital punishment?



GOLDEN WEDDING LITURGY

Honoring couples married fifty years or more.

- **Sunday, May 5**—Church of St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

Liturgy will begin at 2:30 pm. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 15th.

For more information, call Suzanne at 516-678-5800, ext.207

MUSIC MINISTRY

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This Week's Music

Scheduled Hymns for 3/30 and 3/31

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

Preparation Hymn: None

Communion Hymn: #1031, Taste and See

Closing Hymn: #821, I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



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.

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: Brodhi Ace Arciero, John Vincent Elmore, Emma Brandi Moodt, Nathaniel Midouin LaRoque, Nayeli Samantha Orteza Ortega, Austin Scott Thrane, Ian Adrian Veliz Solis

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. Justin Danford and Brittany Paparatto

II. 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

Lucy Vitale

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 Geiger, John Bell, Margaret Meehan
Jerome Blennau, Virginia Fano, Jennifer Lynn Peck
Dawn Petersen**

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

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

SMSgt James Nizza

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.

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, April 1, 2019

4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Levels 3-6	School
6-7 p.m.	Class Church Tour	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish RCIA	Faculty Room
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
5:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
6:30, 7:30PM	Cub Scout Pack 1227/Boy Scout 1227	Cafeteria

Thursday, April 4, 2019

10:00 a.m.	Senior Stations of the Cross	Seton Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5PM, 9PM	Street Ministry	Seton Chapel

Friday, April 5, 2019

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

Saturday, April 6, 2019

8:00 a.m.	First Saturday Devotions	Cafeteria
8:30, 10 AM	FF Classes Levels 1 and 2	School
8:30, 10 AM	Heritage 1 and 2 Parent Meeting	School
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
3:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	Bridge for Peace	Auditorium

Sunday, April 7, 2019

12:30 p.m.	RCIA	Faculty Rm.
2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat	School

The Office of Faith Formation Upcoming Workshops

RICA Level II

-Starting April 11, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (St. Joseph, Babylon)

Ministry of Accompaniment

-Starting April 24, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Mercy Hospital, Rockville Centre)

Visit drvc-faith.org for more information

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 1, 2019

Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Stanley Zurawski
12 Noon	Joan Stabile

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Lenten Weekday

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

7:00 a.m.	Pasquale Mastropietro
12 Noon	Mary Terry
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Special Intention
12 Noon	Joseph Maag

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Lenten Weekday

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m.	Margaret Mary Kealey
12 Noon	Joseph Sherry

Friday, April 5, 2019

Lenten Weekday

St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

7:00 a.m.	Charles Tufano
12 Noon	Rosara and Sam Tripoli

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m.	Special Intention- Kathleen Geiger
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Kenneth Horbal
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Josef Strobel
9:00 a.m.	Virginia Meyer
10:30 a.m.	Salvator Catalano
12:00 p.m.	Claire Kessler
5:30 p.m.	People of the Parish