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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

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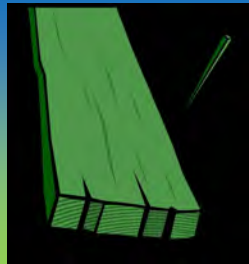
*Parish Website: [www.sjecm.org](http://www.sjecm.org)*

*Facebook:*

*Welcome Home-St. John the Evangelist*

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“Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye,  
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?”

**Luke 6:41**

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*March 3, 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.** and on

**Thursdays from 1:00 pm. until 5:00 pm**

### 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.

## LENT 2019

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*



#### Masses

**7:00 a.m. + 12 Noon +  
7:30 p.m. (Bilingual)**

#### Prayer Services

**10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m.,  
6:00 p.m.**

### **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!

*The Art & Environment ministry  
invites you to Journey Through Lent  
with us here at SJE!*

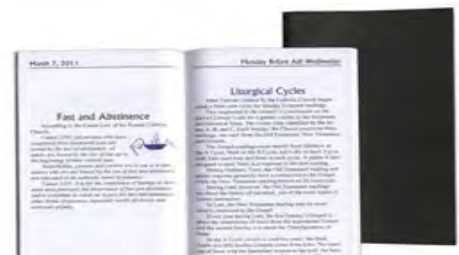


Lay your burdens, fears and petitions before the Lord. You may bring a rock (one small enough to fit in the palm of your hand) to place in a special display on the sanctuary steps. Each week we will add more rocks, as we pray together.

### **THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK IS HERE!**

This Lent, St. John's is once again offering everyone a little black book. This book contains brief reflections for each day of the Lenten season based on Scripture and Lenten traditions (see Fr. John's letter).

You can carry it with you, leave it in your car or keep it in a place at home where you will see it every day. It's a nice, simple way to bring the spirit of the season to each day of your Lenten journey. The books are free of charge. If you'd like to make a donation, please place it in the Poor Box to support the work of Parish Social Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Wherever two or three...

# PRAYING AS COMMUNITY

Dear Parish Family:

The season Lent is only a few days away and I want to continue to build upon what I wrote to you about last week. If you remember, I asked everyone to consider the ways we can grow deeper and deeper in our individual prayer. Growing in that depth is so important for our own relationship with Jesus Christ and so essential for the work and mission of the Church.

Our membership in the Catholic Church is a membership in the Body of Christ. We have a responsibility for one another in both prayer and action. The mission - at least one that is Christ centered - cannot happen without that deep commitment to prayer individually and as community. I hope these days of Lent can be a time we not only grow in that individual prayer but in our prayer as a parish family.

It might sound odd but praying as a community requires us to take a step away from our selves. The Church calls us to this prayer and we are called to pray as the Church call us to do. That sometimes means we have to move away from our own preferences in prayer when we pray as community.

So this Lent, what about joining the common prayer of our Church here at St. John the Evangelist:

- **Celebration of the Eucharist.** The Church tells us, "The celebration of the eucharist in the sacrifice of the Mass is truly the origin and the goal of the worship which is shown to the eucharist outside Mass" (*Eucharisticum Myste-rium* 3). If you're reading this column, there is a good chance you are attending Sunday Mass. (You better not be reading this during Mass!) How about considering making some time during the week? There is no more powerful prayer than our common prayer at Mass. Come at 7 and 12, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Spanish in Seton Chapel) or Saturday mornings at 8 a.m.
- **Liturgy of the Hours.** You have seen some information about this in other parts of the bulletin over the past few weeks. It is the prayer of the Church that priests and religious pray every day. All Catholics are invited to enter into this prayer. I hope you will think about it this Lent.
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.** The Church encourages us to pray as community in times of Exposition. This act of worship should never be far from our Celebration of the Eucharist. We celebrate Exposition in Seton Chapel on Mondays, Thursdays and now Fridays. We gather in common prayer with a hymn and now usually one of the hours (Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer or Evening Prayer) of the day. At the end of each time of exposition, we conclude with a hymn, a concluding prayer, eucharistic blessing and final hymn. While there are times of quiet prayer throughout the times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, it is a communal act of worship. Even those moments when there may be one or two of us before the Blessed Sacrament, it should never be a "me and Jesus" moment. I hope you will consider taking an hour of prayer on one of our days of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



I hope and pray these days of Lent see us grow stronger in our communal prayer, a strength that will carry us forward as a parish for years to come.

Please pray for me.



## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

O God, come to our assistance...

*The purpose of the liturgy of the hours is to sanctify the day and the whole range of human activity. Therefore its structure has been revised in such a way as to make each hour once more correspond as nearly as possible to natural time and to take account of the circumstances of life today. Hence, "that the day may be truly sanctified and the hours themselves recited with spiritual advantage, it is best that each of them be prayed at a time most closely corresponding to the true time of each canonical hour."*

-From the *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours*, 11

Beginning this Lent, we will begin to pray the Liturgy of the Hours more frequently at SJE. You may have noticed this in some of our literature about Seton Chapel. We pray the Liturgy of the Hours to unite our prayer with the Church that seeks God at all times.

There is a certain ritual to the Liturgy of the Hours that involves our posture (sitting and standing), our voices (in praying the psalms), our listening (to the Word of God).

Some of us pray the Liturgy of the Hours regularly. This is wonderful. I hope you can help us in establishing this rhythm of prayer at SJE.

We will pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the Church on **Saturday at approximately 6:15 p.m. and on Sunday at approximately 6:45 p.m.** in Our Lady's Chapel. Booklets will be provided for you.

During the week, we will pray the Liturgy of the Hours in Seton Chapel beginning and ending our times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Monday—3 p.m.—Daytime Prayer**

**Monday—8:45 p.m.—Night Prayer**

**Thursday—1 p.m.—Daytime Prayer**

**Thursday—4:45 p.m.—Evening Prayer**

**Friday—8 a.m.—Morning Prayer**

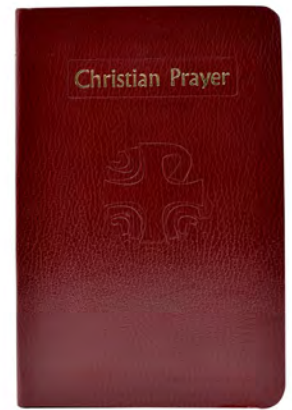
**Friday—11:30 a.m.—Daytime Prayer**

For these times, we will use books of the Liturgy of the Hours that will be provided for you. (NOTE: It will take us each a little time to get used to these—so always have patience!!!!)

You do not need to come to each of these times of prayer—come when you can!

You can pray the Liturgy of the Hours also by using the ibreviary app or visiting [universalis.com](http://universalis.com).

...O Lord, make haste to help us.



## 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)**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

**Something new for Children and Families!!!**

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Beginning Sunday, March 10, 2019 at the 9 a.m. Mass  
**Open House—Sunday, March 3, 2019** after the 9 a.m. Mass

St. John's new program **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will begin Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am Mass. The program is structured to help children hear God's message in a way that is more understandable for them.

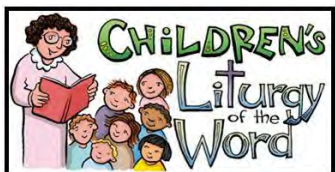
### Here's how it works:

- 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. (Children do NOT have to participate. That's up to their parents and family members. We hope everyone will.)
- At the Children's Liturgy of the Word, we will use the *Lectionary for Mass with Children*. These are the same readings everyone else is hearing but in a slightly different translation that is easier for them to understand. A special homily is also given—by a homilist—to better help them understand the readings.
- The children will then return back to Mass with our Shepherds (guides) to participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their family.



The purpose is not to offer a babysitting service or to isolate the children. Rather, it is a chance for them to participate in Sunday's readings on their level with our *dedicated and trained* volunteers. The program will run every Sunday until Mid-June. Don't worry we will be back in September!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a great opportunity to encourage young children to participate more fully in Mass and can help open up conversation between parents and children on what they heard in the readings. Let's help them know how much Jesus loves them!



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.

## 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**  
**Lent 2019—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 MONDAY AFTERNOONS from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Would you be willing to give an hour of your Monday evening (particularly) or Thursday afternoon to sit in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? If so, can you please contact Fr. John at [sjbureau@sjecm.org](mailto:sjbureau@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.

### *Family Life Ministry*



#### Upcoming Mercy Sunday Events:

#### *March 10— Spring Fellowship Breakfast*

All are invited to have breakfast with us after 9 am mass (approx. 10 am). You are invited to come, visit, eat, and if you like, add food to our communal table.

**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](mailto:Lindalos3@optonline.net) or cell: 631-559-7227

### **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 (beginning in 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.





# FROM OUR BISHOP



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2019

Dear Friends:

As we begin our prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the poor and the suffering of the world in this Lenten season 2019, we recommit ourselves to repentance, conversion and holiness individually and as a Church. We remember in a focused way this Lent the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and all forms of abuse and we pray for the purification, reform and sanctification of the Church.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis says: “Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy (32)...The Lord wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence (1)...Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church (9)...The Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity (138).”

One of the ways we commit ourselves to this radiant, natural and humble holiness is by expanding the breadth and depth of our daily engagement with the inspired Sacred Scriptures. We are called to live the words of Psalm 119: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

The saints of every decade and century inspire us since “the most profound interpretation of Scripture comes precisely from those who let themselves be shaped by the word of God through listening, reading, and assiduous meditation”. (Pope Benedict XVI, *The Word of the Lord*) (48) Could each one of us individually and together, united in communion as a Church, take one step with the Holy Spirit this Lent to deepen our love for the inspired Sacred Scriptures?

In his Apostolic Exhortation *The Word of the Lord* (2010), Pope Benedict XVI gives us an excellent process of praying individual biblical passages, a process of *lectio divina* or sacred reading of the text that includes reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the biblical text. We need to believe with confidence and a spirit of adventure that the Holy Spirit is present in the text and that the Holy Spirit’s tongues of flame are connecting the text to our souls transforming us in mysterious and profound ways.

I would like to analyze and comment on the steps that Pope Benedict XVI proposes to us. (For the complete version of Bishop Barres’ Lenten Letter 2019 which analyzes Pope Benedict’s approach to *lectio divina*, see this link [www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org](http://www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org).) The Word of God makes us realists who recognize that the Word of God is the foundation of all things. (10)

As your bishop and servant, I invite you during this Lenten Season 2019 and beyond, to discover or rediscover the power of the Word of God by reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures. In the end, as Father Gaston Courtois points out: “Contemplatives are the true missionaries and alone can be the true spiritual teachers”.

Thank you all for your passion and daily dedication to the inspired Sacred Scriptures. Thank you for being the contemplatives, the missionaries, the spiritual teachers that are the agents and instruments of *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



# FROM OUR BISHOP



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Carta de Cuaresma 2019

Queridos amigos:

Al comenzar nuestra oración, al ayunar y al dar limosna a los pobres y ayudar a los que sufren en el mundo en esta temporada de Cuaresma de 2019, nos comprometemos de nuevo al arrepentimiento, a la conversión y a la santidad de manera individual y como Iglesia. Recordamos de manera especial en esta Cuaresma a los sobrevivientes del abuso sexual del clero y todas las formas de abuso y oramos por la purificación, reforma y santificación de la Iglesia.

En su exhortación apostólica *Alegraos y Regocijaos*, el Papa Francisco dice: "No tengas miedo de la santidad. No quitará nada de tu energía, vitalidad o alegría (32)... El Señor quiere que seamos santos y que no nos conformemos con una existencia sosa y mediocre (1)... La santidad es el rostro más atractivo de la Iglesia (9)... La Iglesia necesita misioneros apasionados, entusiastas de compartir la verdadera vida. Los santos nos sorprenden, nos retan, porque con sus vidas nos instan a abandonar una mediocridad aburrida y monótona (138)".

Una de las formas en que nos comprometemos con esta santidad radiante, natural y humilde es expandiendo la amplitud y profundidad de nuestro compromiso diario con las inspiradas Sagradas Escrituras. Estamos llamados a vivir las palabras del Salmo 119: "Tu palabra es una lámpara para mis pies y una luz para mi camino".

Los santos de cada década y siglo nos inspiran ya que "la interpretación más profunda de las Escrituras proviene precisamente de aquellos que se dejan moldear por la Palabra de Dios a través de la escucha, la lectura y la meditación asidua". (Papa Benedicto XVI, *La Palabra de Señor*) (48) ¿Será que cada uno de nosotros individualmente y juntos, unidos en comunión como Iglesia, puede dar un paso con el Espíritu Santo esta Cuaresma para profundizar nuestro amor por las inspiradas Sagradas Escrituras?

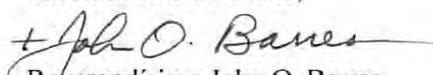
En su Exhortación apostólica *La Palabra del Señor* (2010), el Papa Benedicto XVI nos brinda un excelente proceso para orar pasajes bíblicos, un proceso de *lectio divina* o lectura sagrada del texto que incluye leer, meditar, orar, contemplar y vivir el texto bíblico. Necesitamos creer con confianza y con espíritu de aventura que el Espíritu Santo está presente en el texto y que las lenguas de fuego del Espíritu Santo están conectando el texto a nuestras almas, transformándonos de manera misteriosa y profunda.

Me gustaría analizar y comentar los pasos que el Papa Benedicto XVI nos propone. (Para la versión completa de la Carta de Cuaresma 2019 del Obispo Barres, que analiza el enfoque del Papa Benedicto a la *lectio divina*, vea este enlace [www.bishopbarresletter2019.org](http://www.bishopbarresletter2019.org).) La Palabra de Dios nos hace realistas reconociendo así que la Palabra de Dios es el fundamento de todas las cosas. (10)

Como su obispo y siervo, les invito durante esta temporada de Cuaresma 2019 y más allá, a descubrir o redescubrir el poder de la Palabra de Dios leyendo, meditando, orando, contemplando y viviendo las inspiradas Sagradas Escrituras. Al final, como el Padre Gaston Courtois señala: "Sólo los contemplativos son los verdaderos misioneros y los verdaderos maestros espirituales".

Gracias a todos por su pasión y dedicación diaria a las inspiradas Sagradas Escrituras. Gracias por ser los contemplativos, los misioneros, los maestros espirituales, los agentes e instrumentos del *dramático crecimiento misionero* en Long Island y más allá.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

  
Reverendísimo John O. Barres  
Obispo de Rockville Centre





*Come and see what makes us the “family of families”....*

# OPEN HOUSE 2019

## Wednesday, March 14, 2019

### 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*The admissions process has started for the 2019-20 school year! Save your place at the Catholic School in Center Moriches today!*

#### Learn more about our:

- **Commitment to Catholic values, ideals and teachings**
- *evidenced in prayer, learning, and service.*
- **Service based Middle School Academy**—*The Mission*—where students are challenged academically, prepared for college (with the help of St. Joseph’s College) and formed to be servant leaders. This is a safe, secure and rigorous opportunity for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 to discover their gifts and talents and change the world.
- **Early Childhood Program**—soon beginning at age 2 –which provides full day and half day options (from 8:30—3:30 p.m.).
- **Expanding Student Activities and Athletics programs** helping students to make OLQA a “home away from home”.
- **Special Education Program** options for students who learn differently.
- **Academic Intervention Services** including our Math Lab coordinated by St. Joseph’s College and the Academic Learning Center.
- **Small, individualized educational program** that both forms and challenges the mind, heart and soul.
- **Before Care and After Care services** beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. (available for students in our Early Childhood program as well).
- *...and much, much more! Come and see how you can be part of the “Family of Families” at the Catholic School in Center Moriches.*



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Alex Finta + [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) + Director of Parish Social Ministry (631-878-0009 ext. 119)

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Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—[msikora@sjecm.org](mailto: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](mailto:bernath52194@optonline.net) or Alex Finta

## SJE BLOOD DRIVE Results

81 units of blood were donated at our 2/22 blood drive, surpassing our goal. Thank you!



Thanks to all our amazing volunteers! The blood center recognizes our parish as a valuable

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as a guide to a blind man?... Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit..." It is true that donations come to the society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

Need assistance? Please contact Alex Finta in the Parish Social Ministry Office.

**Our next meeting will be held March 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Barn. Come see what we're all about!**

## SENIOR MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM—  
[aberendes@sjecm.org](mailto:aberendes@sjecm.org) + 631.878.0009, x. 127

### Senior Ministry News

#### HELP! HELP! HELP!

I, Sister Ann, would greatly appreciate anyone who can come to a short meeting on **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30** in my office—The Barn, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 1<sup>st</sup> door on the right.

I need a group to help me with our beloved Seniors—new ideas, organizing helpers, ways to contact and keep in touch with Seniors. Anyone, young and not so young is welcome for input. You will be out on time for the Noon Mass. Please consider coming to help me to help others.

Thank you, and God bless you.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### 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, 4 August 2015**



Our parish is in desperate need of new altar servers. 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. We will begin training soon! If your child is interested, please leave a message for Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or via phone at 631.878.0009.



# 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.

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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



Guest Speaker,  
Mari Pablo



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



## Congratulations

The following SJE parishioners achieved honor roll for the second quarter at St. Anthony's High School-

- \* Riley Cherkes
- \* Brian Connelly
- \* Ryan Ehrhart
- \* Kelly Ghosio
- \* Kaitlyn Mahoney
- \* Gwen Posanti

The following SJE parishioners achieved mid-year honor roll at St. John the Baptist High School-

*Summa Cum Laude:*

- \* Olivia Dench
  - \* Claire McGrath
- Magna Cum Laude:*
- \* Robert Dewitt
  - \* Natalie Martusciello
  - \* Gina Fazio
  - \* Hailey Marcello

*Cum Laude:*

- \* Christopher McGrath
- \* Hailey O'Donoghue
- \* Chiara DePaola

Honor Roll

## 5GB SJE Basketball Team Headed to playoffs!





## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>,  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7PM– Seton Chapel**

Covering 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.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

#### *The Religious Imagination of CS Lewis: A Walk Through The Great Divorce*

Join the SJE community on an epic journey from Hell to Heaven in The Great Divorce by CS Lewis. There will be a suggested free will offering of \$15 to cover the cost of the materials for the course.

**When: 11am on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: The Red Barn @St John the Evangelist**

*Please contact Seminararian Joe Catafago for more information at [jcatafago@sjecm.org](mailto:jcatafago@sjecm.org) or (631)878-0009x113 if you would like to attend.*

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Parish Mission

**March 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>**

**12:45pm & 7pm**

**In the Church**

Fr. Richard Veras was ordained to 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.



## FAITH FORMATION

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sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation  
Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpir-  
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### UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

Level 1 – Saturday, March 9, Auditorium, during class times

Level 2 – Saturday, March 12, Auditorium, during class times

Level 7 – Monday, March 11, Auditorium, during class times  
(6:00-7:00PM OR 7:15-8:15PM)



Level 8—Tuesday, March 12, Auditorium, during class times  
(6:00-7:00PM OR 7:15-8:15PM)

### LEVEL 2 RETREATS THIS MONTH!

This year, we are happy to be holding for the first time a 1st Communion retreat for our Level 2 students and parents. Below are the assigned days/times.

#### Level 2 Retreats 2019:

8:30AM Classes: Saturday, March 23,  
8:30AM-10AM\*

10AM Classes: Saturday, March 30,  
10AM-11:30AM\*

*\*Please note the retreat will run for an hour and a half.*

We are asking that one parent/guardian accompany each child during the retreat (due to **limited space**). A retreat is an opportunity to step away from our daily lives and take some time to reflect on God's great love for us. It is also a time for you and your child to draw closer together through our faith. There will be activities for parents and children to enjoy!



## 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.



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19**

**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

100% of every dollar raised by the Catholic Ministries Appeal is restricted to the Ministries and Parishes of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PEOPLE SERVED IN 2017

### Living and Sharing our Faith

Baptisms: 11,823 Confirmations: 11,668 First Eucharist: 11,445 Marriages: 2,177  
Children and Youth in Faith Formation: 88,573 Volunteer Catechists: 10,000

### Vocations

Seminarians: 23 Diaconate Candidates: 26

### Education

Diocesan Elementary and High Schools: 14,591  
School of Missionary Disciples: 200

### Caring for God's People

Parish Outreach Program: 100,000  
Hospital Ministry: 200,000  
Respect Life: 132,607 in 32 initiatives

### Catholic Charities

Housing: senior, physical disability and pastoral care: 4,042  
Mental Health Outpatient Services: 1,895  
Senior Services: 3,995  
Food and Nutrition Services: 17,087  
Disaster Response: 153  
Parish Social Ministry: 1,617

### Building God's Kingdom

Campus Ministry: 3,500 a month  
Youth Ministry: 5,800  
Young Adult Ministry: 3,500 a month  
Hispanic Ministry: 250,000  
Catholics of African Ancestry: 25,000

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

Pledges as of 2/19/19: \$36,420

**Donor Goal**

**400 Donors**

Donors as of 2/19/19:

**82 Donors**



Pledge: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Down Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Balance: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Parish: St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 2/10/19: \$14,717 (2018: \$13,153)**

**Sunday 2/24/19: \$13,949 (2018: \$17,031)**

**Catholic Education: \$1,997 (2018: \$1,932)**

On March 10, 2019 a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is a particular need for help:

\* **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the funds collected provide support for pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

\* **The Church in Latin America** - your support of the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

\* **The Church in Africa** – the fund supports pastoral projects that strengthen communities in their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension  
Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS First Sunday of Lent

**Reading I:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10

*Moses tells the Israelites of God's care for them.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** PS 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

**Second Reading:** Romans 10:8-13

*All who call upon the Lord will be saved.*

**Gospel:** Luke 4:1-11

*Jesus is tempted in the desert.*

## Discussion Questions

1. This Reading has the beginning story of Jewish faith. In your own faith story do you ever cry out to the Lord? Discuss.

2. Are your actions for someone colored by the love you have for that person? The word who is “near you, in your mouth and in your heart” is Christ. How often do you remember this? Always? Sometimes? Not often? Would it impact the way you treat everyone if you remembered often?

3. When an athlete starts to get saggy or lethargic, he/she exercises to get back in shape. Is there an analogy here for your spiritual life? How do you exercise to get into shape spiritually? What would a “flabby” spiritual life look like? How does yours look now?



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.



TOTUS TUUS MEN'S GROUP  
Be a man. Be a Saint.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

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### This Week's Music

Scheduled Hymns for 3/2 and 3/3

Entrance Hymn: #806, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Preparation Hymn: #750, For the Fruits of All Creation

Communion Hymn: #800, Seek Ye First

Closing Hymn: Celtic Alleluia



**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:** Brodhi Ace Arciero, Mason Paul Norris  
Josie Jean Rutan, Thomas Joseph Uchmanowicz

### 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. Elfea Enrigue Morales and Feliciana Bulut Chavez**

### We Remember...

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

**-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass**

**Richard La Rocca, Margaret G. Lacetera, Murray R. Luster,  
Charles Paul Tufano, Elizabeth Senk, Joseph Sherry**

### 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 Igoe, Gary Caponi, Melissa Gato,**

**Sophie Kostuk, Sylia Foley, Jennifer Lynn Peck**

*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 Cordeiro

#### 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

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

#### Monday, March 4, 2019

4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Levels 3-6	School
6, 7 PM	CYO	Auditorium
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

#### Tuesday, March 5, 2019

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Levels 3-6	School
6, 7, 8 PM	CYO	Auditorium
6PM, 7PM	Children's Choir / Adult Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	RBUR

#### Wednesday, March 6, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6, 7, 8 PM	CYO SSPP	Auditorium
6:00, 7:30 PM	Cub Scout Pack / Boy Scout Troop 800	Cafeteria

#### Thursday, March 7, 2019

4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5PM, 9PM	Street Ministry	Seton Chapel
6, 7, 8 PM	CYO	Auditorium

#### Friday, March 8, 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 9, 2019

8:30, 10 AM	FF Classes Levels 1 and 2	School
8:30, 10 AM	Level 1 Parent Meeting	School
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

#### Sunday, March 10, 2019

10:00 a.m.	Family Life Ministry	Auditorium
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### -The Office of Faith Formation Upcoming Workshops-

#### \*Ministry of Consolation Level 1

-Starting March 5th, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Maria Regina, Seaford)

#### \*Baptism Preparation Facilitator Training Level 1

-Starting March 5th, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Ss Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park)

#### \*Training of Volunteers in the Ministry to the Sick

-Starting March 6th, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (St. Patrick, Bay Shore)

Visit [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org) for more information

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, March 4, 2019

##### Weekday- St. Casimir

7:00 a.m.	Cindy Lee Giammarino
12 Noon	Leo Strebel

#### Tuesday, March 5, 2019

##### Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Ferdinand DeFellippi Sr.
12 Noon	Arthur Cunningham
7:30 p.m.	Fr. Joseph Minturn

#### Wednesday, March 6, 2019

##### Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m.	Keith Finer
10:30 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
12 Noon	Rudy Weisse
1:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
3:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
4:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

#### Thursday, March 7, 2019

##### Thursday After Ash Wednesday- Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

7:00 a.m.	Vivian Cordeiro
12 Noon	Rita Leary O'Brien

#### Friday, March 8, 2019

##### Friday After Ash Wednesday- St. John of God, Religious

7:00 a.m.	Louis Cordeiro
12 Noon	Kevin Joule

#### Saturday, March 9, 2019

##### Saturday After Ash Wednesday St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 a.m.	John Michaels
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### First Sunday of Lent

#### Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Diane Albano
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

#### Sunday

7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Anne McConnon
10:30 a.m.	Ferdinand and Evelyn Giese
12:00 p.m.	Louis Padovano
5:30 p.m.	Jean Kelledy