



# St. John the Evangelist

## Roman Catholic Church

*Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.*

—Mission Statement



**Third Sunday of Lent**

March 7, 2021

“You shall not have other gods besides me ” -Exodus 20:3

# Easter Sponsor-a-family

Our parish is so generous and so good during the times of Christmas and Thanksgiving. How can we not reach out to our sisters and brothers in need during the greatest feast of the year.

Here is how it works!

We ask you and your family to consider sponsoring a family for an Easter meal as well as a family Easter basket. We will have family information coming in over the next few weeks (including number of children). Please also include a prayer or some other Easter religious/prayer article.

For Easter, consider what you might like to have for an Easter dinner and prepare that for a family in need. We ask that you drop off your donations in reuseable shopping bags. (If you don't have them, please place your items in any type of bag or box and we will take care of it from there.)

More specific information will be emailed to you in the weeks ahead

To prepare baskets, we will need help the following dates/times:

Saturday, March 26, 2021 - 10 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 27, 2021 - 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 28, 2021 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

(YOU MUST FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW OR EMAIL TO [easter@sjecm.org](mailto:easter@sjecm.org). We are limited in the amount of volunteers we can have at each time. Send in forms no later than March 20th.)

Name -----

Best Phone # -----

Best Email -----@-----

\_\_\_ YES! We can help to sponsor a family of (circle one) 2 3 4 5 More than 5 For Easter!

\_\_\_ YES! I can help with set up on Saturday, March 26, 2021 - 10 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

\_\_\_ YES! I can help with distribution on Sunday, March 27, 2021 - 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

\_\_\_ YES! I can help with distribution on Monday, March 28, 2021 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_ I cannot help on campus or by shopping this year, please accept the following donation. (Please attach a check or make your donation by going to [www.sjecm.org](http://www.sjecm.org) and clicking on Giving.)

## LENTEN MISSION

### 33 Days to Greater Glory

This week, we are going to read Week Three (pp. 85-111). While there is no official rule, try not to go too far ahead and don't panic if you fall behind. Trust that God has you where you need to be. Use your Bible and pray with the Gospel of John as you read each day's reflection in the book.

We are providing a reflection question for each day this week. If it is helpful, please use it. If not, skip it.

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**– Ascending the Steps (pg. 85-89)

How do you imagine the Last Supper? Can you imagine being with Jesus and the apostles in the Upper Room? How does this chapter help you to enter more deeply into the rhythm of Holy Mass? How is the Upper Room linked to Calvary?

**Monday, March 8, 2021** – Love to the End (pg. 89-92)

How can we place Jesus's "new law" of love into practice? How does this new law of love impact our life of prayer, contemplation, and desire for God?

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021** – The Father's House (pg. 93-96)

How does this chapter provide insight into the life of God, that is, the communion of the Trinity? Do we recognize more deeply that we are on a journey into the divine life of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021** – Abide in My Love (pg. 96– 99)

Why is "pruning" necessary to abide in Jesus's love? What needs "pruning" in your life?

**Thursday, March 11, 2021** - The Spirit of Truth (pg. 100-103)

What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we received at confirmation? Do we desire to grow in these gifts? Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life.

**Friday, March 12, 2021** – Consecrated in the Truth (pg. 103-107)

What does it mean to be "consecrated in the truth?" How can we persevere in truth in an age that denies it?

**Saturday, March 13, 2021** – A Most Beautiful Truth (pg. 107-111)

What is the significance of God's name? How did God reveal his name to Moses in the Old Testament? How can the revelation of God as Father aid our life of prayer?

Here is how we can participate:

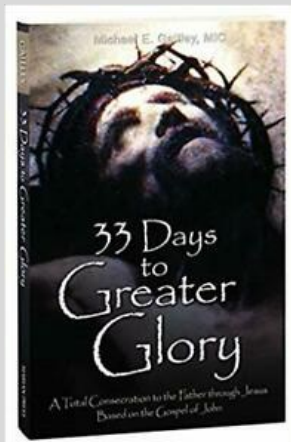
- The Daily Spiritual Message (x. 185) will feature some reflection on the book during most days of Lent
- We will be hosting a weekly Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84983352526?pwd=YnR2Nk90c2hDdktHWTlYcXF4M1pRdz09>

Meeting ID: 849 8335 2526 / Passcode: 6318780009

To call in by phone, call: 1 929 205 6099

- SJE Social Media will have a video reflection from our parish staff.
  - Our parish staff will gather on Mondays to pray with the book as a team.
  - SJE Music Ministry will feature a night of sacred music based in the Gospel of John – Date TBA
  - We will gather on March 25th for Solemn Evening Prayer for the Solemnity of the Annunciation.
- Don't worry – it's not too late. If you were not able to get a book, copies are available at the doors of the church and in the parish office. So whether you are able to come to the church or chapel, go online or not, are homebound or hoping to get out, there is guaranteed to be a parish mission you're not likely to forget*



### Save the Dates

#### Solemnity of the Annunciation

**Thursday, March 25, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.—Celebration of the Eucharist**

We continue the Lenten journey with *33 Days to Greater Glory* as we reflect on the role of the Blessed Mother in the Gospel of John.



#### A Night of Sacred Music

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

Join members of our Music Ministry in a night of sacred prayer and music with hymns and compositions inspired by the Gospel of John.

## FROM THE SEMINARIAN'S DESK

# LENTEN "CHECK POINT"

Can you believe that we have already reached the midway point of our Lenten journey? This time can serve as a helpful "check point" in assessing our Lenten goals and practices. How are we doing with our desire to fast more this Lent? How about those goals to pray more in silence or visit the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle at church? What about that desire to be of greater service this Lent or to grow in charity and patience?

If you are like me, this Lenten "check point" can provoke some discouragement. The first few days were off to a great start and then suddenly we found ourselves back to where we started. Sometimes it seems as if we take one step forward and three steps back! Or perhaps we have fulfilled all of our "external" goals of fasting on certain days and making visits to church, but we haven't noticed any internal spiritual progress. Are we on the right track?



These questions and self-examinations are quite natural and healthy for the spiritual life. Lent is a long journey for a reason. It takes time to overcome habits and strengthen our resolve to follow Jesus to Calvary. The "metanoia" that Jesus desires, the total interior transformation and new way of seeing reality, takes time and perseverance. This transformation requires a self-emptying of our ego so that we can be filled instead with the grace of God. Think about how long it takes you to empty and fill a pool during the summer months. How much more, then, must it take for us to empty ourselves in order to be filled with the things of heaven.

A helpful tool in the spiritual life is to turn moments of discouragement into opportunities for prayer, gratitude, and self-reflection. Like the great Japanese martial artists who use the momentum of their opponents against them, we too in the spiritual life can turn the "momentum" of discouragement "against itself" by seeing grace at work. For example, if we suddenly reach for that cookie or food item that we gave up for Lent, instead of growing discouraged for failing in one of our Lenten goals, we can instead use that moment as an opportunity to grow in greater self-awareness. Why did I reach for the cookie? Was I on "autopilot"? If so, why? Where was my awareness of God? Why am I giving up cookies in the first place? These questions allow us to grow in greater freedom and provide the opportunity to turn a moment of discouragement into conversation with God through our self-reflection. Instead of soaking in self-pity we can lift our minds to God and strengthen our resolve with our newly discovered knowledge of our limitations and need for God's grace. After all, our Lenten goals have as their end and goal growth in freedom, desire for God, and awareness of our creatureliness. In this way, even moments of failure can turn into springboards of grace.

Finally, if we are tempted to fall into discouragement, we can recall that if God created the entire cosmos in a matter of days by the simple voice of his command, he can certainly work miracles in our lives with the remaining time left in our Lenten journey. At our Lenten "check point" let us take courage, be patient, and have faith in the good Lord who can bring forth great fruit in our hearts if only we grant him permission and stay the course. As St. Thomas Aquinas once wrote: "we are to abide in patience until the harvest-time."

# LENT 2021

## 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 Ash Wednesday and 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 Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and

## SINNERS WELCOME and WANTED!

**Come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation!**

Daily after 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses and *in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.*

Saturdays after 8 a.m. Mass and from 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

### **Diocesan Day of Reconciliation:**

Monday, March 29, 2021 - 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2, 2021—4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021—4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

*Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

## EASTER SUNRISE MASS

We are considering the possibility 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).



## Stations of the Cross



This Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross at

-1 p.m.,

-7 p.m.

-8 p.m. (Spanish)

**Fridays in the Church.**

*On Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Stations of the Cross will not be celebrated at 7 p.m. or 8 p.m.*

*On Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, the 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in Seton Chapel.*

**“This contemplation of the sufferings of Jesus is very fruitful. I am convinced that outside the Sacraments and liturgical acts, there is no practice more useful for our souls than the Way of the Cross made with devotion. It is of sovereign super-natural efficacy.”**

*-Blessed Columba Marmion*

## 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)

## LENT 2021

### PASCHAL CANDLE

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 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.



A nice tradition has developed over the years at SJE. Members of the parish who had lost family members in the past year made an offering in memory of their loved one to assist with the costs related to the candles. **If you and/or your family would like to do that, we would be most grateful and appreciative. You can send a donation to the Parish Office. Please note clearly that it is for the new Paschal Candles and list the name of who you wish to remember.**

### LENTEN BAG CHALLENGE

Our Parish Social Ministry needs your help this Lent! Make it a fast acceptable to the Lord by caring for the poor and vulnerable in our midst. On Ash Wednesday, we asked you to take two purple bags. You keep one and use it for your own shopping experiences...and maybe encourage others to join you at SJE. We ask that you return the second bag at some point during Lent supporting our Street Ministry and Ernie’s Place, SJE’s Food Pantry Ministry. A list will be placed inside of each of bag. (Of course you can return both bags!)



When emptied, the returned bags will be used by our guests at the Street Ministry and at Ernie’s Place – SJE’s Food Pantry Ministry.

### MASKS: Signs of Transformation From Sin....to Salvation

The wearing of masks is a challenge for many of us, no? It is a sign of these times and there are difficulties, on many levels, for us to wear them. Thank you for your selfless offering in wearing the masks as we take every precaution to keep one another as safe as possible while also allowing us to continue to gather safely meeting the legal requirements of these times.



The Art and Environment Ministry invites all SJE parishioners to join us on a very special Lenten Journey. LENT is a season where we reflect on our sins and how they “mask” us from truly being close to God. So let’s use the image of the mask - which for many of us is not a positive image right now - to reveal a deeper transformation?

During this Lenten journey, we would like to uncover our sins, be forgiven and “unmask” ourselves. Located on the table outside Our Lady’s Chapel, you will find a frame and a basket with fabric strips. We invite you to take a strip of fabric (representing your mask of sin) and tie it onto the frame as you reflect on your relationship with God. This journey began the first weekend in Lent and will end before Palm Sunday. Thank you for being part of our Parish Lenten Journey!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

# Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Penitential Rite

On Sunday, February 28, 2021, the youngest of our parish's Elect participated in a Penitential Rite, which is traditionally celebrated on the Second Sunday of Lent. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults states, "This penitential rites, which mark the second step in the children's Christian initiation, are major occasions in their catechumenate. They are held within a celebration of the word of God as a kind of scrutiny, similar to the scrutinies in the adult rite" (291).

Please pray for the Elect who are preparing in this final period of Purification and Enlightenment for the Easter sacraments.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith, please let us know. Reach out to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call 631.878.0009. New groups of adults and young people will be forming soon. You are most welcome here!



## Solemn Evening Prayer

Friday, March 19, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

As we join with the Church during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, we come to pray Evening Prayer, part of the Divine Office of the Church.

Sister Mary Alice Piil, CSJ, of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood, will preach at Evening Prayer.



Our Men's Prayer Group will host hospitality after the Evening Prayer. Please make every effort to attend.

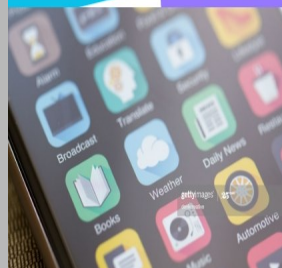
**Please note: Stations of the Cross will not take place at 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. on March 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## LOOKING FOR DAILY INSPIRATION?

Call Extension 185 (631-878-0009)

✓ Call each day for a prayer, spiritual reflection, or Scripture reading from Fr. John or Seminarian Louis.

✓ Share it with those who might need a lift - anyone can call from anywhere!



## Shrine of St. Joseph

Pope Francis has declared this year the Year of St. Joseph as we recall the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his declaration of Patron of Universal Church. Our incredible Art and Environment Ministry has enhanced the shrine area of St. Joseph. When visiting, please consider:

- Leaving a prayer intention under the Sleeping St. Joseph. As you place your intentions, consider using the words of Pope Francis: "When I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath Saint Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words I tell him: pray for this problem!"
- Take a St. Joseph prayer card designed by our Director of Music Ministries, Andrew McKeon.



**St. Joseph, pray for us!**

March 7, 2021

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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Sister Ann Berendes + aberendes@sjecm.org + Director of Senior Ministry

Christian Diconsiglio Case Manger

Ernie's Place—Food Pantry Ministry: Katie Spellman

Ministry of Consolation: Eve O'Brien—eveobrien@optonline.net

Communion to the Homebound: Kevin Both

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### IF YOU ARE IN NEED, PLEASE REACH OUT

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

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

During these days, please call to make an appointment. Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus at all times.

Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 to make an appointment.

Alternative office hours can be given upon request of appointment.

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

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

## Help out those in need!



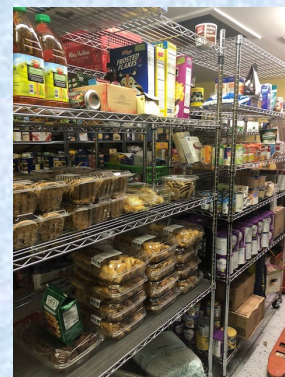
**Street Ministry** — serving the homeless in our area each week.

**Donations Needed: Adult Tee shirts + Adult Sweat Shirts + Adult Coats + Blankets** you can put them in a bag-just remember to label it street ministry- and drop off in the green bins. Thank you!

**Ernie's Place Food Pantry** — serving those in need on Mon. and Thurs.

Ernie's Place, SJE's Food Pantry Ministry, is beginning to manage with regular volunteers. We are looking for men and women age 18 and above to assist on Monday evenings and/or Thursday afternoons. While limited in the number of volunteers we can have in the pantry at one time, we would like have more available volunteers. If you're interested or would like some more information, please call the Parish Office or email to rectory@sjecm.org.

**Donations Needed: Linguini pasta + Angel hair pasta + Pancake mix + Oatmeal (18oz.) + Maple syrup + Juice boxes + Toilet paper + Small rice bags (1-2 lb.)**



**Chicken Ministry** — taking care of God's creatures to provide for the poor!

**Chicken Tenders Wanted**— We are looking for volunteers to help care for the chickens and their coop. Morning shift is before 8:00 am and evening shift is at dusk. Please contact Lynn and Mike Walsh for details. Lynnwalshlcsw@yahoo.com **Note: We are not taking any more egg crates.**

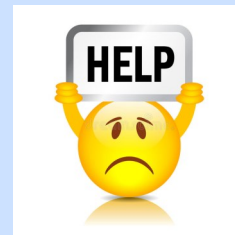


**Thrift Shop** — provide garments, gems and great items for the local community  
Donations may only be left **in the green bins**. Anything left outside is discarded  
Donations for all parish social ministries may be left in Fellowship Area of the Church or Rectory.



## PSM RESOURCES

Each week, we will work to share referrals and information in the parish bulletin (and eventually on the parish website). Please consider sharing this information with someone else you know who may be in need.



### Alzheimer's Legal and Financial Planning

The Alzheimer's Association Long Island Chapter will be hosting a free virtual three-day webinar, March 15th—17th, from 11 AM—1PM. The series is for people with early stage dementia and their caregivers. Topics include power of attorney, estate planning, warning signs of Alzheimer's, asset protection, nursing homes, and basic understanding of Alzheimer's and dementia.

To register, call 1800-272-3900



### Conferencia de Planificacion Legal y Financiera

Miercoles, 17 de marzo de 11 AM -1:30 PM.

La Alzheimer's Association Capitulo de Long Island tendra una serie de videoconferencias en espanol para personas en etapa temprana de demencia, para sus cuidadores y familiares.

Para registrarse, llame al 1800-272-3900

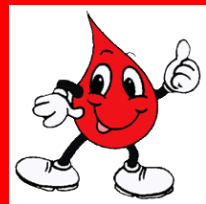
### Rental Help Support

The Town of Brookhaven is participating in the COVID-19 Rental and Mortgage Arrears Program.

The program was established to assist low-to-moderate income residents with mortgage or rental arrears incurred on or after April 1, 2020, due to a COVID-19 related loss of income. A maximum of 6 consecutive months of arrears may be paid, subject to the cap. **Funds are limited and will be available on a first-come first-served basis until they are exhausted.** The funding is made available through the Department of Housing and Urban Development CDBG-CV Program under the CARES ACT with \$2,008,854 available to assist Brookhaven residents. To apply, residents must submit an Intake Form to LIHP online or by mail. **Applications will be available from March 1 through March 31.** The program, which is administered by the LIHP, is available to Brookhaven Town residents only. Visit <http://www.lihp.org/>



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



### BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who supported the February 2021 Blood Drive. 106 pints of blood were donated and will be used to assist those in need

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

**Did you know that St. John the Evangelist has a conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Guess what...IT NEEDS YOU!**

We need parishioners who are interested in serving the poor and vulnerable. Specifically, the Society assists members of our community by visiting their homes to conduct "home visits" to determine needs and provide support for those in need. Home visits are presently conducted via Zoom. In person visits, when they resume, take place with two Vincentian volunteers who are trained.

In addition, members of the society assist parishioners in need by linking to local resources for furniture.

Members of the conference meet monthly to discuss their progress and to engage in a time of prayerful and spiritual reflection.

To learn more, contact [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call 631.878.0009.



### Third Sunday of Lent



#### *Weekly Scripture Reflection*

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.**

### PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Sunday Night Mass*  
**Come to The Six!**



As you may have noticed, our Sunday morning Masses are beginning to fill up. This is good news!

I want to ask those who may be accustomed to coming on Sunday morning to consider coming on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. In general - regardless of the public health situation we find ourselves in now- it is a little less crowded. It is also, at least for me, a great way to draw the weekend to a close. Coming to pray the Mass with the community of faith is a great way to conclude the Lord's Day and often allows me to be more focused rather than so easily distracted by all the day ahead may bring. It provides an opportunity to give thanks to God for the day and to seek his help in the week ahead.

Consider coming to Mass on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. Hope to see you there!

**SJE+125**

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

# YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

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



We are one week into March and quickly approaching the third week in Lent. It is time to have an examination of conscience. How am I doing? Have my Lenten resolutions still stayed intact? Have I been reading 33 Days to Greater Glory as we have been encouraged to do? Do I take time to call 631-878-0009 X 185 for that Spiritual Thought? Have I thought of attending the Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m. on Friday? If I can't make either of those times, did I consider making the Stations on my own? You can walk

the stations in either the Church or in Seton Chapel. Just look at the station and consider how you would fit into that situation today.

Have you considered praying the Rosary with Sister Ann and the others in the morning at 10:00? You can have your coffee or tea break. Yes, you can have a cup of your choice. Several of us do on occasion because the pause will refresh us at that time. Remember that Lent is not so much “giving up something” but rather, of doing something. I know that so many of you are doing MUCH! The bags of groceries keep coming in for the needy. It is marvelous to see! But I'm encouraging you to pray with members of the community because Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in your midst.” Yes, it is encouraging to see how many are returning to Mass both on the weekends and for daily Mass. Many are watching on Zoom or call in to pray with us or watch Mass “video streamed” from another Church.

If you have tried to reach us for the Rosary but can't get in, we have gone back to the original numbers for the Rosary: the ID is 817-2947-1841 and the PW is 560995.

Daylight Saving Time starts next weekend so it will be darker in the morning but more daylight in the evening (the clocks “Spring Ahead”) which means that it will be three weeks until Easter! So, look back to see how I have prepared myself and my family to prepare Spiritually for this miraculous feast of the Resurrection!

**God bless you for all you have done and are doing for others. Are you doing the same for yourself?**



## DAILY ROSARY WITH SR. ANN

10:00 AM ON ZOOM

*Sr. Ann will be praying the Rosary daily at 10 AM via Zoom online. There also is a phone call-in option. All information is below. If you can, please pray with us.*

**Zoom Online Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87129471841>



**Meeting ID: 871 2947 1841**

**Passcode: 560995**

**Dial by your location**

**+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)**

**NEW LINK AND  
PASSCODE**

March 7, 2021

## FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5 + Website: [sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org) + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

Email: [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)

Office Hours: Monday-By Appointment Only (Monday-Thursday) (RED BARN, Upstairs)

### “FAMILY OF FAITH” (GRADES 1-6)

**Lent Family Resources:** For activities, video and other materials to engage your children at home this Lent, visit our Faith Formation Website—<https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>

**Google Forms:** Don't forget to complete the monthly Google Forms letting us know how you and your child have been participating! See our website for the links to the Google Forms, as well as grade-level content, monthly outlines, parent meeting videos and handouts, and more!

### CONFIRMATION PREP (GRADES 7/8 & UP)

The session calendars are available on our Faith Formation website, along with the November and December video sessions:

<https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>

**We are meeting via Google Classroom/Meet!**

If you have any questions, please email us at [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org)

Video Tutorials on how to log in and how our sessions

work can be found by visiting the link below:

<https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/2021/01/google-tutorial-for-level-7-8-families.html>



### NEXT SESSIONS:

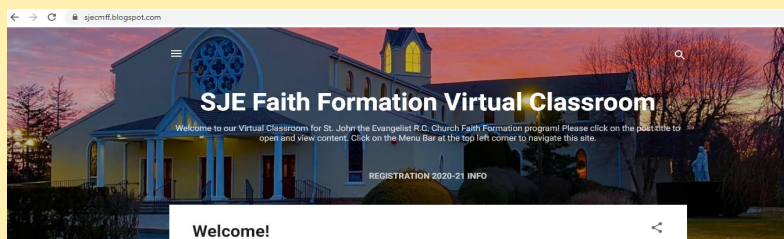
Level 7—Google Classroom Session: Tuesday, March 9 @ 7:15PM

Level 8—Google Classroom Session: Monday, March 8 @ 7:15PM

### FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE:

[sjecmff.blogspot.com](https://sjecmff.blogspot.com)

Check out our website for Ash Wednesday and Lent Resources for the whole family!



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### **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!



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – The Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Reading I:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

*After seventy years, the Israelites are released to rebuild the temple.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** PS 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

*Salvation is not earned but a gift from God.*

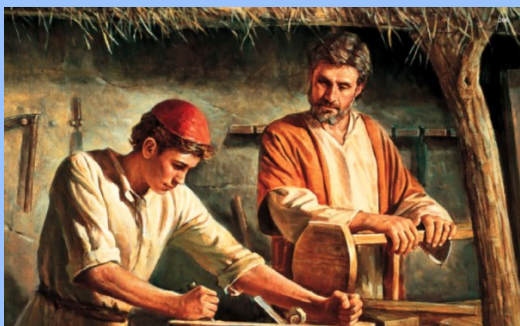
**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

*Jesus converses with Nicodemus.*



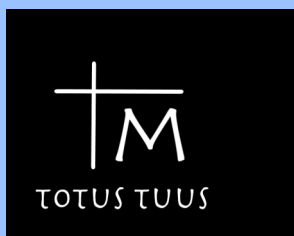
### Discussion Questions

1. If there were ten commandments, why would Jesus say that there were only two? Why is love—love God and love your neighbor—the basis of all the others?
2. To what do the “foolishness” and “weakness” of God refer? St. Paul says the Jews had a problem accepting Christ crucified. What about you: how do you accept him? And what about the crosses in your own life? Are they “stumbling blocks” or stepping stones for you?
3. Instead of the marketplace, for what does Pope Francis say our souls, the ecclesial community and civil communities, should be in constant search of?  
*These words help us to reject the danger of making our soul, which is God’s abode, a marketplace, A living in constant search for our benefit instead of in generous and solidary love. This teaching of Jesus is always timely, not only for the ecclesial communities but also for individuals, for civil communities and for society.*



### CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men’s Prayer Group on Saturday mornings at 9am in the Convent. Join as us as we learn to follow the example of St. Joseph and grow in our faith, reflect on the Gospel and have coffee. For more information call Brian Leavy 585-474-9625.



### CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED



We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to assist with a weekly cleaning of the church building which would include light mopping, sweeping, window cleaning, and checking on hymnals and the like in the pews.

The cleaning takes place after the 12 Noon Mass on Thursdays. We are looking for individuals, couples, friends or even strangers to join our amazing crew of volunteers.

If interested—or know someone who should be interested—contact Fr. John at 631.878.0009 or email to [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org).



## Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Espanol los Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia, y los Martes a las 7:30 p.m en La Capilla del Convento.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oracion, todos los Viernes a las 7:30 p.m. en la Capilla del Convento de la Parroquia. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

### MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

**Bautismos:** Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia. Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

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

#### Requisitos:

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

#### 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.

**R.I.C.A:** Padre Jaime- 1-631.878.0009

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

### EL MINISTERIO DE CONSOLACIÓN TE NECESITA

El Ministerio de Consolación actualmente no tiene miembros que hablen español. Nos vemos seriamente obstaculizados en nuestros esfuerzos por ayudar a la comunidad hispana a planificar los funerales de sus seres queridos. Las familias aprecian nuestra ayuda y nos esforzamos por ofrecer a TODOS nuestro mejor servicio con comprensión y compasión. En este ministerio, trabajaría con nuestros compañeros como traductor y / o ayudaría usted mismo como acompañante. Se necesita mucho apoyo y un verdadero jugador de equipo! (También no es necesario unirse al ministerio a tiempo completo, sino ayudar según sea necesario!)

Si es bilingüe y está dispuesto a considerar unirse a nosotros, comuníquese con nosotros comunicándose con la Rectoría en [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) o 631.878.0009. Nos encantaría tenerte.

## Feligreses de la comunidad Hispana de St. Juan Evangelista en Centro Moriches

\*La subscripcion deben hacerla en linea usando la pagina de [http://](http://www.stjohntheevangelist.com)

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\*Hacer click en el cuadrado que dice "Baptisms."

\*Usted puede ver el video que sigue en la pagina siguiente, o puede ir en la parte superior al texto que dice: "click here to continue with the process".

\*Si no estas registrado como parroquiano de San Juan, debes hacer este paso primero, para que obtengas tu numero de parish ID.

\*Si ya estas registrado, usa tu numero de Parish ID, para que llenes el registrado con los datos de tu bebe.

### Permítanos ayudarlo!

#### DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 p.m. a las 7:30 p.m.  
Jueves 1 p.m. a las 2 p.m.

#### TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Red Barn  
Miércoles de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.

#### MINISTERIO DE LA CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley  
7:15 p.m. (aproximadamente)  
Comidas sencillas y ropa disponible.

#### COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 p.m.  
Auditorio de la escuela  
MARZO- 29 de marzo de 2021

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para aquellos que lo necesitan

**PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER**

**We Remember...**

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

**-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass**

**John Russo, Robert C. Schaefer, Thomas J. Clifford**

**We Pray...**

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

**Robert Kerstiens, Marilyn Tennant, Barbara Sapanaro, Roseann McCarthy, Thomas Taylor, Rose Beinert**

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

**Praying for Our Military**

**US Army**

Sgt. Justin Sikorski, PVT Bailey Meyer, PVT Sean Casey, SGT Daniel Smith, PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith, PFC Jack Dyer, SPC Jarrad Satornino, PVT Michael Garcia Jr., SPC Daniel Sisco

**US Air Force**

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SSgt Ryan Kerstiens, SSgt Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens, MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

**US Marine Corps**

Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes, Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado, CPL Andrew Schlosberg PVT Charles O'Connor, SGT Quentin Montemarano, Recruit Evan Berkemeyer

**US Navy**

STGCS Brian Holzmacher, ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr., MMN3 Christopher J. Esposito Jr.

**US Coast Guard**

SR Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue

**STEWARDSHIP**

**February 2021**

<p><b>February 2020</b> Collection Total (4 Sundays)</p> <p><b>\$67,983.65</b></p>	<p><b>Envelopes:</b> <b>\$53,398.02</b> <b>WeShare:</b> <b>\$14,585.63</b></p>
<p><b>February 2021</b> Collection Total (4 Sundays)</p> <p><b>\$57,019.52</b></p>	<p><b>Envelopes:</b> <b>\$38,563.02</b> <b>WeShare:</b> <b>\$18,456.50</b></p>

**GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE.**



**Remembering our Loved Ones**

*Helping our Parish*

**Altar Bread and Wine**—for the month an offering of \$150 is requested

**Altar Candles**—\$25.00 per week

*Altar bread and wine for the month of March has been donated: In memory of William P. LaVallee*



*This week, the altar candles and Blessed Mother candle have been lit in memory of Beverly Johnson.*

IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT.

Support St. John today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.

**1** TEXT **SJECM** TO **555888** or visit [stjohntheevangelistcm.com](http://stjohntheevangelistcm.com) and click **Give Online**.

**2** Select the collection of your choice.

**3** Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

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**PREPARING FOR THE WEEK**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday, March 8, 2021 + Lenten Weekday**

7:00 a.m.	Jean Mignone
12 Noon	Special Intention– Trudy Norton

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021 + Lenten Weekday**

7:00 a.m.	Rev. John J. Denniston
12 Noon	Frank Kollmann
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 + Lenten Weekday**

7:00 a.m.	Leokadia Zurawski
12 Noon	Christopher Bowman

**Thursday, March 11, 2021 + Lenten Weekday**

7:00 a.m.	Diane Albano
12 Noon	Michele Palumbo

**Friday, March 12, 2021 + Lenten Weekday**

7:00 a.m.	Rev. John J. Denniston
12 Noon	Beverly Johnson

**Saturday, March 13, 2021 + Lenten Weekday**

8:00 a.m.	Lisa Ringhoff
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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Mass of Anticipation**

5:00 p.m.	Graziano DeFelippi
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m.	Lorraine Hickey
10:00 a.m..	Constance Malone
12:00 p.m.	Tom Blomberg
6:00 p.m.	Catherine Matero

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

RBMR—Red Barn—1st Floor Mtg. Room/RBUR—Upper Room SC –Seton Chapel

**Monday, March 8, 2021**

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Priest Prayer Group	SC
7:25 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	Auditorium

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC
7:00 p.m.	Baptism Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Imagine NA	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	RBMR

**Thursday, March 11, 2021**

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	Street Ministry	Convent

**Friday, March 12, 2021**

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
1:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	SC
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	RBMR
8:00 p.m.	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Church

**Saturday, March 13, 2021**

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
9:00 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Group	SC
7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
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**Reverend John Sureau**  
Pastor + jsureau@sjecm.org

**Reverend Felix Akpabio**  
Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Jaime Calderon-Hernandez**  
Parochial Vicar

**John Pettorino**  
Deacon

**Sr. Ann Berendes, IHM**  
Director of Senior Ministry

**Louis Cona**  
Pastoral Year Seminarian

**Andrew McKeon**  
Director of Music Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Katie Waller**  
Business Manager

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School**  
(on the campus of SJE)  
2 St. John Place  
Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033  
www.olqany.org

**Dawn Waller**  
Principal  
dwaller@olqany.org (ext. 201)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

Monday—Thursday:

9 a.m.—8 p.m.

Friday—Saturday

9 a.m.—2p.m.

We ask that you call before  
visiting any parish offices.

## Come and pray with us!

### SUNDAY MASS

#### Saturday Evening

5 p.m. + 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)  
(Saturday Evening 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses  
will be livestreamed.)

Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)



#### Sunday

**Church:** 8:00 a.m. + 10:00 a.m. + 12 Noon + 6:00 p.m.

Please call the Rectory or check SJE Social Media for latest updates.

### WEEKDAY MASS

Monday—Friday: 7:00 a.m. + 12 Noon

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

(The 7 a.m. Daily Mass will be livestreamed.)

Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

## Come and know God's Mercy!

We celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**Monday—Friday:** After the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses

**Saturday:** After the 8 a.m. Mass

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. + 7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

**Sunday:** 5:30—5:45 p.m.

Confessions will now take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.

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

Please contact the Rectory (631.878.0009, x. 9) for a priest to  
celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with the  
seriously ill or those preparing for surgery.

## Give us a call!

A daily spiritual message is recorded each day for you to hear.

Call 631.878.0009, x. 185.

Share this with family members and friends who are homebound.

**March 7, 2021**

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

All are invited to pray the Rosary after Daily Mass in the Church. In addition we pray the Rosary via Zoom each morning at 10 a.m.

Zoom Online Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81729471841>

Meeting ID: 817 2947 1841

Passcode: 560995

Zoom Phone #: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Extra Rosary beads are available at the doors of the Church and Seton Chapel. Not sure how to pray the Rosary? Click [here](#)— or click here and pray online—[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtJM\\_V8scoo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtJM_V8scoo)

## **Come to know Mary, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**

The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed on Mondays after the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses.

Booklets are provided. We ask that you take the booklet and keep it, bringing it back each Monday. You can also view it online here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zfrp55orahg>.

## **Come to the quiet!**

The church building and Seton Chapel (located in the white convent building) are open from Monday - Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. + Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All who visit must sign in, wash their hands in the bathroom or use sanitizer before entering the worship space, and keep a safe social distance from others.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel Mondays —Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. All are invited to quiet times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament when the Church and Seton Chapel are open.

## **Come pray the Liturgy of the Hours!**

The communal celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours is postponed until further notice. Those who wish to pray may visit [univiersalis.com](http://univiersalis.com) or you can click [here](#) for Ibreviary. You may also download the app for your iphone or android device. Those who wish to pray may pick up a *Christian Prayer* book from the lobby of Seton Chapel to keep in these days



All are encouraged to stay connected with our local and global church through the Catholic Faith Network (CFN).

CFN is available on  
Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296,  
and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471  
and can be accessed via [catholicfaithnetwork.org](http://catholicfaithnetwork.org)