



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.

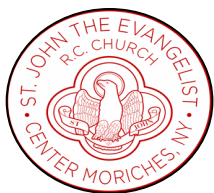
—Mission Statement



Easter Sunday 2020

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen!

-from the Easter Sequence



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

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

Come and pray with us!

SUNDAY MASS

Livestreamed via Facebook Live:

Saturday Evening—5 p.m./Sunday—8 a.m.

(Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)



WEEKDAY MASSES

Livestreamed via Facebook Live: 8 a.m. Monday—
Sunday

(Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

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

You may also text SJECEM to 555-888 to make your offering.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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

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

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

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

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Come and know God's healing of the sick!

Please contact the Rectory (631.878.0009) for a priest to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with the seriously ill or those preparing for surgery. If this is a serious medical emergency, please dial 631.878.0009 and press 9 or dial 516.220.0987. Your priests are here to serve you, most especially in these times.

Come and know God's mercy!

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

Come to the quiet!

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

Sunday—Friday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. + Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Come and spend some time with the Lord!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is postponed until further notice.

Come 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 unviersalis.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.

Come to know Mary, Our Lady Queen of Apostles

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

Not sure how to pray the Rosary? Click [here](#)— or click here and pray online—https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtJM_V8scoo



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

PRAYING AT HOME...With the Church!

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER IN THESE DAYS

Each day we ring the church bells at certain hours. They are a call to prayer for different groups of people impacted by the pandemic. Whether you can hear the bells or not, please consider taking a minute to stop and pray each day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (*Opus Dei*), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer. At times the dialogue is between the Church or individual soul and God; at times it is a dialogue among the members of the Church; and at times it is even between the Church and the world...The dialogue is always held, however, in the presence of God and using the words and wisdom of God. Each of the five canonical Hours includes selections from the Psalms that culminate in a scriptural proclamation. The two most important or hinge Hours are Morning and Evening Prayer. These each include a Gospel canticle: the Cantic of Zechariah from Luke 1:68-79 for Morning Prayer (known as the *Benedictus*), and the Cantic of Mary from Luke 1:46-55 for Evening Prayer (known as the *Magnificat*). The Gospel canticle acts as a kind of meditative extension of the scriptural proclamation in light of the Christ event. Morning and Evening Prayer also include intercessions that flow from the scriptural proclamation just as the Psalms prepare for it.

Liturgy of the Hours
Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!



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www.ebreviary.com

In the Hours, the royal priesthood of the baptized is exercised, and this sacrifice of praise is thus connected to the sacrifice of the Eucharist, both preparing for and flowing from the Mass.

-taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org.

**Consider downloading the iBreviary app to your device
or visiting sites like www.universalis.com or
scanning the QR code to the left.**

SIGNS OF EASTER HOPE!

SJE EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

Dear SJE Parish Family:

Happy Easter! Thank you for the many wonderful ways you have made these days easier for me as the pastor here at SJE. Never in my life—not only as a priest—did I imagine we would be church in the ways we have discovered. I have come across this phrase, “The Church has not been closed. It has been unleashed.” over the past few days. I cannot say I felt that in the early days of all of this. I am starting to see and to feel it a bit more now.

I hope we can become even more unleashed in the days ahead!

One of the “signs” of Easter is water! Traditionally, we baptize the Elect at the Vigil and we are blessed with holy water throughout the season of Easter. We want to come to bring that gift to you and your family in the days of Easter—the great 50 days! It will be a great way to connect in a more personal way—from six feet :)! We have tried hard to connect in other ways throughout these days.

So beginning in the second week of Easter, we are going to embark on blessing houses throughout the parish. Here is how I hope it will work! First, you need to sign up by **Sunday, April 19—the Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday**.

You can

- Sign up [here](https://forms.gle/v3x8taDc6gSQEfPBA)—<https://forms.gle/v3x8taDc6gSQEfPBA>
- E-mail me at jsureau@sjecm.org
- Leave a message in our general mailbox—631.878.0009 and press “0”.
- We will need your family’s name, phone #, email and, obviously, your address.

Second, what about being an evangelizer? Tell your neighbors about it and encourage them to sign up too!

Then, we will gather all of the information over these weeks and let you know which date and time we’ll be coming by. You’ll receive a message that says, “On Monday, April 41st, one of the priests of SJE will be visiting your area between the times of 1 and 4.” It’s sort of like when the cable repair person comes! We won’t be able to give an exact time.

On the day of blessing, you are asked to keep watch. If you would like your home and family blessed, wait in your doorway or on your porch. We will say a prayer with you and give a blessing while we stand in your walkway or driveway. **For safety purposes, we will not enter any homes, maintaining proper social distance as required by the authorities.**

Please be patient—it won’t be an “exact science” and is definitely a “work in progress”! My last parish invited their parishioners to be part of this and it was a great moment for the parishioners and the priests too!

We look forward to praying with you in these days of Easter from our home here on Ocean Avenue and now near yours as well! Happy Easter!



P.S. If you can bring some of your “garden spirit” to our parish, please think about it. See the next page for more info!

SEEDS OF EASTER HOPE!



HOLY GROUND GARDEN PROJECT

As we move into the Easter season, we want your help in beautifying our parish grounds, particularly in these days. This way, when we are ready to be open and in full operation, our grounds will look even more beautiful than they do already!



Here's how you and your family or group of friends or ministry can help! We are asking each family, ministry, individual or group of friends to begin taking care of a part of our parish's grounds by planting and maintaining that area for our parish and school!

It's as easy as 1...2...3...4...5...

1. Talk to your family or group of friends!
2. Decide where you would ideally like to have a piece of the land (Church, School, The Barn, Rectory, Convent). This year, we want to add spaces by the Thrift Shop and the Stations of the Cross (behind the school). Please understand we may not be able to meet everyone's request for a space!
3. Consider if there is someone you would like to plant in honor of—perhaps a member of your family or a parishioner or member of the school community—living or deceased.
4. Turn in this form or email (even better) your response to Sarah Dern at sdern11@gmail.com no later than April 26, 2020.
5. Look for directions and a specific spot assignment in the weeks ahead. With precautions in place for safety and security, we are uncertain of the exact date families will be able to come on the grounds. For now, we want to get as many set up as possible. Once we receive an all clear or permission for limited planting to happen, we will contact you via phone or email.

Yes! We are looking to plant some seeds (and plants and flowers) of hope) in the Easter season!

Name (Individual/Group/Ministry) _____

Best Phone # _____ Best E-mail _____@_____

We want to take care God's good and holy ground at SJE and OLQA in honor of _____

(We're hoping to make small signs for this—if you know how to do this, let Fr. John know!)

We are open but would love to plant and maintain near the...

____ Church ____ School ____ Red Barn ____ Convent Building ____ Rectory

SJE SHOPPING SERVICE

In an effort to better serve the members of our local community who are uncertain or unable to go out to shopping for basic essentials (food, pharmacy, etc.), SJE Parish Social Ministry has a crew of volunteers ready to assist with shopping.

All you need to do is go to our website or click [here](#)—

Or with this link:

<https://forms.gle/bVsfuAyjEaR6ZyQ7>

if you are viewing the bulletin online.

If you're not able to fill out the form online, call our PSM office by dialing 631.878.0009 and press 4.

Parishioners and friends who are customers at Ernie's Place and those who are not are eligible for this service.

If you are able to help by shopping for others, please email Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org.



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- 2 Select the collection of your choice.
- 3 Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

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New Arrival!



Please join us in congratulating Alex and Regina Finta on the birth of their first child, a baby girl! **Sadie Grace Finta** was born on March 27. All are happy and healthy!

Alex serves as director of our parish social ministry at SJE and is a social worker at OLQA, our Catholic School. We're grateful for his dedication to those in need in our community and are so happy to welcome his newborn daughter.

Let's pray for Sadie, Regina, and Alex and their family in these days!



Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion. As we approach Divine Mercy Sunday, all are encouraged to pray the chaplet. The Chaplet is traditionally prayed at 3 p.m. each day, marking the hour of Jesus' death on the cross, but can be prayed at any time.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.

2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

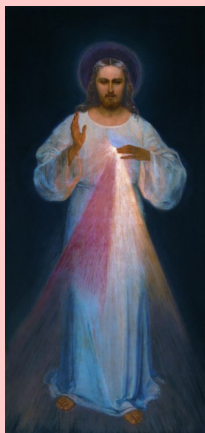
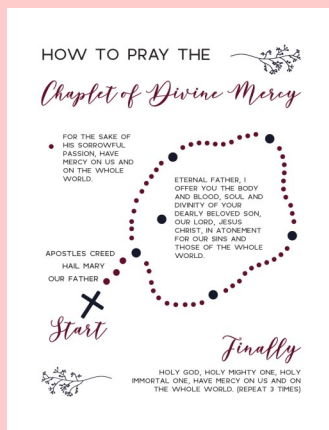
3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.

5. Conclude by reciting three times:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



Stewardship

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

• Psalm 116:2

Last Weekend (Palm Sunday) -TOTAL \$13,976.04

Envelopes: \$8496.04 Online Giving: \$5480.00 (as of 4/6/20)

Same Weekend (2019): TOTAL \$19,066.00

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

<https://stjohntheevangelistcm.weshareonline.org/>
or mail your envelopes to the parish office.

You can also text SJECM to 555-888.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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Communion to the Homebound: Kevin Both - counts2n2@aol.com

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – x. 173 – svdp@sjecm.org

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

Our office hours in the Red Barn are:

During these days, please call to make an appointment.

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

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

Alternative office hours can be given upon request of appointment.

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

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

Thrift Shop - Closed until further notice.

Self Help Support Groups

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

SJE STREET MINISTRY

As of today, April 6, 2020, the Street Ministry will attempt to serve those in need. We are consistently in need of donations. These donations can be left in the lobby of Seton Chapel and the Main Entrance of the Church.

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



Jelly + Blankets + Disposable razors + Women's underwear/socks + Quart zip lock bags + Toilet paper + (Dollar store) feminine hygiene pads

Financial donations or gift cards to places such as the Dollar Store or Walmart are most welcome too. Checks may be made payable to St. John the Evangelist and donations can be left in the Parish Office. Donations may be dropped off outside the Parish Office or in the locations listed above.

Thank you for your support of Parish Social Ministry, especially in these days.

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Easter Sunday

Vigil: The People of the Parish
8:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Katherine Thompson
Anthony Lombardo
James Indovino
Leonorina Quinn
Paulinus Barsaskas

Monday, April 13, 2020 Monday Within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Stephen Brooks + Kathleen Geiger

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 Tuesday Within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Stephen Brooks + Gregory Hammond

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 Wednesday Within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Andrea Duggan

Thursday, April 16, 2020 Thursday Within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Stephen Brooks

Friday, April 17, 2020 Friday Within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Roy Gaskill/Nancy Wardinski

Saturday, April 18, 2020 + Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Anthony and Gloria Profeta

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Vigil: Margaret and Peter Corcoran

8:00 a.m. John and Ida Carcich
Teresa DeFelippi

Comunidad Hispano de San Juan

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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

Teléfono: 1-631.878.0009

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

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

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

Requisitos:

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

THRIFT SHOP CLOSED!

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

Thank you for understanding.
Please spread the word!

