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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

(A Spanish translator is available on Tuesday evenings.)

St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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Facebook: Welcome Home-St. John the Evangelist

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Office of Youth Ministry (Located in School Auditorium Lobby): TBA
Parish Outreach (Located in Red Barn): 631-874-3617
Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional School: 631-878-1033



"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread." Luke 24:35

Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017

Come to the quiet!

Our Church is open most days from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 7 p.m., if not later. Take some time to open your heart to the voice of God in the silence of his house.

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. (Children), 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 5:30 p.m. (Life Teen)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. and 8:00a.m. + Thursdays — 12 Noon Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.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!

Thursdays: Immediately after the 12 Noon Mass until - 8:00 p.m.

Come to know Mary, Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

ROSARY: We pray the Rosary every day after Daily Mass in Our Lady's Chapel and on Sundays before the 7:30 a.m. Mass and after the Noon Mass.

MONDAYS + We pray the Miraculous Medal Novena after the 7 a.m. Mass at 6:45 p.m. in the Church on most Mondays, with the exception of holidays and whenever the parish is closed. The Holy Hour for Priests follows after the Novena on Monday evenings.

FIRST SATURDAYS + Confessions begin at 7:30 a.m., followed by Mass and devotions at 8 a.m. Afterwards is a continental breakfast in the cafeteria.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE!

St. John the Evangelist's WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES CELERBATION

Friday, May 12, 2017 7:00 p.m. Mass + Church

with Renewal of Your Wedding Vows Followed by an Anniversary Reception Dinner in the Auditorium

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage by celebrating your wedding anniversary!

We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2017 that is "on a five year mark,"

5 or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 years..

and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) –

You are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!

Invite your immediate family members as well! They are most welcome!

7)	WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM
	Last Name
	First Name of Husband First Name of Wife
	Years Married Date of Your Marriage
	Your Wedding Song
7)	Your Address
	Your Phone Number
	e-mail @
	Attending Reception: # of Adults # of Children
	Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory, or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. ALL REPLIES MUST BE TUESDAY, May 9, 2017. For more information or to learn how you can help, contact
7)	Christine Longo at 631.682.1196 or e-mail to welcomehome@sjecm.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Buildings...and Building a Vision

Dear Parish Family:

It can all be pretty overwhelming. Isn't that what happened to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus? So overwhelmed by all they had been through, they lost their vision. They couldn't recognize the Risen Christ in their midst. There's a lot happening at SJE this weekend. Today, we welcome Bishop Barres to St. John's to preside at the 12 Noon Mass and we pray with Lianne McCarron and Justina Lohnes as they are received into the Roman Catholic Church. Our Community Meal ministry hosts another meal for those in need of good food and good friendship. Also, this weekend, we prayed with more families in Level 2 who received Holy Communion for the first time. We are given glimpses of what hope the future of these works might bring while also seeing how we make use of so many parts of our parish's campus. It is awesome but it can all be pretty overwhelming.

Over the past two months, our Building and Grounds Committee, in addition to a few other volunteers, have been going through each of the eight buildings on our parish campus. I've asked them to do this so we can begin the process of making a list of priorities for what needs to be done in the months and years ahead (and, unfortunately, in the weeks ahead). We know already that in the next few weeks that a lift needs to be installed to access to sanctuary, the lights in the Church need to be replaced, the floors in our worship space need to be cleaned and renewed, the school building needs a new boiler and the wall on the Rectory garage building must be repaired before it collapses. For the past seven or eight months, we have been blessed by the presence of Charlie Beck and two additional workers who carry out the day to day maintenance of our buildings so that little issues don't become big problems. Your generosity in the regular collection (and by using the Parish Maintenance envelopes) helps to sustain this ongoing work. Our budget is going to take a hit this year as we try to address some of these maintenance projects that must be completed. I'll write to you about this in the weeks ahead. Buildings and the work they need require a lot of attention and maintenance. This can become overwhelming, potentially even blinding us (especially me) to the larger work of the Gospel.

More important than discussing the physical buildings is the necessity of building a vision for our parish community. St. John's is an amazing parish with so many good things happening as we try in whatever way we can to help those we meet and serve to know about the Risen Christ in our midst. Yet, we always need to have an eye on the long view. We need to look at where we are going as a parish community, where we will focus in the upcoming years, how we will use our resources—investing in some, maybe letting go of others and so on and so on. These are big questions that need a lot of time of prayer, reflection, discernment, and frankly, work. With this in mind, we held the first meeting of the Pastoral Council at St. John's this past Tuesday evening. The Pastoral Council will primarily be responsible for helping St. John's to focus our mission and form our vision. They will work on developing a mission statement as well as a Pastoral Plan for the future of our parish. Each one of us will be invited to be part of these processes but we're going to rely on the Pastoral Council to lead us. The members of the Pastoral Council are: Kelly Barna, Allyson Boyle, Patti LeBlanc, Peter Leuthardt, Matthew McCarthy, Joseph McDonald, Renee Mintel, Trudi Norton, Matthew Pomaro, Louis Rinaldi, Bruny Cameron, Father Suglia and Angela Werner. Our first meeting included great conversation about where have been, what strengths we have been blessed with here at SJE and some of our dreams for the future. Please pray for the Pastoral Council as they begin the work of building a vision for our parish.

The truth is, as I wrote above, all of this can be pretty overwhelming. It's easy, like the disciples in today's reading, to get so overwhelmed with all that is happening (Luke 24:14-15) —from worrying about the buildings to looking to the future. Let's trust, especially through our celebration of the eucharist, we might continue to recognize the Risen Christ in the many parts of our parish's life. Then,

like those disciples, with our "hearts burning within us" we can bring this good news to all we meet (Luke 24:32). Now that's a vision to build on!

SOMETHING NEW @ SJE!

SJE Vacation Bible Camp



Take your kids to the Maker Fun Factory, where they'll spend a week at SJE of fun, faith, friendship and family!

Monday, July 24 – Friday, July 28, 2016 9 A.M. to 12 Noon

CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM

(Camp is for Nursery age—approximately age 4 — through Grade 4)

Return form to Parish Office with a check for \$65 per child Please make checks payable to St. John the Evangelist. (Two children: only \$120; Three children: \$165)

Child's First Name	Last Name	
Date of Birth Age	Last Name Grade Level (in September 2017)	
Full Names of Parents/Guardians _		
Family Address (Street, Town, Zip)	:	
Home E-mail	(a).	
Phone #		RETURN TO RECTORY, IN
Cell #		THE COLLECTION BASKET
Parish (if not SJE)		OR IN THE FAITH
Parish (if not SJE) T-Shirt Size XS S M	L XL	FORMATION OFFICE.
Please indicate any health problems	<u> </u>	Office Use Only Date Received Amount Received:
	ON DEADLINE: 2, 2016	Ck #

VBC UPDATES...

Get ready for an amazing summer adventure that includes times of great faith, fun and friendship!

Right now, we are in the planning phases and need help in planning and organizing VBC! We are need people who are good at arts and crafts, food, games, organizing, leading a skit and the like! There's something for everyone!

For more information, contact Michelle Pirraglia at mpirraglia@sjecm.org, Michael Clauberg at mclauberg@sjecm.org or Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org. Our first planning meeting is happening soon!

SOMETHING NEW @ SJE!



SJE Vacation Bible Camp

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FORM

We need volunteers all ages – from middle school to high school to young adult to adult to very adult – to make our Fun Factory even more productive! Volunteers are needed to lead groups, welcome campers, work "behind the scenes" and much, much more!

NameAddress	vork "behind the scenes" and much, much more!
Phone	
E-mail	<u></u> @
For Youth Offerers: Grade in school (Sept. 2017) Name of school	For Adult Offerers: Are you VIRTUS TRAINED? YESNO T-shirt size:
T-shirt size: Youth OR Adult S M L XL	S M L XL What areas can you specifically help us in?
Youth offerers must attend each day of camp (July 20-24). There is a \$15 fee for all youth offerers/camp counselors to cover the cost of supplies!	Arts and CraftsFun and GamesHospitalitySet Up/Decorating (Would take place prior to camp beginning)First AidI'll do whatever is needed.

OFFERER APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 2, 2017



FUN FACTORY WORKERS, i.e. YOU!,
ARE NEEDED and WANTED this Summer!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Michael Clauberg + mclauberg@sjecm.org

Director of Youth Ministry

Boy Scouts: Pat Hahn TroopPack800@aol.com

Cub Scouts: Michael Hayes + cubscoutpack0800@gmail.com **EDGE (Middle School Youth Ministry):** youth@sjecm.org

Life Teen (High School Youth Ministry): Michael Clauberg + mclauberg@sjecm.org

SJE Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau + jsureau@sjecm.org

Young Adult Ministry: youth@sjecm.org

Office Hours

Sundays: Hours vary with Sunday

Masses

Mondays: 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Tuesdays:** 7:30 to 11:00 a.m./

7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Thursdays:** 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



CALLING
ALL TEENAGERS
FOR
AN EXPERIENCE
OF A LIFE TIME!



WHAT: HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE

WHERE: SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

WHEN: JULY 21, 22 & 23 of 2017.

<u>WHY:</u> To join 2500 other teenagers for an awesome conference/Retreat!

HOW: E-Mail Mike Today or come down to youth Ministry on Sunday Nights from 7-8:30 to get more details!

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: MAY 28, 2017



Calling all Middle Schoolers! (6th,7th & 8th grade)

MONTH OF MAY IS GOING TO BE AWESOME! 7:00-8:30 P.M.







E-Mail Youth@SJECM.ORG for any questions!



<u>CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL</u> <u>STUDENTS!</u>

SUNDAY NIGHTS IS YOUR NIGHT!

5:30 p.m. Youth Mass 7:00-8:30 (Youth Ministry Night) Doors open @ 6:30 P.M.

EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT @ ST. JOHN'S.

QUESTIONS: E-MAIL MIKE AT MCLAUBERG@SJECM.ORG

CONNECT WITH OTHER TEENAGERS!





MAY— The Month of Mary



May Crowning Celebration Monday, May 15, 2017

6:45 p.m.—Novena Prayer 7:00 p.m.—Solemn Evening Prayer

Come join us to honor Our Lady at a special Evening Prayer and May Crowning Celebration on Monday, May 15th.

Wine and Cheese reception following the prayer service. All are welcome!

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia!



We're almost there!!! Please help us go over the top this week!

2017 SJE Challenge Goal - \$130,000

Parish Down payment: \$	Balance: \$_		
Name			
Address		City, State, Zip	
Phone:	E-mail		
Donor Signature:		Date:	
Place in weekly collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office or Visit www.drvc.org/cma to make your donation. Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal			

FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-4141 / Fax: 631-874-6065 / Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 12Noon-5:00PM Saturday by appointment only



Registration Begins June 12, 2017

St. John the Evangelist's Religious Education program serves our parish youth (nearly 1,800 students), beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Registration for the 2017-18 academic year will begin in June this year (Monday, June 12, 2017). Those who are entering Grade 1, as well as those with children who may not have been in religious education for awhile, are welcome to register this June. For families already in our program, you will be notified about your child's class

placement via email and through a mailing over the summer.

To register in our Faith Formation program, please bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate (or a copy of their birth certificate if they were not baptized). Please also be sure that you are a registered member with our parish. If you aren't already, please contact the rectory at 631-878-0009.

Catechist Meeting: Thursday, May 4

All present and future catechists are invited to our end-of-the-year catechist gathering on Thursday, May 4 @ 7:00PM in the Auditorium. Important information about next year's class schedules will be discussed, so please make every effort to attend. If you are interested in becoming a catechist, you are also welcome!

First Holy Communion

We have begun celebrating our 1st Communions this spring. We look forward to the rest of our 1st Communions, which are scheduled from now through June. If you have any questions regarding your child's 1st Communion rehearsal or Mass date, please contact the office.

Home Study – All Unit Tests Due

For those on Home Study, all unit tests are due. If we do not receive all of your child's tests, they will not be able to receive credit for the academic year. We will be turning over to the new academic year



shortly, so please be sure we have your child's tests ASAP. Please email unit tests to: <u>tests@sjecm.org</u>. They may also be faxed to 631-874-6065 or dropped off during our office hours. If you mail them, please mail copies. Please note that we are no longer sending paper receipts. If you would like a receipt, please email the test to <u>tests@sjecm.org</u> and you will receive an automatic receipt.

Help Wanted: Can You Give Back?

Are you looking for a way to serve our community? We are always looking for parishioners to help teach our young people about the faith. You don't have to be a theologian —simply have a desire to share the faith and be willing to relate it to our youth. Can't make a weekly commitment? Perhaps you can be a part of our substitute catechist group! If you are interested, please contact us at 631-878-4141 or via email at mpirraglia@sjecm.org.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM + aberendes@sjecm.org + Director of Parish Social Ministry
Ministry of Consolation: Eve O'Brien—eveobrien@optonline.net
Helen Williams—hannah51@optonline.net

Communion to the Homebound: Sister Ann Berendes, IHM Community Meal: Fr. John Sureau—jsureau@sjecm.org
Homeless Outreach: Alex Finta—afinta@sjecm.org
Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—msikora@sjecm.org

We're here to help

Our parish, overall, and our parish social ministry, specifically, are here to serve you in any way we can. If you are in need, please reach out to us at St. John's.

A great place to start is the Outreach Office coordinated by Sister Ann and our amazing volunteer ministers. Our Outreach Office is located in the Red Barn. Please call to make an appointment so we can connect you to our services here at SJE or link you to other services. **NEVER BE**EMBARRASSED to reach out. We may not be able to address every need. If we can't, we'll try to connect to someone who can assist you. Please always reach out to us here at SJE!

Office Hours

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Monday—Friday (Please call for an appointment.)

Food Pantry

Monday evenings: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m + Thursday afternoons: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thrift Shop

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SJE STREET MINISTRY TAKES A NEW TURN!

This week, we read the reflection of one our parish's Street Ministry members:

"The street ministry crew has been heading out every Thursday evening for the past seven weeks to serve those in need in our local area. Until last week, our opportunities to do so have been limited. On Thursday, April 20th, the street ministry crew finally experienced the awesome privilege of meeting our brothers and sisters in Christ in such a way that very positive connections are being made. Our commitment to visiting the same locations at the same times each and every week in an effort to establish our group as a dependable source of acceptance, compassion and support may have allowed this ministry to turn the corner this week.

Last Thursday we connected with six people in different situations. With each person we engaged in heartfelt conversation and begin the groundbreaking work of establishing a trusting relationship. God's presence has been constant and the gifts of His Spirit undeniable. Please continue to lift those we have met in prayer. Their needs are many. Please offer prayers of thanksgiving for the many blessings this ministry has already brought in so many different ways. Thank you for your financial support and for responding to our requests for the donation of specific items. The generosity of our parish family is truly amazing! You will continue to be in our prayers and please keep us in yours."

At this time, we could use the following items:

- Socks: men and women NEW
- Underwear: Men NEW
- Face/washcloths
- Sun tan lotion (if possible, travel sized)
- Baseball caps
- Men's t-shirts

(Financial donations are always welcome and checks can be made payable to St. John the Evangelist.)

If you would like to volunteer and/or donate any of the above items, please contact Alex Finta at afinta@sjecm.org or leave a message in the Parish Office.

helpina the homeless

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Parish Social Ministry Memorial Cards NOW AVAILABLE

This is one way to honor one who has passed away. These cards allow you to express your sympathy while also benefitting the less fortunate in our local community. Each month we will celebrate Mass for all those remembered via the Memorial Cards. The names of those remembered will be periodically included in the bulletin. The memorial offering made will benefit Parish Outreach, our Homeless Initiative, Food Pantry and Thrift Shop and the many works of Parish Social Ministry at SJE.

To obtain a parish social ministry memorial card, visit the Rectory Office during regular hours or Parish Outreach from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact Sister Ann in the Parish Social Ministry Office.

COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

"When you give a banquet, invite the poor...and you will be blessed..."

-Luke 14:13



Do you know someone in need? Someone who can use some fellowship and a good meal?

Would you invite someone to our Community Meal and/or consider coming yourself?

Our second Community Meal is

TODAY—Sunday, April 30, 2017 1:00 p.m. + OLQA School Auditorium

Would you like to help us in this effort? Donations, meals, supplies are always needed!

For more information reach out to Cheryl Montor at chrlmod7@hotmail.com
to sign up and help!

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

On Mother's Day weekend—May 13th and 14th, St. John the Evangelist parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island. The Life Center is a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men



who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

Did you know what they provide? Here are some ideas:

- Free pregnancy test kits
- Maternity housing referrals with eligibility requirements
- Sonograms by a licensed physician when necessary
- · Crisis intervention counseling
- Pre-natal & post-natal guidance
- Material aid such as cribs, car seats, diapers, etc.
- Referral assistance for: continuing education & employment opportunities

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your change. Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle.

The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortionminded women to call The Life Center in the first place.

Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our unborn children.

For more information, please call Maria Sikora at 631-801-2306 or e-mail to msikora@sjecm.org.

Use Your IRA for Your Gift Now and/or for Your Estate Gift!



If you would like to make a gift now using your Ira and if:

- 1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
- 2. Your IRA is a traditional or Roth
- 3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

If you would like to make an Estate gift:

You can make your Parish a beneficiary of your IRA and your loved ones will not have to pay income tax on their proceeds.

Example: Mrs. O'Brien, age 80, must take a required minimum distribution of \$25,000 this year from her IRA. She wants to use the funds to make her contribution to her Parish Capital Campaign. She instructs her IRA Custodian to transfer these funds directly to the Parish. Mr. O'Brien escapes both federal and state tax. Mrs. O'Brien also decides to make her Parish the beneficiary of her IRA in her estate plan and leave other assets to her loved ones. She chooses this gift strategy because her loved ones would have to pay income tax on her IRA proceeds.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

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 – 9 PM

Santa Misa: Sábados - 7:30 PM

Confesiones: Sábado - 7:00 PM en la Iglesia **Bautismos:** Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia y Cuarto Sábado de cada mes durante la misa.

Clases pre-bautismos es el segundo martes de cada mes.

Locación – en el Convento (la casa blanca) 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
- 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: Domingo 7:30Pm en la Iglesia.

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

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—beginning March 1st—\$25.00 per week

Devotional Candles

These candles remain burning for approximately one week. They bring an added beauty to our Church and highlight the beautiful. An offering of \$15.00 allows these candles to burn each week.

- •Sanctuary Lamp—located in the Sanctuary which informs us that the Blessed Sacrament is present.
- •Sacred Heart Candle—located in the Southeast corner of the Church
- •Blessed Mother Candle—located in the Northeast corner of the Church
- •St. Joseph Candle—located in the Northwest corner of the Church
- •St. Gerard Majella Candle—located in the Southwest corner of the Church

Stewardship

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

• Psalm 116:2

Sunday 4/23/17: \$15,029 (2016: \$12,506) 4/16/17 Poor Box: \$203

(directly support the work of Parish Social Ministry)

4/16/17 Votive / Candles: \$322

Each week, we provide envelopes for specific areas of parish life. This allows us to focus our stewardship in certain areas. Ideally, we would love to have a strong regular collection which would make these envelopes unnecessary. Next week, please make use of the Catholic Schools envelope and/or place your offering in the regular collection.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 2:14A, 36-41 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 23: 1-3A, 3B4, 5, 6

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20B-25

You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of vour souls.

Gospel: John 10:1-10 *I am the gate for the sheep.*

Discussion Questions

- 1. What does the word conversion mean? Is conversion a once-in-a-lifetime experience or is it ongoing? Explain. Who needs conversion? Name the things that conversion involves besides a change of behavior.
- 2. Christ's innocence and lack of vengeance show us what God's love is like. Where do you find strength to endure your suffering? Can suffering be an occasion of grace?
- 3. When flocks were mingled together, each flock would recognize the sound of their own shepherd's voice and come to him, ignoring other shepherds. Can you discern in your life, which "voice" belongs to the Good Shepherd?



What can I do here?

OUTSIDE Art and Environment

Many have commented on the beauty of the Church for the Easter season. How blessed are we with a wonderful Art and Environment (A & E) Ministry to make our worship space so beautiful. Now, we want to take work on some of the outside grounds of the Church.

We have a local landscaper/gardener who is willing to assist us but would need dedicated people—like you! - to help maintain and manage plants and bushes, etc.

So do you have a green thumb (or are willing to work with someone who does)? Then Outside A & E might be the ministry for you. Please contact Fr. John (631.878.0009/jsureau@sjecm.org) so we can form the group and get going on this project for the good of our parish. This is a great project for families and friends to work on together!



PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

MUSIC MINISTRY @ SJE!

The readings for today's liturgies are found at # 1082 in the Worship hymnal

The psalm for today's liturgies is found at #93 in the Worship Hymnal.

Scheduled Hymns for 4/29 and 4/30

Entrance Hymn: #516, Jesus Christ is Risen Today

<u>Preparation Hymn:</u> #506, Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

Communion Hymn: #928, Come to the Banquet

Closing Hymn: #496, Christ the Lord is Risen

Today

JOIN SJE MUSIC MINISTRY!

Children's Choir

Stephanie Lengyel—SLLEngyel@gmail.com—Practice Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

<u>Adult Choir</u>— Sister Ann Berendes, IHMaberendes@sjecm.org

Practice Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

<u>Life Teen Music Ministry</u>–

Tess Austin—

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Practice at 4 p.m. on Sundays



THE SOUND OF SILENCE

"Silence makes us whole if we let it. Silence helps draw together the scattered and dissipated energies of a fragmented existence."

—Thomas Merton, Love and Living, 43

As we come to liturgy, we are now called to silence before we begin the Celebration of the Eucharist at each Sunday Mass. Approximately three minutes before each Mass, a brief announcement will be made calling us to this quiet. In addition to not speaking, please refrain from reading the bulletin or preparing your hymnal or even carrying out any other devotional prayer. Use this time of quiet to pray and prepare for Mass.

In addition to our quiet before liturgy, consider bringing some quiet into your own life. Come to the Church for quiet prayer throughout the day, create some time for silence at home or in the car or wherever you can.

We Believe

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

-Rite of Baptism, 2

Our Newly Baptized

Juliette Mary Onorato, Annabelle Jules Barron, Jaxon Fritz Flores, Parker Geoffrey Pace, Lennin Grace May, Nathan Liam Quinn, Ursula Morales Garcis

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 III. Derek Haase and Elizabeth Mazzarella

We Remember...

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

-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass Noreen M. Glynn

We Pray...

"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials..."

-1 Peter 1:6

Arthur Cunningham, Peggy Lafferty, Mary Dickey Julius DeCotis, Marie Gordon, Kathleen Birmingham

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 ones name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org

Praying for our Military

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

US Army

Sgt. Justin Sikorski

US Air Force

Lt. Col. Stephen D'Amico, SSgt. Jason M. Hermes SRA Ryan Kerstiens, SRA Timothy Kerstiens

US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes, Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado. L/Cpl. Quentin Montemarano LCL Andrew Schlosberg

US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr.

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

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK					
RBMR—Red Barn—1st Floor Meeting Room RBUR—Red Barn Upper Room					
Monday, May 1, 2017					
6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR			
Tuesday, M	·				
6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR			
9:30 a.m.	Scripture Study	RBMR			
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	RBUR			
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church			
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR			
Wednesday	, May 3, 2017				
6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR			
9:30 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop			
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church			
6:00 p.m.	Troop 800 Cub Scout Meeting	Cafeteria			
7:00 p.m.	Life Teen Middle School	Auditorium			
7:00 p.m.	Parish Baptismal Class	RBMR			
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	RBUR			
7:00 p.m.	Troop 800 Boy Scout Meeting	Cafeteria			
Thursday, I	May 4, 2017				
6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR			
9:00 a.m.	Sisters of Life	Prayer Room			
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR			
6:30 p.m.	Troop 800 Committee Meeting	Faculty Rm.			
7:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Catechesis	Auditorium			
Friday, Ma	y 5, 2017				
6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR			
9:00 a.m.	Sisters of Life	Prayer Room			
Saturday, M	Iay 6, 2017				
6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR			
8:00 a.m.	First Saturday Devotions	Cafeteria			
9:00 a.m.	Sisters of Life	Prayer Room			
9:00 a.m.	FF First Communion	Auditorium			
Sunday, Ma					
6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR			
8:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Men's)	RBMR			
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7:00 p.m.	Life Teen/HS Youth Ministry	Auditorium			
7:00 p.m.	PreCana	Prayer Room			
7:30 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Church			

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	MASS SCHEDULE		
	Monday, May 1, 2017		
Easter Wee St. Joseph t			
7:00 a.m.	Daniel Hickey		
8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Congema		
Tuesday, M			
	ius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		
7:00 a.m.	Daniel Joseph Hickey		
8:00 a.m.	Edward Garzero		
	y, May 3, 2017 o and James, Apostles		
7:00 a.m.	Theresa Pirro		
8:00 a.m.	Robert Walsh		
Thursday, N Easter Wee	May 4, 2017		
7:00 a.m.	Linda Schlosberg		
8:00 a.m. 12 noon	Edward Garzero James Pritt		
	Friday, May 5, 2017 Easter Weekday		
7:00 a.m.	Those remembered in Easter Spiritual Bouquet		
8:00 a.m.	Ellen Marciano		
Saturday, May 6, 2017 Easter Weekday			
8:00 a.m.	Roseanne Hoss		
F	ourth Sunday of Easter		
Mass of An	Mass of Anticipation		
5:00 p.m.	Howard Ostermeyer		
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available		
Sunday			
7:30 a.m.	Jean Lafley		
9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the DeFelippi Family		
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
12:00 p.m.	Vincent Fiore		
5:30 p.m.	Donald Collins		