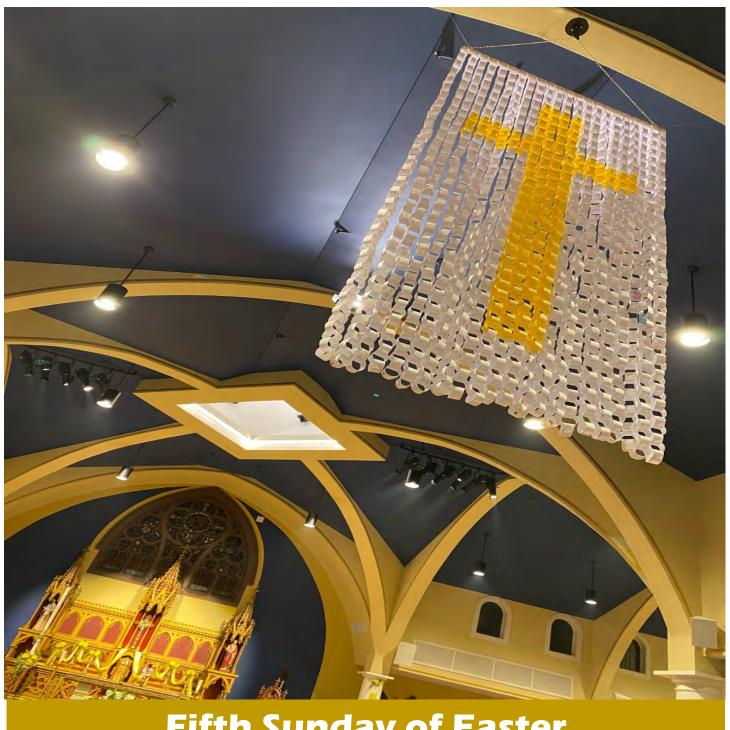


St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter
"Do not let your hearts be troubled..." -John 14:1



St. John the Evangelist

"Virtual" Events Calendar

EVERY DAY EVENTS

Sunday and Mass

Visit our Facebook page: <u>CLICK HERE</u> or go to www.facebook.com/WelcomeHomeStJohn

Daily Mass: Monday-Saturday, 8AM

Sunday Liturgies: Saturday Vigil Mass @ 5PM / Sunday @ 8AM

Daily Rosary – 10AM, Zoom Gathering (Online or Phone)

Zoom Link: CLICK HERE

Zoom Phone: +1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 817 2947 1841

Daily Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) - 6:30PM, Zoom Gathering (Online or Phone)

Zoom Link: CLICK HERE

Zoom Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 829 7100 0264 / Password: 6318780009

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday—Gospel Reflection featuring special guests (Facebook / YouTube)

- Children's Liturgy of the Word—Gospel Reflection for kids! (Facebook/YouTube)

Visit Our YouTube Channel: CLICK HERE

Monday – Miraculous Medal Novena – YouTube Channel - <u>CLICK HERE</u>
- "Monday's with Fr. Michael" — Weekly reflections by Fr. Michael

(YouTube/Facebook)

Tuesday – Choir Practice – 7PM — View on Facebook Live

Wednesday - Live at 5PM with Fr. John and Friends - Zoom Gathering

Zoom Online Link: CLICK HERE

Zoom Phone #: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 852 3342 4397 / Password: 6318780009

Thursday - Adult Faith Formation Course w/Seminarian Joe Catafago @

12:30PM-Zoom Gathering (Last Class: May 14)

Zoom Online Link: CLICK HERE

Zoom Phone #: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 862 3705 0092 / Password: 6318780009

Friday – East End Holy Hour – 3PM – View on Facebook Live









SIGNS OF EASTER HOPE!

The Way, The Truth, The Life

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Dear Parish Family:

The first line in today's Gospel, at various times, causes me to look up to the heavens with an eye roll. "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Seriously? Do you not see what is happening here?

It is a Gospel reading that is chosen frequently for funerals. I often feel the same in some of those moments. In this time of grief, "do not let your hearts be troubled" can seem like some simple, trite line of comfort.

Thomas feels it too, no? Jesus gives us this beautiful reflection and assurance. Don't worry. I am the way and truth and the life. Thomas isn't totally buying in yet. My paraphrase: "What do you mean? We have no idea where you're going. How can we know the way?"

I feel a lot like Thomas these days. My prayer, and even at times my work, is often sharing some of those feelings. Where are we going Lord? What is going to come from all of this? What do you want of me?

How will we be as a country and world? Will we lose our focus on the gift of life for the sake of material security? How many more will be in need because of illness, unemployment, abandonment, marginalization? Will we ever see a time when unity might really happen in our world and our country as people start to take their sides in one debate or another?

How about our Church? Even now, some of the same old divisions are creeping in. How are we going to come together? How different will our celebration of the Eucharist be in the months ahead and when? When will be able to offer the sacrament of reconciliation regularly again? How are we going to keep our focus on mission—of coming to know Christ more deeply so we can bring his Light to the world? How can we care for those who cannot get here now and those who will not be able to be here in the future because of this pandemic? What about the increasing need among us while the resources are a little more limited than they used to be?

I pray the worries my worries about young people. Virtual learning is working but there are vital components missing in the teaching relationship. There is a powerful strain on families and teachers and students (and principals :)! How do Catholic schools—who are doing an exceptional job in these days—come through this? What will September look like?

I see the struggle in myself and in others. I see the longing for people to no longer be distant and feel it in myself. I see the risks of isolation for people young and old. I hear the strain these times put on families and friendships and relationships. I have encountered the agony caused by pain and violence and abuse in these days. I hear regularly of the anxiety and financial strain on so many. I see the pain of a complicated grief that can't be ministered to in our regular ways.

Indeed, the Lord and I are having a good go around in these days.

Perhaps, like you, sometimes I just want to avoid the conversation. Yet, I find myself drawn to it. Sometimes it's when I go to lock the Church at night or just sitting quietly in Seton Chapel when going from one building to another or sitting early in the morning in my room in the Rectory or walking alone in the community.

I don't get answers. Neither did Thomas.

There was no plan, no working group, no commission to discern the way. It's pretty simple, "Follow

me. You'll be OK. I'm all you need."

Start there and together we can figure out the rest.

Then, I'm a little better able to see. A family reaches out and says "Come to our 'Social Distance Around the Fire' gathering tonight, Fr. John. The phone rings and there is time to talk to someone. The third grade in the school donates tons of meat so we can serve the poor this week (picture to the left). A friend reaches out at just the right time. A silence brings peace.

No answers to the questions. They are signs of consolation that the Lord is walking with us showing us the way, the truth, and the life. Let's keep praying pray for each other in these days.

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GUIDED IN RIGHT PATHS

Thanks to all who came to pray with us last Sunday. It was a morning of true grace and blessing in the life of our parish as we encountered the Blessed Sacrament and one another. Indeed, the Lord is our Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want! (Thank you, too, for your incredible generosity towards Ernie's Place, our Food Pantry ministry.)















OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL The Catholic School in Center Moriches

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On Friday, we had a bittersweet day! We learned that we will not return to our school building for the remainder of the year. Then we all gathered together for our student and family caravan as they were greeted by each of their teachers. Students and families also brought food for Ernie's Place. The "family of families" stays strong at The Catholic School in Center Moriches. (*Photo credit: Greg Shemitz*)













Nurses Day

OLQA celebrated Nurses' Day on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. We congratulated Mrs. Gerri Plechner, OLQA's School Nurse for being honored as the Suffolk County School Nurse Association's Zone 2 winner of the Excellence in School Nursing Award. Mrs. Plechner (pictured to the right) is



an incredible gift to our school and parish community. (She's also a regular volunteer in the Street Ministry!) In addition, we welcomed Mrs. Carol Gordon (pictured to the left), a nurse from Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip, to tell us about the mission of nursing in a Catholic hospital. God bless our nurses and who bring healing to those in need!



SAVE THE DATES!

OLQA VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

An opportunity for students and parents to learn more about the Catholic School in Center Moriches! Week of May 18th!

Check out next week's bulletin for more information!

Applications begins accepted for the 2020-21 School Year!

OLQA SIGNS!



If it's a beautiful day and you're going for a walk, look for our new OLQA signs!

Would you be willing to put a sign advertising OLQA on your lawn? If so, please e-mail Fr. John at jsureau@olqany.org.

Thank you for your help in letting everyone know about the "family of families" at OLQA!

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We are into the "make up" days of our house blessings! Do you still want your house blessed? If so, email Mike Walsh at mwalsh@sjecm.org or call 631.878.0009. Thank you for the privilege of praying with you!

Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise. Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the paschal lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

IF YOU ARE IN NEED, PLEASE REACH OUT

If we are unable to assist you directly, we will be more then 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.

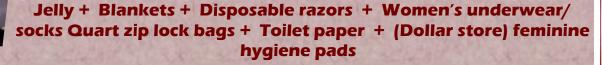
Self Help Support Groups

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 29, 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:



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.

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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!



SJE SHOPPIMG SERVICE

In an effort to better serve the members of our parish 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 use this link:

https://forms.gle/bVsfiuAyjEaR6ZyO7 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 Alex Finta at afinta@sjecm.org.

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Join St John the Evangelist email list!

Just send your email address by text message:

Text SJE

to 22828 to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.

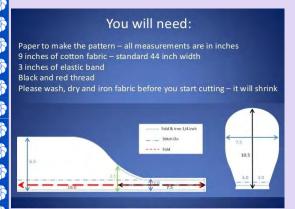
CAN YOU HELP OUR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS?

Make a mask!

We are asking all parishioners who are able to begin making masks for our health care providers in our local area. You can get a sample pattern here: https://freesewing.org/docs/patterns/fu/instructions/

(We have printed these directions and will leave them at the doors of the church and in the lobby of Seton Chapel.)





Make a Scrub Cap!

Check out the following video for a step-by-step explanation: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=mb9SnhhdcFM



Loving God,
as a mother gives life
and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as
Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and
love shine forth.
Grant that we,
their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Stewardship

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

• Psalm 116:2

Effective with this bulletin, we will publish collection totals by month. You are so good and so generous and we are so blessed! Envelopes arrive in the mail different times and can skew each week (positively or negatively). I believe reporting by month is a more accurate way to report to you about the financial situation of our parish. Please see totals for April 2020. Thank you for your incredible support!

2020 Sunday Weekly	23,762.00
2019 Sunday Weekly	48,562.58
2020 Palm Sunday	13,976.04
2019 Palm Sunday	19,066.00
2020 Easter	\$54,666.00
2019 Easter	\$53,003.00
Total April 2020	\$92,404.04
Total April 2019	\$120,631.58

PRAYING FOR AND WITH

We Pray...

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

-1 Peter 1:6

Larry Kelly, Joe DiMilia, Anne Minnelli, Larry Farrell, Fabian Ruiz, Francis Lane, Anne Mariano, Jason Wahl, Diana Blinn, George Blinn, Joyce Smith, Genevieve Counler, Francis Quinn, Lorraine Wacher, Rita Ramelstill, Suzanne Lunde, Roberta Haughey, Jillian Gruber, Maryann Grimm, Nicholas Sarubbi, Leonard Mecca, Philip J. Fusaro, Tommy Lannan, Kristin Salvo, Nora Farrell, Virginia Kane, Matthew Iaccarino, Jeffrey Alt, Domenick Maragna, Virginia Kane, Glenn Probeyan, and Sophie Fesnick

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

- TEXT **SJECM** TO **555888** or visit **stjohntheevangelistcm.com** and click **Give Online.**
- 2 Select the collection of your choice.
- Choose a payment option and customize your donation.



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Many have asked if they can still pray for someone at Mass during these days of the live stream Mass and our adjusted schedule. The answer is, YES! In addition to the masses that live streamed, additional masses are offered each day. All you need to do is contact Maria Sikora at 631.878.0009 or email to rectory@sjecm.org. She will work with you to set the proper day and time.

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. For more information contact Maria Sikora at msikora@sjecm.org.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vigil: Helen Scheu

5:00 p.m.

8:00 A.M. Eric Bennett

People of the Parish John M. Rappold Helen Smith Ginette Bouchard

Monday, May 11 2020 Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Jeff Rogers

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Easter Weekday- St. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

8:00 a.m. Vera Montalbano

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Easter Weekday- Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 a.m. | Chelsea Decaminada

Thursday, May 14, 2020 St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Tommy Heilig

Friday, May 15, 2020 + Easter Weekday- St. Isidore

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Croccia

Saturday, May 16, 2020 + Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Helen Mahon

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Vigil: Helen Mahon 8:00 A.M. Anthony Mattiolo

> People of the Parish Daniel DeRienzis Carol Liguori

Comunidad Hispano de San Juan

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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Moriches, NY 11934 **Teléfono:** 1-631.878.0009

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

sia.

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 prebautismal (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 (Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos): Padre Michael 1-631.878.0009

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









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St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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 SJECM 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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
(in the Blue House)

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

May 10, 2020

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 <u>any scheduled or communal way</u> out of concern for your health and safety. Those in need of the sacrament should contact the Parish Office. If there is a case of emergency and necessity for the sacrament of Confession, please reach out to the parish – 631.878.0009 and one of our priests will return your call as quickly as we can. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO LEAVE YOUR NAME.** Simply leave a phone # and a priest will return your call. 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—Thursday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m. to 2:30 and 4:30 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 postposed 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 or scan the QR code to the left.

You may also download the app for your iphone or android device. Those 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. 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.)



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 catholic faithnetwork.org