

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



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved" -Wisdom 12:17

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Good Ground for Hope

BACK TO JAIL

Dear Parish Family:

As I write to you today I am getting ready to go back to jail. Don't be scandalized! Soon after being ordained a priest, I offered to assist the Prison Ministry of the Diocese of Rockville Centre and have celebrated Masses and heard confessions in the jails in Nassau and Suffolk. It is an honor and a privilege (and as I have preached about—no one comes late, no one leaves early!).

In preparing the homily for the Mass (which is celebrated on Thursdays), I am taken by the Gospel images in this chapter of parables from the Gospel of Matthew. The images speak to me, at least today, of a



God who is going to hold on as long as he can, a God who is going to do whatever he can to make us produce good fruit. I think of those I will pray with this week. At first glance, weeds who have erred, failed or fallen and destined for a negative end.

Whenever I leave these experiences of Mass I walk away with some different feelings. First, I say to myself, "there but for the grace of God go I." Whenever I am tempted to judge or condemn or roll my eyes or offer disdain, I think of how many times I have failed and fallen. Second, I leave humbled because there are many "mustard seed" moments. There is the gratitude offered, the honesty of brokenness freely offered, the openness to hear God's Word in many of the men and women I have encountered. Third, I leave spent. There is a certain exhaustion that overtakes me when I get back in the car. Perhaps unconsciously it is pent up fear or anxiety or the effort and energy required to engage in these encounters. I'm not totally sure. Fourth, I leave with hope. For some, maybe this will be the last time in jail. For others, maybe this will be their time of repentance and conversion. For others, maybe it is the wake up call they finally needed.

I know there are many interpretations of the first parable we will proclaim at Mass this weekend. I always come back to the sense that God is holding on...let the weeds grow, let's see if we can make something happen here, let's hold on. While there will be a final judgment, God is going see if we can finally open up to his Spirit, "the Spirit who comes to the aid of our weaknesses" (Romans 8:26). There is always the hope of repentance.



I do not pay too much attention to the news in these times. I do know, though, that recent Supreme Court decisions have left us in the Catholic Church in the United States in some interesting places. We find hope in the positive decisions regarding and respecting religious organization's rights to hire who they feel best for ministerial and teaching positions. We are hopeful that parents may now be able to make use of tax credits to send their children to the schools of their choice, including our incredible Catholic schools. We are edified in the recent decision that upholds the rights of religious groups to not cooperate with immoral activities. We are grateful that support

has been offered for our undocumented brothers and sisters.

At the same time, we struggle to understand how the lives of the unborn can be disregarded and the safety of women put at risk when it comes to rulings regarding abortion. We are baffled as to how we can allow one's "sex" to be re-defined by human beings when God has provided the definition. And we are heartbroken that the Supreme Court did not step in to stop the resumption of the federal death penalty allowing the first federal execution in nearly 17 years to take place, ending a human life.



I always hope the celebration of the Mass in jail offers "good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins" (Wisdom 12:19). There is always the possibility that new life can come, even from the midst of the weeds.

Please say a prayer for me.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

August 2020! Summer Evening Prayer

at St. John the Evangelist

Let's come together as a parish family and give thanks to God for his many blessings, especially the gift of summer! These nights we will celebrate Evening Prayer and of course have some good food and fellowship to share as well.

We need some parishioners to help plan these nights... it will only involve one or two meetings! Are you good at organizing? Do you like to have fun? Can you throw a party? Do you like to bring people together? If so, this is the group for you!

If you're able to come, please let Fr. John know by calling 631.878.0009 or send an email to jsureau@sjecm.org





SAVE THE DATE

We're getting ready to send Fr. Michael to St. Anthony's High School!

Tailgate Farewell Party and Reception NEW DATE Monday, August 3, 2020





Are you able to part of the planning team? If so, please email to jsureau@sjecm.org.

THE CANA CARE CREW

Did you notice those volunteers with the orange shirts? Well, we have more shirts and we need more volunteers!

Can you be part of the **Cana Care Crew** by assisting with seating, organizing and cleaning in be-

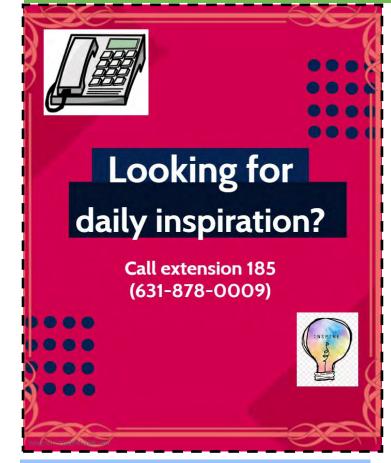


tween Masses each weekend? As we move to Phase 4, our greatest work will be cleaning up after Masses. If you're able to help, please email Andrew McKeon at music@sjecm.org or call at 631.878.0009, x.115 to receive the Google sign up or to give your information.

Thank you!

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ELIMINATING ENVELOPES

We are in the process of doing some updating to our data systems which involves some work with our envelope system. Did you know the printing and mailing of envelopes is a pretty significant expense to the parish? One of the benefits of moving to online giving is that it reduces the expenses related to this. If you're using WeShare and are willing to move to it, please email <u>rectory@sjecm.org</u> so we can remove you from our envelope distribution list. This would be a financial savings for the parish and environmental help too (less paper, printings, etc.). You will still receive parish mailings, information, phone calls, etc. This change, if you are willing to make it, would

only impact the mailing to you of weekly envelopes.

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Matt. 6:21	Amount:	

Daily Rosary with Sr. Ann - 9:30 AM

Sr. Ann will be praying the Rosary daily at 9:30 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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81729471841</u>



CHURCH CLEANERS NEEEDED



The St. Zita Society (patron saint of house cleaners!) is returning to action! We are looking for more parishioners who would be willing to assist with a weekly cleaning of the church building which would include light mopping, sweeping, window cleaning, and the like.

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

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.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Thursday: 3PM - 7PM Friday: East End Holy Hour- 3PM



• We are looking for more parishioners to sit in quiet adoration in these

days. It seems our toughest hours now are on Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. and most days from 6 - 7 p.m. Please consider spending this time in quiet adoration. If you can cover an hour or two, please reach out to Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org.

• Beginning Monday, August 3rd, Exposition will return to Seton Chapel and the East End Holy Hour will not be at 3 p.m. for the month of August.

• We would like to have Exposition from 3 – 7 p.m. on Fridays in August. If you can be present for this or can offer an hour, please e-mail Fr. John at <u>jsureau@sjecm.org</u>.



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FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org Office Hours: Monday-By Appointment Only (Monday-Thursday) (RED BARN, Upstairs)

GOOD NEWS: FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS SCHEDULED!

Good news! We have rescheduled our First Holy Communions! An email was sent to all 2020 First Communion Candidates on Thursday, July 9. This email contained a letter with the child's First Communion date, as well as important information on logistics and safety measures. If your child was scheduled to receive First Communion this past Spring, but you did not receive this email, please email us at **faithformation@sjecm.org**.



<u>INCOMING 1ST GRADERS + NEW STUDENTS:</u> <u>ONLINE REGISTRATION TO BEGIN SOON!</u>

St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade,



and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. This year, we will be launching online registration for all new, incoming first graders. Registration will only be done online this year. Look on our social media and the bulletin for updates in the near future!

As of now, we are planning to begin classes as normal for the Fall. If anything changes, we will let you know. Those students who are already enrolled will receive an email in the near future—if you need to update your email with us, please email us at: faithformation@sjecm.org.

CONFIRMATIONS—FALL 2020

As of July 14, there is no word yet regarding when we will be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. As soon as we receive directives from the diocese, we will contact you. Thank you for your patience—you continue to be in our prayers!



OFFICE HOURS (By Appointment Only)

If you need to see us in person, email Michelle at mpirraglia@sjecm.org to make an appointment.

Join St John the Evangelist email list!



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Message and data rates may apply.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Mass Card Intentions As a way to offer comfort and solace during this time, 2020 Mass Intentions are available. To request a Mass Intention, please contact the rectory with the following information: (ALL MASS CARDS WILL BE MAILED): Your Name: Your Phone number: Your Email: Name for whom the mass is offered: *please notate living or deceased Mass stipend Announced: \$20 (check or cash) Date requested: The address where you would like the Mass card mailed: Name: Street: Town:

Holy Water

Holy water can be found in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church and outside of Seton Chapel in the convent building. Please make sure you bring your own container. We have a limited number of holy water



bottles available at various times. When we do, we leave them on the bottom shelves of the tables in the Fellowship Area of the Church. Holy water will not be left in the baptismal font or at the doors for the time being.

Light the Way of the Saints

You may have noticed that the candles have been re-installed next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection. P Est

We can use some support in keeping those candles lit. We invite

parishioners to make an offering for a candle, perhaps near a particular saint of significance for you. Reference of the offering will be included in the bulletin where we acknowledge offerings of bread and wine

To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office.



Did you receive our Summer Appeal Mailing?

If so, please consider supporting the ongoing work of SJE! Return your envelope or make your offering at www.sjecm.org. If you did not receive a mailing, please let us know.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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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. <u>Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 to make an appointment.</u> <u>Alternative office hours can be given upon request of appointment.</u> <u>Ernie's Place (Food Pantry)</u>-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 - Opening soon!

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

Street Ministry: We are continuing to serve the most in need at the Mastic Train Station on Thursday evenings. We are still not yet to the point of bringing out clothes but we are still giving warm dinners and hygiene items to the 20-25 individuals who would otherwise go without. 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.

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Ernie's Place

St. John's Food Pantry Ministry Mondays – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays – 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Donations can be left in Fellowship Area of Church, Rectory or Bin outside of Pantry.



SHOPPING LIST

+Cereal +Condiments +Crackers +Dry beans (not canned) +Medium bags rice +Spam +Juice bottles (not boxes) +Flour & Sugar +Cooking Oil + Canned Fruit + Canned Spaghetti & Meatballs + Peanut Butter & Jelly

Thank you for your continued generosity. *Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!*

HELP WANTED WITH FOOD SHED

A local Eagle Scout is in need of contributions towards the cost of a Food Shed that will be built next to Ernie's Place so clients can access food whenever they need, especially if we aren't open.



If you would like to contribute, please email Alex Finta, afinta@sjecm.org, for the link to the GoFundMe page.

PSM UPDATES

Community Meal: We are looking to have a Community Meal on July 27th in the OLQA Cafeteria from 6-8 PM. If you are interested in cooking a meal or helping serve, please reach out to Alex Finta afinta@sjecm.org or call 631-878-0009 ext. 119.

Just a friendly reminder that our **Thrift Shop** is closed. We are unable to accept any clothing donations at this time.



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SJE/OLQA PAINT CLUB RETURNS!

Do you like to look up at the sky? Well, good news! We have some ceilings that need some careful painting! If you're able to help us out, please email to Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.







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 J. Cartisano

We Pray...

"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials..." -1 Peter 1:6 Anne Minnelli, Blanche Laskee, Michael Latima, Ethlyn Libardi, Don Lyon, Diana Guercio, Jim Kowalski, Ronald Casey

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, PVT Jack Dyer, SPC Jarrad Satornino

US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SRA Ryan Kerstiens, SRA Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens

US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes, Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado, 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.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Planning Baptisms

We are once again beginning the process of scheduling and planning baptisms. If you had a baptism scheduled, you will be (or have been contacted) to re-schedule your baptism. If you would like to have your child baptized, please call 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org. At this time, the number of people who may attend a baptism is limited. We will offer more times for baptism (in addition to Sundays at 2) in the weeks ahead. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Celebrating Weddings

If you would like to arrange a wedding, please call the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or email to rectory@Sjecm.org to make an initial planning appointment. Weddings scheduled for March, April, May and June are being re-scheduled.

Funerals

If a loved one dies, we are able to celebrate a Funeral Mass or a Funeral Liturgy Outside of Mass in the Church. We have been working with the local funeral homes so they are aware of this. If you have any specific questions, please contact us at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 20, 2020 + Weekday				
7:00 a.m.	Elaine Cuddy			
12 Noon	John Conroy			
Tuesday, July 21, 2020 + Weekday				
7:00 a.m.	Intention Still Available			
12 Noon	Diana Guercio			
Wednesday, July 22, 2020 + Feast of St. Mary Magdalene				
7:00 a.m.	Rapahel Luna			
12 Noon	Carmen Paolillo			
Thursday, July 23, 2020 + Weekday				
7:00 a.m.	Regina Zunich			
12 Noon	Kenny Leger			

Friday, July 24, 2020 + Weekday

7:00 a.m. Rocky Evangelista

12 Noon Intention Still Available

Saturday, July 25, 2020 + Feast of St. James, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Intention Still Available

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass of Anticipation		
5:00 p.m.	Intention Still Available	
7:30 p.m.	Katherine Aridas	
Sunday		
8:00 a.m.	Edward Mattessich	
10:00 a.m	Katy Dyer	
12:00 p.m.	Michael Lyle	
6:00 p.m.	Intention Still Available	

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 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. Reguisitos:

1. Ĉertificado 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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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



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

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 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**: <u>Monday—Friday:</u> After the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses <u>Saturday:</u> After the 8 a.m. Mass <u>Saturday:</u> 3:30 –4:30 p.m. + 7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish) <u>Sunday:</u> 5:00—5:30 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. 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 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 10:00 a.m. Zoom Online Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81729471841</u> Meeting ID: 817 2947 1841 Zoom Phone #: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 817 2947 1841 Extra Rosary beads are available at the doors of the Church and Seton Chapel. Not sure how to pray the Rosary? Click <u>here</u>— or click here and pray online—<u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> <u>watch?v=VtJM_V8scoo</u>

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 santizer 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, presently, in the Church Monday—Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The East End Holy Hour (livestreamed) takes place at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoons. Beginning July 31st, Exposition will return to Seton Chapel.

All are invited to quiet times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament when the Church and Seton Chapel are open.

Liturgy of the Hours Pray the prayer for this day, this 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 <u>here</u> 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 pray the Liturgy of the Hours!



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

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