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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

**Monday – Thursday**

9:30 a.m. – 12 + 1 – 8 p.m.

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday**

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

(Un traductor español está disponible los martes por la noche.)

# St. John the Evangelist

## Roman Catholic Church

25 Ocean Avenue,

Center Moriches, New York 11934-3698



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*Parish Website: [www.sjecm.org](http://www.sjecm.org)*

*Facebook: Welcome Home-St. John the Evangelist*



“We have come to believe and are convinced  
that you are the Holy One of God”

**John 6:69**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*August 26, 2018*

### Come to the quiet!

The church building is open from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 7 p.m., if not later, each night. Seton Chapel, in the white convent building, is open around 8 a.m. and also remains open to approximately 7 p.m. Take some time to open your heart to the voice of God.

### 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., 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 5:30 p.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. and 12 Noon, Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

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

### Come and know God's mercy!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated **every day after Daily Mass** in the church. The sacrament is also celebrated in the church on Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. (Spanish). Confessions are also heard on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.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!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel on

**Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.** and on

**Thursdays from 1:00 pm. until 5:00 p.m.**

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

**ROSARY:** We pray the Rosary every day after Daily Mass in Our Lady's Chapel in the church building

**MONDAYS +** We pray the Miraculous Medal Novena after the 7 a.m. Mass in the church building and at 7:30 p.m. in Seton Chapel in the Convent on most Mondays, with the exception of holidays and whenever the parish is closed

August 26, 2018



## OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES The Catholic School in Center Moriches

2 St. John Place + Center Moriches, NY 11934 + 631.878.1033 + [www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org)

# EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

**Begins September 10th! + Limited Spaces Remain!**

Some highlights of our Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten program include:

- Half Day/Full Day with choice of days
- Highly competitive rates
- Dynamic and renovated school campus
- Safe, secure, faith-filled environment
- Before and aftercare programs available
- Caring, experienced and nurturing faculty
- Participation in school wide events, including working with older students
- ...and more!



For more information or to schedule a tour, Call 631.878.1033 or email Mrs. Claire Dern at [cdern@olqany.org](mailto:cdern@olqany.org).

## OLQA GOLF OUTING

Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018  
Rock Hill Country Club in Manorville

There are many ways to support this event; purchase a T-Sign for \$100.00 or a Pin Flag for \$250. Come play 18 holes of golf with lunch and dinner included for only \$150.00, or just attend the dinner for \$50.00.

There are other forms of sponsorship as well. Visit our website for further details & registration information [www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org) or call the school office at 878-1033. We thank you in advance for your support.



## FROM THE POPE'S DESK

# NOTHING TO SAY

This past week has one of the toughest in my nearly seven years of priesthood and beyond. I think I felt similarly in 2002 when news started to break out in our diocese. The stories of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report are not necessarily new and most of the cases are horrific cases of the past. I guess that combined with the humanity of the Church - and the darkness within parts of that humanity—I'm defeated. That's the word that keeps coming up in my conversation and my prayer.

I find consolation that we have been praying with the sixth chapter of John's Gospel over the past few weeks. It's reminding me of how important the Eucharist is going to be in my own work of coming up from defeat; hopefully the Church's too.

I feel inadequate and am probably too hurt by all of this to offer any words. I felt a little less defeated when Pope Francis wrote to the People of God this week. I am putting the entire letter in the bulletin. Please take some time to read it. I know it's long. I felt even less defeated when I finished reading it. I hope you will too.

Please pray for me.



## Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis To the People of God



"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent

the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

### 1. If one member suffers...

In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands. Mary's song is not mistaken and continues quietly to echo throughout history. For the Lord remembers the promise he made to our fathers: "he has scattered the proud in their conceit; he has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty” (*Lk* 1:51-53). We feel shame when we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite.

With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger when, during the Way of the Cross composed for Good Friday 2005, he identified with the cry of pain of so many victims and exclaimed: “How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to [Christ]! How much pride, how much self-complacency! Christ’s betrayal by his disciples, their unworthy reception of his body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces his heart. We can only call to him from the depths of our hearts: *Kyrie eleison* – Lord, save us! (cf. *Mt* 8:25)” (Ninth Station).

## 2. ... all suffer together with it

The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way. While it is important and necessary on every journey of conversion to acknowledge the truth of what has happened, in itself this is not enough. Today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit. If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. And this in an environment where conflicts, tensions and above all the victims of every type of abuse can encounter an outstretched hand to protect them and rescue them from their pain (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 228). Such solidarity demands that we in turn condemn whatever endangers the integrity of any person. A solidarity that summons us to fight all forms of corruption, especially spiritual corruption. The latter is “a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centeredness, for ‘even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light’ (2 *Cor* 11:14)” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 165). Saint Paul’s exhortation to suffer with those who suffer is the best antidote against all our attempts to repeat the words of Cain: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (*Gen* 4:9).

I am conscious of the effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable. We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.

Together with those efforts, every one of the baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does. For as Saint John Paul II liked to say: “If we have truly started out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he wished to be identified” (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 49). To see things as the Lord does, to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help. I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a *penitential exercise of prayer and fasting*, following the Lord’s command.[1] This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says “never again” to every form of abuse.

It is impossible to think of a conversion of our activity as a Church that does not include the active participation of all the members of God’s People. Indeed, whenever we have tried to replace, or silence, or ignore, or reduce the People of God to small elites, we end up creating communities, projects, theological approaches, spiritualities and structures without roots, without memory, without faces, without bodies and ultimately, without lives.[2] This is clearly seen in a peculiar way of understanding the Church’s authority, one common in many communities where sexual abuse and the abuse of power and conscience have occurred. Such is the case with clericalism, an approach that “not only nullifies the character of Christians, but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed in the heart of our people”.[3] Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say “no” to abuse is to say an emphatic “no” to all forms of clericalism.



It is always helpful to remember that “in salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in the human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 6). Consequently, the only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God. This awareness of being part of a people and a shared history will enable us to acknowledge our past sins and mistakes with a penitential openness that can allow us to be renewed from within. Without the active participation of all the Church’s members, everything being done to uproot the culture of abuse in our communities will not be successful in generating the necessary dynamics for sound and realistic change. The penitential dimension of fasting and prayer will help us as God’s People to come before the Lord and our wounded brothers and sisters as sinners imploring forgiveness and the grace of shame and conversion. In this way, we will come up with actions that can generate resources attuned to the Gospel. For “whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today’s world” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 11).

It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion.

Likewise, penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people’s sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary. A fasting that shakes us up and leads us to be committed in truth and charity with all men and women of good will, and with society in general, to combatting all forms of the abuse of power, sexual abuse and the abuse of conscience.

In this way, we can show clearly our calling to be “a sign and instrument of communion with God and of the unity of the entire human race” (*Lumen Gentium*, 1).

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it”, said Saint Paul. By an attitude of prayer and penance, we will become attuned as individuals and as a community to this exhortation, so that we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation. Mary chose to stand at the foot of her Son’s cross. She did so unhesitatingly, standing firmly by Jesus’ side. In this way, she reveals the way she lived her entire life. When we experience the desolation caused by these ecclesial wounds, we will do well, with Mary, “to insist more upon prayer”, seeking to grow all the more in love and fidelity to the Church (SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, *Spiritual Exercises*, 319). She, the first of the disciples, teaches all of us as disciples how we are to halt before the sufferings of the innocent, without excuses or cowardice. To look to Mary is to discover the model of a true follower of Christ.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them.

**FRANCIS**

This week Bishop Barres on his show, *Encounter*, discusses the Holy Father’s recent Letter to the People of God and our own response to the challenges he puts forth. know of its airing. Here are all the airtimes for *Encounter* beginning on Sunday, August 26th:

**Sunday at 8:00 pm + Monday at 10:30 am and 5:00 pm + Tuesday at 8:00 pm +  
Wednesday at 10:30 am and 10:30 pm + Thursday at 11:30 am and 5:30 pm +  
Friday at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm + Saturday at 7:30 am and 6:30 pm**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

Summer Evening Prayer

**THIS MONDAY**

**August 27, 2018**

**7:00 p.m. + Convent Lawn**

### **SJE MUSICAL REVUE**

A night features some of SJE's finest musicians and groups.

(Parishioners with Last Names beginning with M-Z are asked to make their favorite musical themed dessert!)



*Each night, parishioners are asked to bring needed items for our school supply drive!*

August 26, 2018

## SJE SPIRIT DAY + September 15, 2018

# SJE SPIRIT DAY

Saturday, September 15, 2018

1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



A great day of fun, entertainment and community building for all in our area! There will be great rides for the kids, live music throughout the afternoon and wonderful food! Spirit Day concludes with the 5:00 p.m. Mass on the Spirit Day fairgrounds. *(You can see our Spirit Day Committee is already hard at work!)*

**It's going to be a great day for**

**our parish....and for you!**

**Check out the bulletin for more information in the weeks ahead!**

Would you, your family or your business (or a business you



## **SPONSORSHIP BOARD ORDER FORM**

COMPANY/FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE RETURN ASAP**

Please include a \$275.00 check made payable to ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST R.C. CHURCH and return to

**Spirit Day Sponsorship Committee  
St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church**

25 Ocean Avenue  
Center Moriches, NY 11934

**Great idea  
for  
families!!!**

*For more information about sponsoring Spirit Day,  
contact Rich or Tricia O'Neill at 631-838-4050 or 631-365-2682*



## SJE SPIRIT DAY + September 15, 2018



### Do you have an act?

Our Entertainment Committee is looking for some individual acts to “fill in” between our bands on Spirit Day? Are you a singer? Have a talent? Can tell a few, good, church appropriate jokes? Let us know! Reach out to Michael Walsh at [mwalsh@sjecm.org](mailto:mwalsh@sjecm.org) or call at 631.878.0009.



### We're looking for some new committee members?

Are you interested in helping to “take the lead” with Spirit Day 2018? We can use a few additional heads, hearts and minds to lead this wonderful SJE tradition! If you're interested, reach out to Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or 631.878.0009.

### Vendors Needed

For application or more information, contact Linda Filosa at [Stjohnvendor@gmail.com](mailto:Stjohnvendor@gmail.com) or leave a message at the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.



## + SJE SPIRIT DAY + Saturday, September 15, 2018 Volunteers Needed!

Please help us make this a great day for our parish and community!

Please indicate where you are able to help on Spirit Day:

\_\_\_\_ Set-Up \_\_\_\_ Raffle sales \_\_\_\_ Food Table

\_\_\_\_ First Aid Tent \_\_\_\_ Security/Traffic Safety \_\_\_\_ Clean-Up

Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size- \_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_ XL

Please return form to the Rectory OR drop in collection basket OR Email contact information to [spiritvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:spiritvolunteer@gmail.com)

+Thank you for your spirit of helping+



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Alex Finta + [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) + Director of Parish Social Ministry (631-878-0009 ext. 119)

Ministry of Consolation:

Eve O'Brien—[eveobrien@optonline.net](mailto:eveobrien@optonline.net) + Helen Williams—[hannah51@optonline.net](mailto:hannah51@optonline.net) + Jeri Eten—[jeten@optonline.net](mailto:jeten@optonline.net)

Communion to the Homebound: Jerry Malley - [jcm0328@optonline.net](mailto:jcm0328@optonline.net)

Community Meal: Alex Finta

SJE Street Ministry : Alex Finta

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—[msikora@sjecm.org](mailto: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 Alex Finta 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 (NOW LOCATED ON 2ND FLOOR OF BARN)**

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: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



## SJE STREET MINISTRY

The Street Ministry is continuously servicing 70—80 people each Thursday night! We are extremely grateful for all donations from St. John's parishioners that have kept us going. We are in need of the following items:

- **Deodorant**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Shaving Cream**
- **Razors**
- **Toothbrushes**
- **Washcloths**
- **Women's Socks**
- **Women's Underwear**
- **Men's Underwear**
- **Men's/Women's Gently Used Sneakers**
- **Towels**

*Financial donations are most welcome as they allow us to purchase items as they are needed. Sometimes things "come up" and we need to make a quick purchase. Checks may be made payable to St. John the Evangelist and donations can be left in the Parish Office. We would also be most grateful for gift cards to Dollar Store or Walmart so we can obtain these items.*

## **Thrift Shop** **Volunteers Needed!**

Every Monday and Wednesday morning (9AM-12PM) our Thrift Shop volunteers are hard at work, dedicated to providing quality clothing and items at an inexpensive price. If you would like to help out and join a welcoming community, please reach out to Alex Finta at 631-878-0009 ext. 119 or [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) for more information.



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### 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.

#### SHOPPING LIST

Canned vegetables  
Pork and Beans  
Pasta sauce (but not pasta)  
Canned foods and meats  
Toilet paper

Thank you for your continued generosity.



*Cut out this list and  
bring it with you  
when you go  
shopping!*

### Join the Catholic Action Network

The Catholic Action Network, the official voice of the Catholic Church in our state, was formed by the Catholic Bishops of New York. The Catholic Action Network website is a powerful tool that is designed to educate and

inform us on issues concerning important topics such as Religious Freedom, Respect Life issues, Marriage and Family, Human Services, Criminal Services and Healthcare.

All parishioners should visit this website and sign up to receive important alerts and reminders about writing letters and sending information to local legislative leaders. It is very simple.

1. Go to [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org).
2. Click on the "take action" tab at the top.
3. Then, click on "Join the Catholic Action Network" and follow the prompts from there.



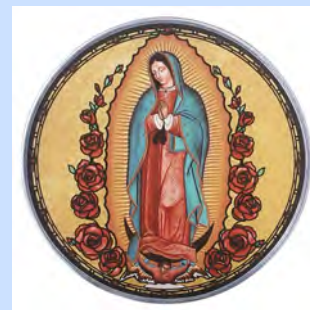
## JOIN OUR OWN FATHER MICHAEL PLONA ON PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO CITY & OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE DECEMBER 8 – 13, 2018

\$2,099.00 per person based on double occupancy includes air from JFK, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.

Two days at the Shrine of Guadalupe including the Beautiful Mass of the Roses on December 12<sup>th</sup>!

<http://www.pilgrimages.com/mandmtravel/mexico2/index.htm>

For a flyer, more information or to book visit the web site above or Call Cathie or Mike Milano at 631-569-2620. Space is limited.



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### St. John the Evangelist **Community Meal**

Join us on **Monday, August 27, 2018 in the Red Barn**  
at St. John the Evangelist Church in Center Moriches.



The Meal will consist of a home-made dinner from **6:00PM-8:00PM**. If you are in need of toiletries or clothes, please let a volunteer know!



If you are interested in cooking a meal, please reach out to Alex Finta at [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org)

## **CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY**



## **VIRTUS TRAINING**

Thursday, August 30th —1 p.m.

All volunteers and employees of St. John the Evangelist

- Pencils
- Pens
- Markers
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Spiral note-
- books
- Composition notebooks
- Glue sticks
- Tape
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Binders
- Lined Paper
- Copy paper
- Backpacks

## *School Supply Drive*

*Items needed:*



Donations can be dropped off in the following ways:

- 1) Brought to mass and put in wicker baskets labelled Parish Social Ministry
- 2) Brought to the Parish Offices

If your child is in need of supplies for this upcoming school year, please reach out to Alex Finta at [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) or 631-878-0009 ext.127.



## **SENIOR MINISTRY**

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM—[aberendes@sjecm.org](mailto:aberendes@sjecm.org) + 631.878.0009, x. 127

### **Senior Ministry**

**Sophia's Circle** meets in the IHM Room of Convent on the second and fourth Thursday at 10:00 a.m.  
**Bereavement Support** will begin on Wednesday, September 5th at 4:00 p.m. for 9 weeks in the IHM room.

Do you need a ride to the doctor, to shop, etc.? Just give S. Ann a call at 631-878-0009 ext 127 and we will arrange something for you.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

## JOIN THE SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY

We're excited for this ministry and opportunity to share the story of our faith in this new age.

Contact Joe Catafago for more details at [jcatafago@sjecm.org](mailto:jcatafago@sjecm.org) or by calling x113. We will be meeting soon and would love your feedback and participation!

The world has changed dramatically since 2008! With the introduction of Smartphones, social media platforms have been raised to new levels. During his papacy, Saint John Paul II called for the use of the internet as a means to evangelize. Could you see yourself doing that? If so, consider joining the Social Media Ministry Team! We are looking for parishioners, both young and old, who want to share the Gospel message.

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**Join us for an Adult  
Faith Formation  
Series on Pope  
Francis' Apostolic  
Exhortation, "Rejoice  
and Be Glad".**

**Our first session will  
be September 4th  
in the Seton Chapel.**

**Each session will occur at 8am and 7:30pm on Tuesday evenings.**

**There will be a free-will offering of \$20 to cover the cost of a  
copy of the document.**

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**Sessions: September 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Contact Joe Catafago for more information at [jcatafago@sjecm.org](mailto:jcatafago@sjecm.org) or calling the rectory at x113.**



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### SJE CYO Basketball



After a successful inaugural season, CYO basketball will be starting soon! If you are interested in coaching your child's team, please reach out to Alex Finta at 631-878-0009 ext. 119 or [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org). CYO is open to grades 4th through high school.

(Doors open @ 6:30)

### CYO SOCCER

Anyone interested in playing soccer from 1st to 8th grade please contact:  
[youth@sjecm.org](mailto:youth@sjecm.org).



Cualquier persona interesada en jugar fútbol de 1 a 8 grados por favor contáctese: [youth@sjecm.org](mailto:youth@sjecm.org).

## Serving Justice Excellently YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

There is such a great need for service in the life of our parish and often a huge number of young people who want to help those in need. This new Service Corps is one way to make this connection.



#### Here's how it works:

1. ANY middle school, high school and college aged students send their contact information to Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) (You do not need to already be a part of Life Teen or Middle School Youth Ministry to be part of the Service Corps.)
2. As requests for help come from or come into our parish, you'll be contacted to see if you can help.
3. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. You'll be contacted for the next one!

**It really is that easy!!! SIGN UP TODAY**

#### YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at SJE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

As of September 2016, I am in (list grade)  
\_\_\_\_ Middle School \_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_ College

### Family Life Upcoming Events:

**September 9<sup>th</sup>:** *Sandwich Day in Cafeteria after 9am Mass.*

Make sandwiches for our local outreach. Bring cold cuts, or peanut butter and jelly, bread and anything else that may help! We have plenty of gloves and plastic sandwich bags. Help us help others. (Volunteer hours are given).



## FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext 5 + Website: [sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org) + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation  
Email: [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)  
Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11AM-12Noon; 1PM-5PM

### CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED!

We had a tremendous response following our request for more catechists this summer—We have nearly 20 new volunteer catechists! Thank you to all who responded!

However, we are still in need of catechists:

Level 2 - Saturday, 10AM

Level 4— Monday, 6PM

Level 7—Monday, 6PM & 7:15PM

Co-Teachers/Aides Needed for Saturday Classes!

Can't make a weekly commitment? Join our sub list!

*Please contact Michelle at 631-878-4141 or via email: [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)*

### CONFIRMATION “1:8” PROGRAM

For our 9th grade students making their Confirmation this Fall (2018), our Confirmation Prep program will be kicking off this week!

Session I: “Generation to Generation”

(Parent/Student Session)

**WHAT:** Parent/Student Kick-Off

(Parent/Guardian & Student to attend)

**WHEN:** Group A (Last Name (A-K): Tuesday, 8/28

Group B (Last Name L-Z): Wednesday, 8/29

**TIME:** 6:30PM-8:30PM

**LOCATION:** Church (Here on the grounds of SJE)

*If you have any questions, please contact us at: [confirmation@sjecm.org](mailto:confirmation@sjecm.org).*



NEW STUDENTS:  
REGISTER NOW— 8/30!

**Summer Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday,  
11AM-12Noon; 1PM-5PM**

*\*Please note, we no longer have extended hours  
on Wednesdays.*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SJE is privileged to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons in Seton Chapel. In the future, we hope to expand the days and hours we have Exposition in the parish.

For now, we need parishioners to commit to be present for Exposition. We have found a few times the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and no one is in Seton Chapel or we could not start Exposition because no one had come. The Blessed Sacrament may never be left unattended when it is exposed on the altar.

Would you be willing to give an hour of your Monday evening or Thursday afternoon to sit in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? If so, can you please contact Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or call at 631.878.0009.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Presently, we are seeking parishioners to remain in prayer:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mondays – 5- 6 (will not start for a while into August or September)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mondays 6-7 (presently 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mondays 7- 8 (in coordination with the Holy Hour for Priests)

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays 3-4

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays 4-5

**We would like to consider a morning of adoration.**

**Can you let us know if you would be free—likely 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.? What days would work for you?**



Please email to Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or leave this in the collection basket or parish office.

### BRINGING UP THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

*St. John's invites family members of those for whom the Mass is being offered to bring up the gifts of bread and wine at that Mass. (On the weekend, please inform any of the ushers 10 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass).*

## 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 – 8 PM

**Santa Misa:** Sábados - 7:30 PM, Martes - 7:30PM en el Convent (La Casa Blanca)

**Confesiones:** Sábado - 7 PM en la Iglesia

**Bautismos:** Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia. Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes. Locación – en el granero (la casa roja) 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 niña.
2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

**Matrimonios:**

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

**Exposición del Santísimo (adoración):** Jueves, 12:00PM - 8:00PM

**Renovación Carismática:** Viernes 7:00 pm en el granero (la casa roja).

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



¿Usted o alguien que usted conoce tiene más de 7 años y necesita los Sacramentos del Bautismo, la Comunión o la Confirmación? Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gregorio Chavez en [p-chavez@hotmail.com](mailto:p-chavez@hotmail.com) para el próximo paso a seguir. Gracias.



# 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**—\$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

*Ar bread and wine for the month of Augu/st Has been donated:  
In loving memory of Eileen and Ken McConnell*



## Stewardship

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

• Psalm 116:2

**Sunday 8/12/18: \$17,039 (2017: \$13,491)**

**Assumption 8/15/18: \$ 4,602 (2017: \$)4,163**

**Sunday 8/19/18: \$ 16,719 (2017: \$)15,510**

**Parish Improvements: \$ 1,538**

## Low Gluten Host Available

Low Gluten Hosts (less than .01% gluten content) are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a low-gluten host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest and see if this will be acceptable for you and/or your child. If you cannot receive the low-gluten host, we can offer a separate chalice for you. We will be happy to accommodate you if we can. Please let us know.



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reading I:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

*By obeying God, Israel shows wisdom.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** PS 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

**Second Reading:** James 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27

*All truly valuable gifts come from above.*

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Jesus confronts the Pharisees, who pay only lip service to God.*

## Discussion Questions

1. "What great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?" Can you answer Moses' question? What makes a law just? Can you state the law in one sentence, as Jesus did?

2. What was missing from the Pharisees' observance of the law? How much is religious observance worth if it is just exterior? On the other hand, what is that worth if what you do comes from the Word living in your heart, whether it's fishing or fasting?



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As we return to the church building, it is a good time for each one of us to get back in the routine of going to the sacrament of Reconciliation.



At St. John's, we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation every day. During the week, we celebrate the sacrament after the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses. Please wait in the north transept (near the organ and the Blessed Mother shrine) for the priest after Mass to hear confessions.

On Saturday and Sunday evenings, confessions are heard before the Saturday evening (4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.) and Sunday evening Masses (5:00 p.m.). As with the weekdays, please wait in the north transept.

Of course, you can - and should - approach one of our parish priests whenever you want to celebrate the sacrament. You can also call the parish office to make an appointment.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

Andrew McKeon + [music@sjecm.org](mailto:music@sjecm.org)

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Sister Ann Berendes IHM + [aberendes@sjecm.org](mailto:aberendes@sjecm.org)

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Stephanie Lengyel + [slengyel@gmail.com](mailto:slengyel@gmail.com)

## This Week's Music

### Scheduled Hymns for 8/25 and 8/26

Entrance Hymn: #876, City of God

Preparation Hymn: #875, The Joy of the Gospel

Communion Hymn: #1028, Gift of Finest Wheat

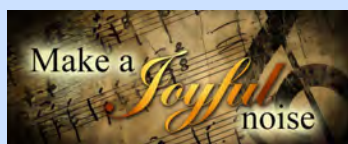
Closing Hymn: #806, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**Adult Choir:** Practice Tuesdays @ 7PM

**Children's Choir:** Practice Wednesdays @ 6PM

**5:30 p.m. Mass Band:**

Practice Sundays @ 4PM



## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

"We have loved them during life, let us not abandon them in death" When we have a Mass said in memory of a friend or loved one, we follow these words of St. Ambrose and perform one of the Spiritual works of Mercy. To have a Mass said for a friend or relative, visit the Parish Office.

Available Masses in the upcoming weeks include:

**7 a.m. Masses:** September 5, 6, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, October 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31

**12 Noon Masses:** August 31, September 13, 17, 19, 20, 25, 26, October 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 15, 16, 19, 22, 29, 30, 31

**Saturday 8 a.m. Masses:** October 20, 27

**Spanish Evening Masses (7:30 p.m.):** September 1, 4, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29, October 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 27, 30

## PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

### We Believe

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

-Rite of Baptism, 2

**Our Newly Baptized: .**

### 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. Michael Lawrence and Marianna Lawrence

III. William Pearsall and Nicole Pego

III. Matthew Maneri and Dana Wolf

II. Sean McDonald and Alexandra Scarpati

II. Carlos Alonso and Sandy Sanchez

### We Remember...

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

-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass

Maryanne Hill, Charles G. Trautmann

### We Pray...

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

Jake Mazza, Jennifer Lynn Peck, John Fitzpatrick

*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](mailto: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

PVT Bailey Meyer

SPC Kevin Arpino

#### US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes

SRA Ryan Kerstiens, SRA Timothy Kerstiens

PFC Kyle Kerstien

#### US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes,

Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado.

L/Cpl. Quentin Montemarano

LCL Andrew Schlosberg

PVT Charles O'Connor

#### 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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).*



# PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

## MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

**RBMR**—Red Barn—1st Floor Meeting Room/**RBUR**—Upper Room

### Monday, August 27, 2018

|           |                         |              |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 6:30 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous    | RBMR         |
| 5:00 p.m. | Community Meal          | RBMR         |
| 7:15 p.m. | Miraculous Medal Novena | Seton Chapel |

### Tuesday, August 28, 2018

|           |                                    |              |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 6:30 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous               | RBMR         |
| 6:00 p.m. | 1:8 Parent/Student Kickoff Session | Auditorium   |
| 6:00 p.m. | New Parent Meeting                 | Seton Chapel |
| 7:00 p.m. | Divine Will Prayer Group           | RBUR         |
| 7:30 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous               | RBMR         |

### Wednesday, August 29, 2018

|           |                                    |             |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 6:30 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous               | RBMR        |
| 9:00 a.m. | Thrift Shop Open                   | Thrift Shop |
| 6:00 p.m. | 1:8 Parent/Student Kickoff Session | Auditorium  |

### Thursday, August 30, 2018

|           |                      |              |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------|
| 6:30 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous | RBMR         |
| 1:00 p.m. | Virtus Class         | RBUR         |
| 4:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary       | RBMR         |
| 5:00 p.m. | Street Ministry      | Seton Chapel |
| 9:00 p.m. | Street Ministry      | Seton Chapel |

### Friday, August 31, 2018

|           |                      |              |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------|
| 6:30 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous | RBMR         |
| 7:00 p.m. | Spanish Prayer Group | Seton Chapel |

### Saturday, September 1, 2018

|           |                          |              |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 6:30 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous     | RBMR         |
| 8:00 a.m. | First Saturday Devotions | Cafeteria    |
| 9:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group       | Seton Chapel |

### Sunday, September 2, 2018

|           |                              |      |
|-----------|------------------------------|------|
| 6:30 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous         | RBMR |
| 8:00 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous (Men's) | RBMR |

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 27, 2018 St. Monica

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| 7:00 a.m. | Louise McNiff |
| 12 Noon   | Theresa Seng  |

### Tuesday, August 28, 2018 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| 7:00 a.m. | Ruth Grammas      |
| 12 Noon   | Kathleen Mulvaney |

### Wednesday, August 29, 2018 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 7:00 a.m. | Kevin Gerioux and Maureen Conney |
| 12 Noon   | Maryann T. Lawsen                |

### Thursday, August 30, 2018 Weekday

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 7:00 a.m. | Ann Flood       |
| 12 Noon   | Thomas Lipinski |

### Friday, August 31, 2018 Weekday

|           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 7:00 a.m. | Guiseppe Torell           |
| 12 Noon   | Intention Still Available |

### Saturday, September 1, 2018 Weekday

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 8:00 a.m. | Philomena Vigliotta |
|-----------|---------------------|

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass of Anticipation

|           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 5:00 p.m. | Kenneth G. Horbal         |
| 7:30 p.m. | Intention Still Available |

### Sunday

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| 7:30 a.m.  | Lourdes Russo        |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Arthur Cunningham    |
| 10:30 a.m. | Teresa Semkow        |
| 12:00 p.m. | People of the Parish |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Catherine Ringhoff   |



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