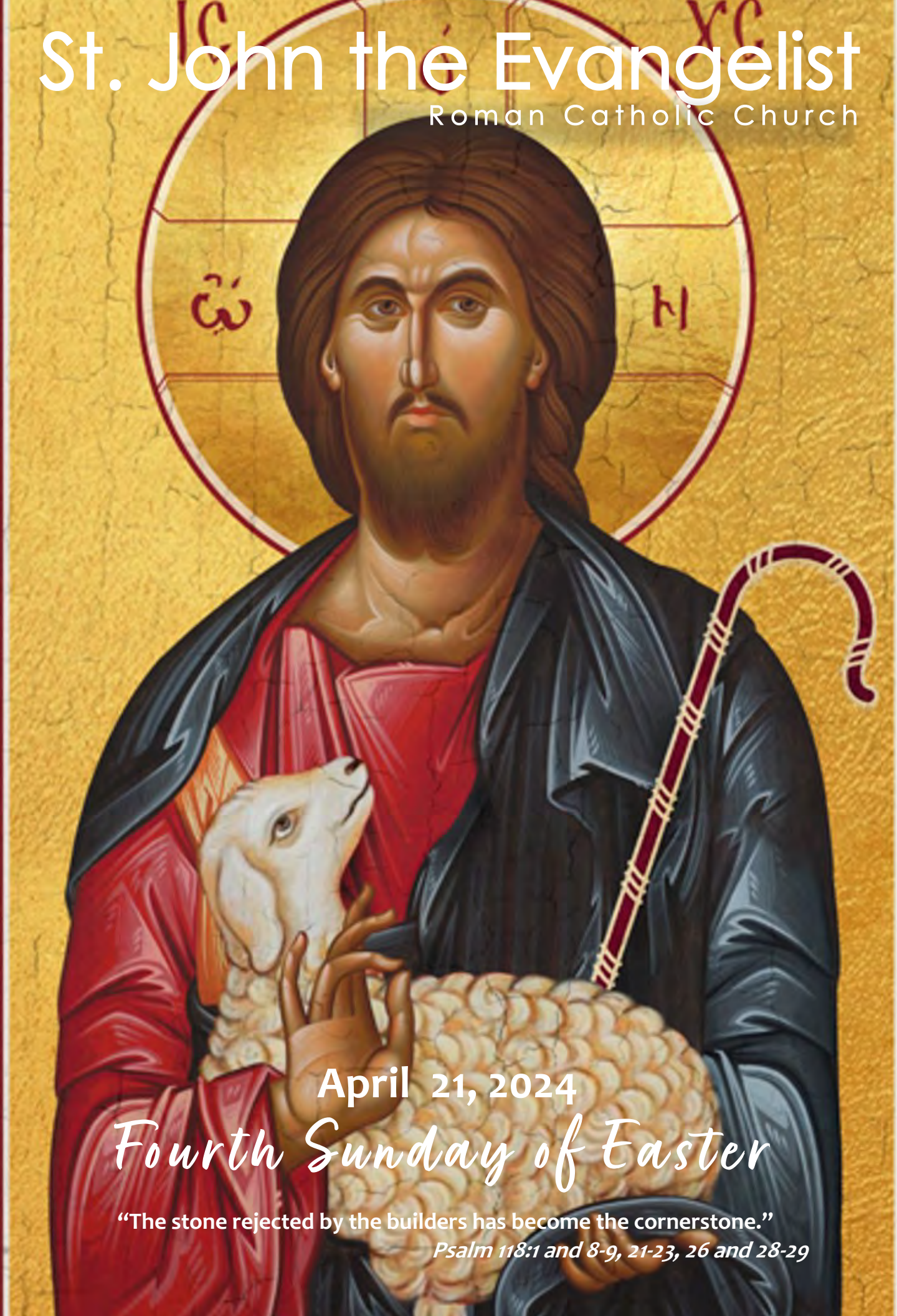
St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."

Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 21-23, 26 and 28-29

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OUR PARISH MISSION

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Felix Akpabio
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele
Parish Assistant

John Pettorino
Deacon

Michael Hoonhout
Deacon

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Katie Spellman
Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller
Director of Operations

Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM -2:45 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel (Convent) - Monday through Friday
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Mass Schedule

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, April 27th
5:00 PM - Fr. Felix
7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

(Saturday Evening 5 PM and 7:30 PM Masses will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Sunday, April 28th
8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick
10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick
12 noon - Fr. Felix
6:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

**Presider subject to change. Please call the Rectory or check SJE Social Media for latest updates.*

OLQA

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School
(on the campus of SJE)
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Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033
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Dawn Waller
Principal
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Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House

Monday - Thursday:
9 AM - 8 PM
Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Friday - Saturday
9 AM - 2 PM
We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.

Confession Schedule

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses
Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &
7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)
Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

Confessions will take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.

A Message from Msgr. Walden...

There are certain points in our lives where we make decisions that affect who we are and how we are going to live: college, jobs, marriage, friends, to name a few crucial areas. Underlying all decisions is understanding who we are and who we will allow to become part of who we are. In contemplating the readings for today's Mass, we have a very clear picture of what it means to be a person of faith. In the second reading (First Letter of St. John 3:1-2), we have this wonderful statement: "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are." St. John has a very clear vision and understanding of what happens when we make the leap of faith and accept and trust we are exactly that: "Children of God." In the course of our natural lives, we grow from childhood into adulthood and, in that process, we make commitments and embrace responsibilities that put meaning and direction in our lives and in the lives of others. But is it refreshing, humbling, and inspiring to see who we are and where we are as the children of God.

We did not get to who we are and where we are all by ourselves. From childhood we have the gift of loving, nurturing, supportive, and encouraging parents. In many ways we walk in their footsteps as they walked in the footsteps of their parents. It is very clear that as one generation grows and matures, another follows. We live in a very advanced society technologically. We work wonders medically and have produced countless conveniences and physical tools and devices. Yet unless we realize, accept, and understand we are on a journey to eternal life in God's presence, we lose our perspective, understanding, and direction. As much as technology has improved our lives, it also puts us in peril as we have devices and procedures when used for evil means can literally destroy our planet and ourselves.

How good, encouraging and humbling to hear the words of Jesus in today's Gospel (John 10:11-18): "I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for he sheep.... I know mine and mine know me." How deeply we take Jesus' words to heart is seen in our thoughts, words, and actions everyday of our lives. To the depth we let Jesus into our minds and hearts, we are humbled, joyful, and grateful for His love for us. We do not allow just anyone in the depths of our minds and hearts, to the point where they are an integral and crucial part of who we are. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus has let us into the depths of His heart as He gave His life on the cross for us, listens to our prayers everyday, and personally enters into our very being in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Truly that is a holy union for us. The second reading for today's Mass concludes with these powerful words: "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as He is."

I offer Psalm 23 for your prayerful reflection.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. Glory...

Psalm Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in the waters of Baptism; you anoint us with oil, and call us to salvation at your table. Dispel the terrors of death and the darkness of error. Lead your people along safe paths, that they may rest securely in you and live for ever in your Father's house.

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, April 20th *Easter Weekday*

5:00 PM	Gerard Schultheis
7:30 PM (Spanish)	People of the Parish

Sunday, April 21st *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM	Robert DeLuca
10:00 AM	James and Mary Brittan
12:00 Noon	People of the Parish
6:00 PM	Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Monday, April 22nd *Easter Weekday*

7:00 AM	Vincent DeSantis
12:00 Noon	Angelina Vigliotta

Tuesday, April 23rd *Easter Weekday*

7:00 AM	Patricia Cuff
12:00 Noon	Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

Wednesday, April 24th *Easter Weekday*

7:00 AM	Virginia McCafferty
12:00 Noon	Philip J. Piampiano

Thursday, April 25th *Saint Mark, Evangelist*

7:00 AM	Millie Gruber
12:00 Noon	Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

Friday, April 26th *Easter Weekday*

7:00 AM	Verna Sikora
12:00 Noon	Marilyn Tursi

Saturday, April 27th *Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM	Ruth Schatt
5:00 PM	Patricia McElroy
7:30 PM (Spanish)	People of the Parish

Sunday, April 28th *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM	Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer
10:00 AM	Rosemary Curtin
12:00 Noon	Nicholas Joseph DeMaro
6:00 PM	Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

Mother's Day Novena...

Enroll your loved ones in our **2024 Mother's Day** Novena of Masses

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Those names that are included on the envelopes will remembered during the Mother's Day Novena Masses that begin on **Mother's Day, May 12th.** Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped at the rectory office by **May 8th**.

EASTER DONATIONS		
Year	Total	As of
2024	**$59,666**	**4/15/2024**
2023	$59,789	Final

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS *Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.*			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	**$275,005**	**15**	**$18,334**
2023	$249,169	15	$16,611

As of 4/16/2024	2024	2023
Parish Goal	**$115,100**	$115,100
Number of Donors	**112**	124
Total Pledged to date	**$53,415**	$52,105
Avg. Gift	**$477**	$420
Percent of Goal	**47%**	45%

Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! We receive back 20% of whatever is raised below the goal. If we go above the goal, we also receive 80% of all monies that are raised above the goal! Please help us go above the goal!

Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Mission Middle School Academy
invites you to...

An afternoon celebrating the wisdom of our senior citizens

Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mass at 11AM at St. John the Evangelist Church followed by lunch and activities in the school auditorium as we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

(No children permitted to the luncheon)

email ghalversen@olqany.org or call 631-878-1033 to rsvp
25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches

WHAT'S THE MISSION?

The Mission Middle School Academy at Our Lady Queen of Apostles School was established in 2018. This innovative approach to middle school education challenges students to academic excellence in the context of a faith filled environment. Steeped in respect and dignity of the human person, students are given a strong foundation to excel as leaders and missionary disciples in high school, college, and beyond.

CALL 631-878-1033 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MISSION

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

All the deceased of the Parish

"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died."
-1 Thessalonians 4:14

Pray for the Sick

Tony Variale, Laura Boge, Ray Galpin, Kathleen Fontaine, Christopher DeStefano, Frank Macchia, Roy Cloughen

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

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.

Our Military

US Army

SGT Sean Casey
PVT Joseph Cestare
SPC Michael Garcia Jr
PVT Anthony Koch
CPL Aidan O'Neill
PFC David Smith
Steven Valentin

US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello
STGCS Brian Holzmacher
MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Marine Corps

LC Michael Abbatiello
CPL Evan Berkemeyer
PFC Sean Brady
SGT Quentin Montemarano
PVT Charles O'Connor
E-1 Christian Raeihle
2nd LT Christopher Walther
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II

US Air Force

SSGT David Giese
SSGT Jason M Hermes
PFC Kyle Kerstiens
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
A1C Jared T. Rosato
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

If you wish to place someone on the Military prayer list, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar Bread & Wine for the month of April has been donated:

In Memory of Jerome Dempsey

This Week, the Blessed Mother Candle will be lit:

In Memory of The Deceased of our Parish

SJE offers a number of ways to remember loved ones, or honor someone living.
To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to rectory@sjecm.org

Mass Intentions

Remembering one who has passed away at Mass is a most noble practice calling us to pray for one who has died at the most powerful prayer we know - the celebration of the Eucharist.

Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.
For the month, an offering of $150 is requested.

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful statues in our church. You may have a particular devotion to one of these saints. These candles are 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.
Altar Candles - $25.00 per week.

SJE Family Life Ministry Presesnts...

VACATION BIBLE Camp

July 15th - 19th, 2024
9 AM - 12 noon

Children Grades K-5
(in September 2024)

SCUBA
diving into friendship with God
totally catholic

VBC is an awesome way to dive deeper into your faith, make new friends and have an unbelievably fun-filled week!

Just go to the parish website and click on VBC and complete the Camper registration form, or use the QR Code!

Camper QR Code

We are in DESPERATE need of adult volunteers! Please consider climbing aboard!

Youth volunteers are also needed. Students in 6th grade and older are most welcome to join the VBC crew. All volunteers can register via the parish website. Just click on VBC and complete the volunteer registration form. or use the QR Code!

Volunteer

For more information please email Clapham@sjecm.org

Family Life Ministry

Happy and Holy Easter to all! Our St. John's parish family certainly journeyed together through Lent and the Holy Triduum with prayer, sacrifice, fellowship and service. May the days ahead bring joy, peace and hope as we continue praying, serving and growing in faith as an Easter people. God Bless!

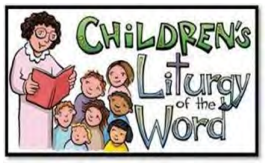
A Word of Great Thanks to all who served in our many Family Ministry prayer services, events and service projects during the season of Lent and throughout Holy Week. Your commitment to building the faith community here at St. John's is amazing and a great witness to all of the countless ways that the Lord is working through the many talented parishioners and faith-filled families we have in our parish. There are no words to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many hours of planning and preparation that so many of you put into these past six weeks. May God bless you and your families with the undeniable affirmation that you are beautifully made and greatly loved!

If you're new to our parish or you'd like to reconnect during this Easter season, here are some of the family ministries at St. John's. All are most welcome!

MOMS ON THE JOURNEY

Our moms' group is going strong! We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the upper meeting room of the Barn. A casual, fun-filled, Spirit lead group, "Moms on the Journey" provides an opportunity for busy mothers to be pampered…to grow in their faith… and to share the joys and challenges of Christian motherhood with other moms. This ministry has been a true blessing for all those who come. If you're a mom who wants to go deeper *and* enjoy the company of other Christian moms, please consider joining this amazing group of women. Our next monthly gathering will be Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Upper Room of the Barn. Bring a friend and come on down.

OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Program meets during the 10:00 Mass every Sunday. Our young parishioners leave Mass after the Collect (Opening Prayer) and return in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. While at CLTW, the children enjoy the readings, responsorial psalm and gospel presented in language that is easy for them to understand. An interactive homily and prayer of the faithful allow the children to participate more fully in the Liturgy of the Word. All children ages 4 and up are welcome. No registration is necessary…just come to the 10:00 Mass and have your children join the group when the priest invites the children to come up. This program is a joy-filled blessing for all!

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

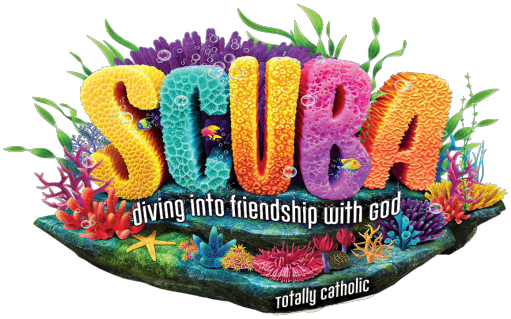
Our Family Life Ministry provides varied opportunities for families of all ages to come together to pray, to serve others and to share in some good clean family fun. We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm in the upper meeting room of the barn. We pray, brainstorm, share ideas and plan family activities, events and service projects. All are welcome!

UPCOMING FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY EVENTS

April 21 - Sandwich Sunday 11:00 AM – School Cafeteria

VACATION BIBLE CAMP AT ST. JOHN'S

July 15-19, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Students currently in Pre-K through Grade 4 are eligible for VBC. Older students can serve as youth volunteers. More information will be available next week! Check the bulletin /parish website for details!



Faith Formation

"FAMILY OF FAITH" (GRADES 1-6)

Families learned more about the Communion of Saints and the Battle of Prayer during our last Family of Faith sessions! We look forward to seeing everyone at one of our closing prayer services in May!

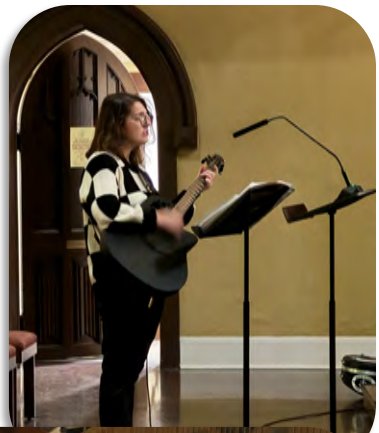
NEXT SESSION: Closing Prayer Service
Tuesday, May 14 @ 5PM or Thursday, May 16 @ 5PM
**NOTE: There are no sessions at 7 PM for the closing prayer services.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 CANDIDATES

RETREAT: Participating in crafts, song, video presentations and more, our First Communion candidates and their families learned more about the Eucharist and being the Body of Christ in the world at our retreat on April 13. Special thanks to all our volunteers who made the retreat so special!

OFFERING: For those scheduled to receive First Holy Communion this May (2024), we have posted our First Communion offering ($50) online. Check your email for more information. You can also scan the QR code here to make the offering. Questions? Email us at faithformation@sjecm.org

CONFIRMATION PREP



LEVEL 7 - Our Level 7 students experienced Eucharistic Adoration with Msgr. Walden presiding. Guest speaker and musician Tess Austin, director of Catholic Identity and Mission for the DRVC Department of Education, explained this ancient and beautiful form of prayer and provided the music during adoration.

NEXT LEVEL 7 SESSION:
Sponsor/Candidate Night - Monday, June 3 @ 7PM, Church

LEVEL 8 - Our Level 8 students broke open the story of the Man Born Blind, discussing spiritual blindness, bullying and human dignity, with guest speaker Carolyn Lapham, our parish's coordinator of Family Ministries.

NEXT LEVEL 8 SESSION:
FALL 2024 - "FEARLESS" PROGRAM (TBA)

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Several years ago I went to a shopping mall with my six-year-old son, and I could tell he was overwhelmed by the fast-moving crowds; he stuck close to my side. Not long into our trip, he turned a corner and, suddenly, his face lit up. He pointed at a young boy ahead. "That's James! I know him! He's in my class!" he exclaimed, and ran up to talk to him. Out of the sea of strangers was someone he *knew,* and who knew him. That changed the whole experience for him. Today's readings are all about that kind of knowing. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that, like a good shepherd, he knows his flock and they know him. How comforting it is to know that Jesus not only knows each one of us, but he willingly chose to lay down his life for each one of us as the ultimate sacrifice of love. But how do we get to know our Good Shepherd better? By immersing ourselves in Scripture and prayer and seeking a personal relationship with him. If we stay close to the Lord, we'll know his voice when we hear it – in the quiet of our prayer, in the everyday promptings of the Spirit in our decision-making, and even, in the midst of all the noise, as the calming and guiding voice leading us along the right path.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Being known is one of the most fundamental human and spiritual needs. When my son recognized his friend, he also instinctively recognized – without being able to articulate it – this need, in the midst of the anonymity of the mall. And his reaction was so pure: "I know him, and he knows me!" But he didn't leave it at that; he went to engage with his friend. He *encountered* his friend. This is what Christ desires for, and with us – not just to know us, to simply recognize us from afar, but for us to want to encounter him! We are meant to be in community; Jesus is always here for us: in the Church, in the sacraments, in Scriptures and in our hearts.

PRAY Spending time in prayer and reading the Scriptures are essential in order to get to know the voice of Jesus. Read the Gospels this week, even a chapter a day, and contemplate what passages stand out for you. Pray about it at Mass. The Scriptures and the sacraments are how Jesus speaks to us, like a good shepherd speaks to his flock so the sheep will know his voice and follow it.

Parish Social Ministry

Street Ministry

Are you a great cook? Or perhaps a social butterfly who enjoys engaging with others in the community? Maybe you prefer to work behind the scenes? Do you love to fold clothes and organize things? *Come use the awesome gifts that God gave you to serve those in need in our local community!*

Our Street Ministry is an amazing community of volunteers who provide hot meals and clothing to individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless or unable to receive other supporting services. Whether you are interested in working in our donation room, cooking hot meals, making PB&J sandwiches, or participating in our van runs, Street Ministry has a place and a job for everyone! To get started or for more information contact Victoria Paparatto at streetministry@sjecm.org

Street Ministry Shopping List

- Mens/Womens light weight coats, medium, large and extra large
- Mens/Womens t- shirts, all sizes
- Mens/Womens sweatshirts, medium, large and extra large
- Mens/Womens sweatpants, small, medium and extra large.
- Mens Jeans size 32,34 and 36.

Ernie's Place

Here is a list of items needed for our pantry. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

Pantry Shopping List

- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Bags of Lentils
- White Rice (small bags)
- Flour

SJE Thrift Shop

Wednesdays - 9 AM - 12 Noon

Are you are looking for a great deal? St. John's Thrift Shop is the place for you and your family. Everyone is welcome!

When you visit our Shop, you'll see lots of new and gently used clothes, pocketbooks, shoes, jewelry, housewares, and lots of great toys, all at great prices. The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish Outreach programs and used to assist our neighbors in need in our parish and the local community.

The success of our Thrift Shop relies on the generous donations from our community that are left in the *green bins in the school parking lot.

If you are looking for a great way to give back to our Parish community, consider donating your new or gently used clothes, or those toys your children have outgrown.

*We strongly encourage donations be dropped at the Thrift Shop Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday Mornings between 9am and 11:30am when volunteers are present.

Faith Formation

Registration Begins In JUNE

First Graders / New Students

St. John the Evangelist's Religious Education program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Registration for the 2024-25 academic year will begin in mid-June. Those who are entering Grade 1, as well as those with children who may not have been in religious education for awhile, are welcome to register this June. A new online registration form for the 2024-25 Academic Year will be posted. Keep an eye on the bulletin and our Social Media for exact dates!

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life –
especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

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Monday - Friday from 3:00 - 7:00 PM in Seton Chapel, in the Convent

On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM.
All are invited to pray for our Shepherds.
Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
If you can be present for a specific hour, email rectory@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

Safe Environment Updates…

VIRTUS® Training

All volunteers and employees at SJE are **required** to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check.

SJE will be holding a class…

Thursday, April 25th 6:30 P.M.

You can sign up for the VIRTUS classes by visiting www.drvc.org or clicking here:
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/

REMINDERS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

All SJE employees and volunteers must wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your "spam" or "Junk" folder.)

PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

The dedicated telephone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse (516-694-9063) continues to be available. If the caller does not reach someone directly, messages can be left on an answering machine connected to the phone. Those messages will be retrieved by a member of the Intervention Team and returned as soon as possible. All appropriate steps will be taken to protect the reputation and privacy of those involved. For more information on the Charter for the Protection of Children / Young People, please visit drvc.org.

Bereavement Support Group...

Grieving is a natural process each of us goes through after the death of a loved on. While no one can take away our sadness, others can help by listening and caring. Sharing our feelings with others who have experienced the death of a loved one help many people begin the healing process.

WHEN: Saturday mornings, beginning April 27, 2024
TIME: 10:30 AM to 12 Noon
WHERE: First floor meeting room in the Barn.
The Barn is the blue building located in the back of the school parking lot.
FACILITATORS: Maureen Harney and Loretta Gallagher
REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or via email at Rectory@sjecm.org
FEES: $10 donation for the workbook.

Grief never ends but it changes. It is a passage, not a place to stay.
It is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith. Grief is the price of love.

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Revitalizing our Faith – Renewed by the Eucharist

Dear Friends:

A Blessed and Happy Easter! We entered this season of Easter seeing the many difficulties facing our world and community. Through it all, the People of God on Long Island continue to be inspired by the Word of God and devoted to being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

Pope Francis reminds us that *"The Eucharist impels us to a strong and committed love of neighbor, for we cannot truly understand or live the meaning of the Eucharist if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor, suffering, weary or may have gone astray in life."*

So crucial to our work as instruments of Eucharistic Revival are the funds raised by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Those funds help us to strengthen our mission and be present in ministry to so many people throughout our beloved Diocese. We can provide programs and services to our parishes, offer hope to those in need, nurture the faith of our youth, college students, and young adults, and support formation for our deacons, lay leaders, and seminarians.

Ordained in 2023, Rev. Stephen McClernon shared why the Appeal was so important to his formation. *"The CMA has been influential in my life. One of the ministries it supports is the Holy Hours for Vocations at the Seminary. We gather young people from across the Island to hold Eucharistic Adoration. During my college years, this experience was a big part of my faith and my decision to become a priest. The Catholic Ministries Appeal has helped foster my vocation to the priesthood."*

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by it.

You and your loved ones are remembered in my prayers and Masses. May the Risen Lord guide and strengthen you in this Easter season.

Sincerely in Christ

+ John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en español los sábados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.
Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oración, todos los viernes a las 7:30 PM en la Capilla del Convento Parroquial. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:
Por favor traiga el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.
Requisitos:
1. Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
2. Certificado de registro de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de la charla prebautismal
(OBLIGATORIO para padres y padrinos)
y la fecha del Bautismo.
Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia.
Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

CASAMIENTO:
Las parejas que planean casarse deben concertar una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de la boda. Esto les dará tiempo suficiente para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame a la oficina

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes.

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.
espanol@sjecm.org

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to call before you come and visit.

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE
Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 7:30 PM
Jueves 3:00 PM a las 4:00 PM.

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO
Miércoles - Granero
Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA
Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM
auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE CALLE
Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley
7:15 PM (aproximadamente)
Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para quienes lo necesiten.Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

Tienda de segunda mano SJE los miércoles:

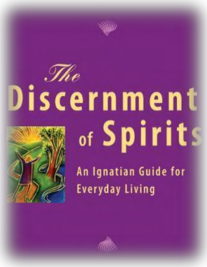
de 9 AM a 12 del mediodía

¿Estás buscando una gran oferta? St. John's Thrift Shop es el lugar para usted y su familia. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Cuando visite nuestra tienda, verá mucha ropa, carteras, zapatos, joyas, artículos para el hogar y muchos juguetes fantásticos nuevos y en buen estado, todo a excelentes precios. Las ganancias de las ventas semanales en la tienda se devuelven a nuestros programas de Alcance Parroquial y se utilizan para ayudar a nuestros vecinos necesitados en nuestra parroquia y la comunidad local.

El éxito de nuestra tienda de segunda mano depende de las generosas donaciones de nuestra comunidad que se dejan en los contenedores verdes del estacionamiento de la escuela. Si está buscando una excelente manera de retribuir a nuestra comunidad parroquial, considere donar su ropa nueva o en buen estado, o aquellos juguetes que a sus hijos les hayan quedado pequeños.

Women's Group…



Fr. Timothy Gallagher's book on The Discernment of Spirits, lists St. Ignatius' 14 rules for discernment, then goes through each rule a chapter at a time, describing how to apply it in our lives. In the ups & downs, consolations and desolations of our spiritual life, we go through times of pure joy to "Where are You Jesus?"

St. Ignatius (1491-1556), recuperating from war wounds was given reading material on the life of Christ & the saints. As he thought about what he read, he became aware of his thought patterns, how the thoughts affected his feelings, and how the good feelings remained with him. When he had worldly thoughts, although he felt good while thinking them, he noticed that afterward the feelings left him empty. He continued reading spiritual books, growing in wisdom. God was leading him, fulfilling His Plan for him to be a great saint & to teach us. God's plan for us is the same, the *process is slow*.

As women who love Jesus, we need & want to learn to recognize Jesus' voice & grow closer to Him. At times we feel inadequate, wondering is this Jesus speaking, me or the enemy? In our group we begin to see we're all equal, with the same problems, emotions, weaknesses, confusion, strengths, desires, fears, doing the best we can, we don't have to be perfect. Jesus consoles us through our love for each other. If you feel desire to come but are fearful, we understand because we've been there & at times still are, so just come as you are, no rules or requirements, you don't have to read or share. We respect the privacy of others, sharing is *anonymous*!

We meet ***every other Monday*** from
10:00 - 11:30 AM in the IHM room, white house
(convent) between school & rectory.

Dates: April 15, 29,
May 13, 20*, June 10, 24 (summer break).
*Dates with * are makeup dates.*
Facilitators: Carol Ketcham, Anita Luccari.
For additional information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009 . Or… just show up!

Men's Prayer Group…

CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 9 AM** in the Convent. Join as us as we learn to follow the example of St. Joseph and grow in our faith, reflect on the Gospel and have coffee. For more information, call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

Please join us for a Mass and Brunch Fundraiser in support of our Senior Priests living at St. Pius X Residence. The Celebrant for the Mass will be the Most Reverend Bishop John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre.

St. Agnes Cathedral
29 Quealy Pl.
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Apr 27, 2024 11:00am ET

Register:
https://bit.ly/RegisterforFundraiser

Important DRVC Information….

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims od sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Please take some time look through the back pages of the bulletin! It features many local businesses (and often the work of parishioners) and the good work they do in our community. We have parishioners who do everything from car detailing to car mechanics to lacrosse training to taking care of pets. Take a look and learn more!

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

Also, if your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, the nearly 1,400 people who attend Mass at St. John the Evangelist - most of whom live and shop in the Moriches, Mastic, Shirley, Eastport, Speonk and Remsenberg area - receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of families in the area with information about your business.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631-249-4994

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 22nd, 2024

6:45 AM	Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-7 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
6:30-7:30 PM	Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
7:00-8:00 PM	Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC
7 PM	Narcotics Anonymous-Men only - BMR

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024

6:45 AM	Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-7 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
7:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
7 PM	Divine Will - Front Mtg Rm - Auditorium

Wednesday, April 24th, 2024

6:45 AM	Alcoholics Anonymous – BMR
9 AM-12 Noon	Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
3-7 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – SC

Thursday, April 25th, 2024

6:45 AM	Alcoholics Anonymous – BMR
3-4 PM	Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
3-7 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
4 PM	Legion of Mary - BMR
7:30 PM	Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, April 26th, 2024

6:45 AM	Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-7 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus -Bingo Night - Auditorium
7 PM	Narcotics Anonymous - BMR
7 PM	Spanish Prayer Group - SC

Saturday, April 27th, 2024

6:45 AM	Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
9 AM	Men's Prayer Group - SC
10:30 AM	Bereavement Group - BMR

Sunday, April 28th, 2024

6:45 AM	Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room
BUR - Barn Upper Room
SC - Seton Chapel