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Deacon

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Office Hours

Saturday:

Monday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM Tuesday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

9 AM - 2 PM

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

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OUR PARISH MISION

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

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

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, October 18th

5:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Sunday, October 19th

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Francis 6:00 PM - Fr. Charlince

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

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)

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Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

Confessions will take place in Our Lady's

Chapel in the Church.

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Office Hours

Confession Schedule

Schedule

Mass

A Reflection from Deacon Michael Hoonhout...

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 'Your Faith Has Saved You' (Luke 17:11-19)

The most important human acts in life are usually quite simple and ordinary. By "ordinary" I mean common and by "simple" I mean not that difficult to do. But the reason why they are so important is because of the extraordinary difference they make in our lives. Acts like being honest and truthful or being kind and respectful. How long does any human relationship last without honesty? How quickly trust is ruined when someone fails to tell the truth! Being kind and courteous is the key to making social relations hum. Respect upholds another person's dignity and kindness honors it. It doesn't take much to be truthful and kind, and what a blessing when human interactions are honest and respectful.

Another important, simple and ordinary human act is being grateful and showing thanks, which is the theme of this week's Scripture readings. Returning thanks to others for their compassion and generosity is simply right and proper, and again, not so difficult to do. Yet in addition to being appropriate and right for human relationships, gratitude and thanksgiving are so fundamentally crucial for a healthy relationship with God. Indeed, it is not an exaggeration to say that only upon a foundation of heartfelt gratitude can any person have a right relationship with God. The opposites of gratitude—a lack of appreciation and a sense of entitlement – close the human heart to God's love, foster pride and reflect a basic cluelessness about who we are before the Almighty and how much we completely depend upon Him for everything. From the Creator we have everything; without the Creator we are nothing. "What do you possess that you did not receive?" (1 Corinthians 4:7). We often take our existence, our abilities, and our health for granted, even though we always owe a fundamental debt of gratitude to God for everything we are and have.

Gratitude before God is not only the foundation of our relationship with Him, but also essential for growing in that relationship. In the first reading, we hear how Naaman the Syrian comes to faith in the one and only true God in all the earth—the Lord God of Israel—after being overcome with gratitude for the miraculous healing of his leprosy. Gratitude softened his heart to receive the gift of faith, and deep appreciation for the gift of the miracle sealed his commitment to

spend the rest of his life worshipping the God of Israel alone. If he had received the miracle without thanks or appreciation, his skin would be soft and new, but his heart would be hard and old.

In the Gospel of Luke, we hear how only one leper out of ten coms to true faith in Jesus Christ because his desire to give thanks led him back to Iesus. The other nine got what they wanted from Jesus and then were done with him. But the tenth, the Samaritan, allowed gratitude to move him from appreciating the gift to loving the Giver. When he returns he is not seeking further gain, but rather giving back, his heart glorifying God and thanking Jesus. Being truly grateful for the countless gifts we have received from God fosters a true love for God and His indescribable goodness. If we love the good things we receive from God, how much more should we love the Giver who gives all we are and have out of His love for us! A grateful heart becomes a loving heart.

Gratitude is also a deep wellspring for prayer. Whenever I find it difficult to pray, I recall the blessings in my life and remember that God gave them to me simply because He loves me. A renewed gratitude truly lifts up my heart to God and centers my thoughts on what truly matters. We can too easily focus on our problems or what we do not have, so gratitude is important for changing a self-centered focus that limits prayer to asking God for things, to a loving and grateful gazing upon God which wants to honor, bless and serve Him for being so good.

"Where are the other nine?" **Iesus** disappointed by a lack of gratitude in those to whom He has given a great gift. He knows how crucial it is for us to render due thanks to God that He became our Eucharistia, making Himself the perfect Thanksgiving which we can offer God at Mass. This is a fulfillment of Psalm 116:12: "How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord." Jesus as our Eucharist is both the greatest gift God gives to us and the greatest thanksgiving we can give back to God. We receive; do we give thanks? May we not be like the ten lepers in the Gospel where only one out of every ten Catholics gives true thanks to God for the Eucharist!

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, October 11th Weekday

5:00 PM Myrna Stabile

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 12th Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Vincent Ferrara 10:00 AM Bryan O'Donnell

Special Intention-Joan Murphy 12:00 Noon

6:00 PM Gwen DiMiceli

Monday, October 13th Weekday

7:00 AM Michael Fogarty

John Immel 12:00 Noon Tuesday, October 14th Weekday

Erin M. Carine 7:00 AM

12:00 PM Jane Ann Sherry

Wednesday, October 15th Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Ruth Werneth

12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

Thursday, October 16th Weekday

7:00 AM Allen John Allsop

12:00 Noon Vinny Ferrara

Friday, October 17th Weekday

Kenneth Edward Duggan 7:00 AM

Francis Both 12:00 Noon

Saturday, October 18th Saint Luke, Evangelist

8:00 AM Frank Megna

5:00 PM Rosemary Both

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 19th Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Wiliam Hope

10:00 AM Arleen Probeyahn

12:00 Noon Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

People of the Parish 6:00 PM

World Mission Sunday...



Next Sunday, October 19, is World Mission Sunday.

Pope Leo invites the entire Church mission support dioceses in Africa, Asia, the **Pacific**

Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for Propagation of the Faith.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

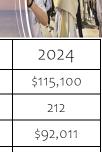
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Please help us reach our goal!

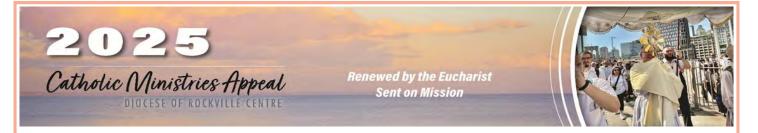
Catholic Ministries Appeal

As of 0/20/2025



| A3 0) 9/30/2023 | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Parish Goal | \$115,100 | \$115,100 |
| Number of Donors | 201 | 212 |
| Total Pledged to date | \$85,521 | \$92,011 |
| Avg. Gift | \$425 | \$434 |
| Percent of Goal | 74.3% | 80% |

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!



Please help us reach our goal!

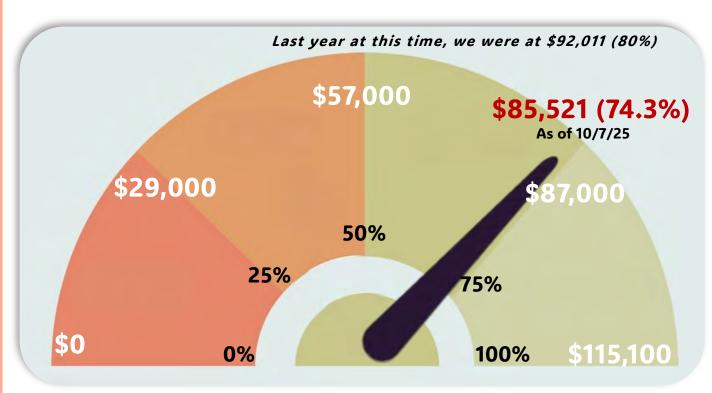


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We are close to 75% of our goal, with less than 3 months left! Please help if you can!

Many thanks to those who have made their pledge to the CMA! If you haven't made your pledge yet, please prayerfully consider how your generosity can make a world of difference!







Praying For and With One Another -Our Military

Remember

Annette Nicolisi

"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

Carol Theisen, Ray Galpin, , Aydan Fernandez, Julio Mendina, Miguel Rivera, Eileen & Chuck DeRicco, Michael Campanello, George Modica, Bill Hasper, Baby Isabelle Reyes, Alessandra Veloso Valentim, Christine Shay, Rev. Matthew Considine, Daniel Treadwell, Elizabeth Kiernan, Thomas Capone, Hugh Hogan, Douglas Ashley

"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.

US Marine Corps

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

US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello SSGT David Giese A1C Brenden M. Hayes SSGT Jason M Hermes SSGT Kyle Kerstiens SSGT Ryan Kerstiens SSGT Timothy Kerstiens SrA Jared T. Rosato LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza SSGT William E. McCauley II 1st Lt. Claire McGrath A1C James Pfister

US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr STGCS Brian Holzmacher ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero SR Thomas Taylor III SR Jack Patrick Walsh SR Michael Paduana EM3 Andrew R. Casey

US Army

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

US Coast Guard

BM₃ Brendan J. Bernath CPT Keith Donohue

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

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp, the St. Joseph and the St. Theresa Candles will be lit in memory of:

Timothy O'Sullivan

The Altar Bread & Wine for the month of October has been donated in memory of:

Ann and Harry Holland

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.

An offering of \$200 is requested.

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

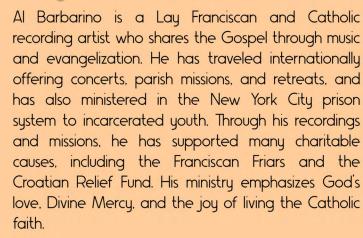
A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful statues in our church. You may have a particular devotion to one of these saints. These candles are next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection. Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.

SJE 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



Reinforcing Our Magnificent Catholic Faith in Word and Songle presented by Catholic Recording Artisit/Lay Franciscan Al Barbarino





We are pleased to welcome Al Barbarino to St. John the Evangelist on Wednesday, October 15, where he will present an evening of reinforcing our magnificent Catholic Faith in Word and Song.

Month of Remembrance...

Special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance 2:00 PM Mass ~ Sunday, November 2nd

We will celebrate a special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day, **Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 PM.** At this Mass we will pray by name for all who have died in our parish community over the past year. All families who have celebrated a funeral Mass at SJE in the past year are being specially invited, and all parishioners, whether or not they have experienced a loss, are invited to come and join in prayer. Following the Mass, all are welcome for hospitality. Please consider participating in this Mass to join together in prayerful solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have lost a loved one in the past year.

Altar of Remembrance

During the month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died. This year, we will be preparing a special Altar of Remembrance in the Seton Chapel. Beginning November 1st, you are invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each other. Please limit the size of your photo (perhaps no larger than 4 x 6) so that there is room for everyone who wishes to participate. You may place the picture in a small frame. Please remember to write your name and phone number on the back of the picture. Pictures may be dropped off at the rectory or at the sacristy.

We ask that you pick up your picture no later than Wednesday, $November\ 26^{th}$.

Book of the Names of the Dead



Beginning November 1st, a special book will be placed inside Our Lady's Chapel for members of our parish community to write down the names of loved ones who have died. The names in this book will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.



All Souls Day Novena envelopes are now available. These envelopes are a meaningful way for you to have your deceased loved ones prayed for in the Novena of Masses for All Souls Day. Please take an envelope, fill out the name of the deceased, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Special Masses will be offered for nine (9) days throughout the month of November for these intentions for the deceased.



Parishes Praying for Priests

UNITED IN ADORATION

Please Join Us...

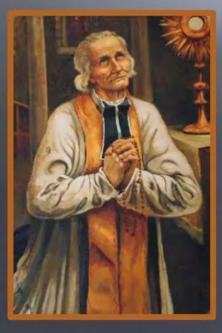
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 TH 3PM - 7PM

Answering Our Lady's call to pray for our Priests and for the increase of Vocations.

Without our priests we have NO Eucharist and NO Sacraments

SETON CHAPEL

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CONVENT



Please offer any amount of time during these hours to be in unified prayer within our Diocese.

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY-

Sandwich Sundays are back!

Family Life Ministry hosted our first Sandwich Sunday of the new school year on Sunday, September 14, 2025 after the 10:00

Mass. Over 350 sandwiches were made!

Our next Sandwich Sunday is scheduled for next Sunday, October 19, 2025. Grab your family and a loaf of bread and come on down!

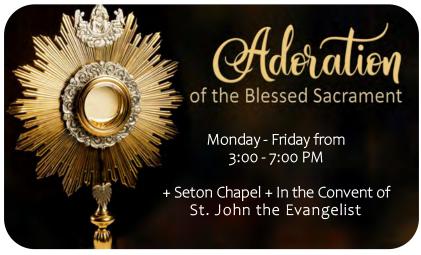


Moms on the Journey

Our Moms on the Journey group meets on the

4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Upper Meeting Room in The Barn. What is "Moms on the Journey"? This is a group for Moms of all ages who come together to grow in faith and to enjoy an evening of life-giving fellowship with others who share the exciting, yet challenging journey of balancing faith and motherhood! Our next gathering is **Wednesday**, **October 22nd!** Grab a friend and come! All moms are welcome!





* PRIMARY

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. 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.

Office of Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
Website: https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/faithformation@sjecm.org/mpirraglia@sjecm.org
Office Hours: By Appointment Only



Our Confirmation preparation for Level 7 and Level 8 kicked off last month. Our Level 7 students received their "Breakthrough" Youth Bibles during our Bible Blessing, with Fr. Francis presiding. For Level 8, our students renewed their baptismal promises at the opening prayer service, where Fr. Patrick presided.

Our "Fearless" Confirmation 2025 candidates wrapped up their sessions last week with our Reconciliation Service. The four-week program included several guest speakers, including Ms. Briana Maggio -the theology teacher at OLQA - and Mr. Liam Gordon - a Catholic youth speaker and musician who helped lead us in song during our Adoration night.

Thank you to all our volunteers, music ministry, family members

and our candidates who helped make these celebrations so wonderful!







2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

 ${\bf CALENDARS}\ {\bf for\ all\ our\ programs\ are\ available\ on\ the\ Faith\ Formation\ page\ of\ our\ parish\ website.}$

(sjecm.org, click on "Faith Formation")

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Next Class Session:

Monday, October 20 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

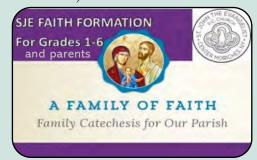
*Check your email later in October for your child's small group number! *Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles to each session!

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Class Session:

Tuesday, October 21 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

*Students are in the same small groups as last year.
*Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles to each session!



Next Sessions:

Tuesday, November 4 & Thursday, November 6 at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church (attend one).

Grade Level 2 Mass - Sunday, 10/19 at 10 AM.

Please bring your completed activity sheet that was given out at October sessions and hand it in at the Main Lobby when you enter the church!

"FEARLESS" - 9th Grade Confirmation Prep

*For students who have completed our Level 7 & 8 preparation and will be confirmed this Fall (2025)

Weekend of November 1 & 2 - MASS OF SENDING FORTH



Did you know that our new Baptism Program is up and running?

Here at St. John's we redesigned our Baptism Preparation program in January 2025. We wanted our program to be warm and welcoming, so we have included more interpersonal communication multiple opportunities for families to come to St. John's prior to the day of Baptism. Our mission is to make St. John's every family's home away from home, where we come together to worship our Almighty God, to learn about our amazing Catholic faith, to dive deeper in our personal relationship with Jesus and grow together as a parish family accepting, loving, supporting and serving each other, our local community and beyond. Baptism preparation program now includes the following components:

- * Registration into the parish as a family
- Complete the online Baptism registration for the child who is to be Baptized
- Attend an in-person Baptism
 Preparation class
- * Complete the online Baptism Belonging video course
- * Submit all required paperwork

When all requirements have been met, meet with a member of the Baptism Ministry to schedule a date for Baptism.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults [OCIA]

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?

Jesus said to his apostles, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). The Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ is meant for all peoples, and the Catholic Church is open to all who believe. A non-Christian becomes a Catholic by baptism, and non-Catholic Christians who are already baptized in the Name of the Trinity enter fully into the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation and Eucharist. These three Sacraments of Initiation are given to adult candidates once a year on the most Solemn Feast of Easter.

The preparation to become a Catholic through the Easter sacraments, known as the OCIA, involves coming to know the faith taught by the Church, and by prayer and ritual receiving the grace to commit to living that faith. The process of entering into the Catholic Church through OCIA at St. John the Evangelist is beginning soon and will extend to the end of March 2026. That process includes informal classes on the Catholic Faith and a time of prayerful discernment for each inquirer to embrace the fullness of Catholic teaching and freely commit to becoming Catholic. Admission into the Catholic Church for those who sustain their desire to join her throughout the process will take place at the Easter Vigil, on Saturday, April 4, 2026. During the last six weeks (the holy Season of Lent) before admission at Easter, candidates will be formally commit to being baptized at Easter and will be welcomed by the faith community.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the OCIA program at St. John the Evangelist is asked to either call the Rectory or email Deacon Michael Hoonhout at **mhoonhout**@sjecm.org.



Parish Social Ministry

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120 Email: socialministry@SJEcm.org



The holidays are quickly approaching, and we could use your help! If you are new to volunteering here at St. John's, now is a great time get started! All of our volunteers are required to take a Virtus training class, and to wear their SJE issued volunteer badge. If you are in need of either, please call Cathy at ext.126 for more information or to sign up for our next class. If you're ready to go and would like to volunteer in any of our outreach programs, please call Heather at ext. 120 for more information. We have amazing outreach opportunities coming up beginning with Thanksgiving; it's a beautiful way to help those in need in our community. Thank you for sharing your time!



Ernie's Place Food Pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday's from 6:30-7:30 PM and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering to serve when we're open or to help re-stock and organize our pantry shelves, please call to join us!

- * Syrup
- * Cereal
- * Ketchup
- * Hot Sauce
- * Drink Boxes
- * Jar Pasta Sauce
- * Cake Mix and Icing
- * Bags of Black & Red Beans
- * Small Bags of White Rice
- * Small bottles of Cooking Oil





Our Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday from 9 AM-12 PM. All are welcome to shop! The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish outreach programs to help those in need in our local community.

Donations are greatly appreciated in the green bins in the school parking lot in front of our shop anytime but especially on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9-11 AM!

STREET MINISTRY

Street

Ministry

Needs

Our Street Ministry team provides food and clothes to those in need every Thursday night. There are lots of opportunities to get involved whether you like to cook, serve, help load our van or fold clothes. Please reach out for more information!

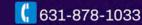
- Single Razors
- ♦ Shaving Cream
- Face/Wash cloths
- Gently used t-shirts
- Travel Size Shampoo
- Travel Size Conditioner
- Travel Size Body Lotion
- Women's new Underwear (S, M)
- Men's new Underwear & Socks (S, M, L, XL)
- ♦ Gently used men's & women's sneakers
- Gently used men's jeans in size 32, 34 and 36

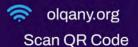
Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

Contact Us!





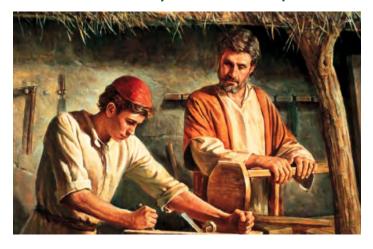


SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



Moving into the Fall Season, our classes have been using hands-on activities to help our students learn! Pre-K made apple sauce as they read the story of "Johnny Appleseed," while our 7th graders completed the "Marshmallow Challenge," working to create the tallest structure out of spaghetti, tape and string that could balance a marshmallow. We also said "Goodbye to Summer," with students showing their school spirit by wearing our 2025-26 OLQA T-Shirt: "Let all that you do be done in love." ~I Corinthians 16:14

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, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

Bereavement Support...

Grieving is a natural process each of us goes through after the death of a loved one. 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.

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.

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon
First floor meeting room in the Barn.
REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at
631.878.0009 or via email at
Rectory@sjecm.org
\$10 donation for the workbook.

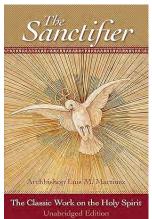
Women's Group... our

Our Women's Group will begin again on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 10 AM to 11:30 AM. We welcome newcomers anytime to

join our group. All meetings are open, come when you can. There are no rules, just **desire** for growth in Jesus and fellowship.

We're still reading The Sanctifier by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez. Part I is about True Devotion to the Holy Spirit. Part II: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Part III: The Fruit of the Spirit. Part IV: The Beatitudes.

As we read, we come to understand through our sharing, that the Holy Spirit is working in our daily lives & we're right where we're supposed to be on our journey. We're growing a little at a time. We all have the same feelings, doubts, fears, lack of knowledge, we're imperfect & we come to accept that. We're sisters in Jesus cheering each other on. If you're uncomfortable to share, you don't have to. We're just happy that you choose to be with us.



There is no charge for the books, all meetings are on Mondays, 10-11:30 AM, which gives you time to attend 12:00 mass if you wish. We're in the white house meeting room (convent), between the school & the rectory (blue house).

God Bless you, Carol & Anita (Moderators)

For info call 631-878-0009

2025: October 20, November 3, 17, December 1, 15
2026: January 5, 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23,
April 13, 27, May 11, 18, June 1, 15, 29
(Summer break July, August, back in September)

A Message from Msgr. Walden...

Gratitude is a very important and a life-giving part of who we are and how we live together peacefully, joyfully, and happily. In the Gospel for today' Mass (Luke 17:11-19), we see that Jesus cured ten lepers but only one came back, falling at the feet of Jesus in pure gratitude. Jesus replied to him, ""Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." Gratitude is such a very important part of who we are and how we live with each other. Gratitude humbles us in joy, encourages us to give of ourselves with the best of motives, and paves the way for peace with one another and peace in our world.

Last Sunday, I joined a number of people who were part of the Stand For Life at exit 70 of the LIE and route 111. How encouraging it was to see so many people holding signs expressing the joy of new life in the face of legalized abortion in our nation and praying for an end to abortion! Many cars passed by honking their horns in agreement. The only negative comment I heard from a passing car was, "My body, my choice." Is she not grateful for her mother's choice to bring her to birth? The choice to do evil or support evil, especially to the most vulnerable among us has been wreaking havoc and causing division since Roe vs. Wade on January 22, 1973. Even more in the past month we have seen the killing of innocent and pro-life people. There are school shootings, shootings in churches, and other places where we gather for good purposes. How did this happen? It is one thing to have disagreements, but when that leads to rejection with violent words, gestures, and actions, evil is flourishing among us. Just put the letter "D" in front of the word evil and the Devil is having his day.

Why do people get so caught up in anger and literally kill others? Killing the innocent among us is nothing new for the human race. The greatest act of killing an innocent person 2000 years ago backfired when Jesus rose for the dead after being crucified and entombed. The most amazing part of the Resurrection is that Jesus not only overcame evil, He came back to offer His presence to us as we make our journey through life in this world. Jesus did not come to make us winners over evil as much as He came to make His love, truth, compassion, and mercy part of who we are. These virtues are not for pushovers but for all who hunger and thirst for peace in their hearts, peace in our world, and peace forever in God's and one another's presence in heaven.

One of the expressions we use when we talk about the Sacrament of Confession is calling it the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus came to

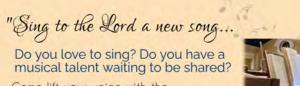


reconcile us to God and one another. We cannot be one with God and not seek unity with one another. True unity has its foundation in mercy, truth, and humility encompassed with love. Reconciliation leads to peace only when it is based on the truth of who we are as children of God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness, humility, and a firm resolve to seek and live the truth together is the road to peace. We all need to take that step as individuals and as the people of God united in prayer, celebration of the Sacraments, and divine love for and with each other.

I close with these words from Colossians 3:1-17.

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Because of these the wrath of God is coming upon the disobedient. By these you too once conducted yourselves, when you lived in that way. But now you must put them all away: anger, fury, malice, slander, and obscene language out of your mouths. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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... for He has done marvelous things!"





"It is so important that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today." -- Pope Leo XIV

October is Respect Life month. As faithful Catholics we are aware that respecting life is a constant pursuit. May we always consider more deeply that every human life is valuable and reflect on how we can build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death

With your support, we can achieve this challenge of keeping the sanctity of life at the forefront of our community and society. Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal provides Respect Life initiatives through prayer services, education, witness and action.





Comunidad Hispano...

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

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Requisitos:

 Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
 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 PM los martes. Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

espanol@sjecm.org

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TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

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Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil Location

Sidewalk near Planned Parenthood (450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue)

Vigil Hours:

Mondays: 10 AM - 12 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM - 12 PM / 3 PM - 5 PM
Saturdays: 10 AM - 12 PM

Local Contact:

Gail at 631-819-8885

Learn more...get involved...sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at:

40daysforlife.com/Patchoque

Walk-ins welcome!

Come and spend an hour in prayer for these precious lives!

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Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

2 Locations!

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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

2,025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incamation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in

the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

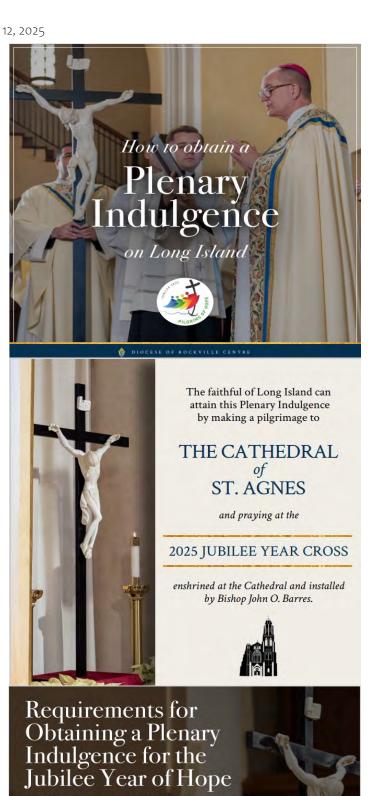
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen









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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!

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 13th, 2025 Parish Offices Closed

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place

Tuesday, October 14th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

7:00 PM Divine Will - AMR

Wednesday, October 15th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous – BMR

9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop

3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – SC

7 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous – BMR

3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place

3:30-5:30 PM Legion of Mary-BMR

7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, October 17th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

7:30 PM Knights of Columbus - BINGO

7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR

7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

Saturday, October 18th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - SC

10:30 AM Bereavement Group - BMR

Sunday, October 19th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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