St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Give the Lord glory and honor ~Psalm 96

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Our Lady Queen of Apostles

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Office Hours

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Monday:	9 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday:	9 AM - 7:30 PM
	6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.
Wednesday:	9 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday:	9 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday:	9 AM - 2 PM
Saturday:	9 AM - 2 PM

Please take note of the summer hours.
Please call before visiting any parish offices.

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

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, October 24th
5:00 PM - Fr. Francis
7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charlince

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, October 25th
8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden
10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick
12 noon - Fr. Patrick
6:00 PM - Fr. Charlince

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

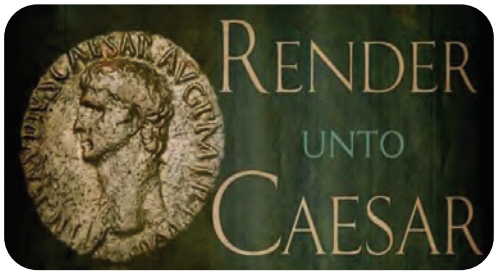
Confession Schedule

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 the Director of Faith Formation ...

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."
~Matthew 22:21



It's been said there are two things that are certain in this life — death and taxes. I would argue that, in today's Gospel, Jesus is challenging us to see another certainty — that we belong to God above all other things and should live our lives according to that reality.

Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and just before his passion and death — the pharisees again were looking to entrap Jesus. It is interesting that this particular encounter is recorded in the Gospel of St. Matthew, who was a former tax collector. He knew that the Roman taxes were not fair, and that there was extortion. Historically, the taxes mostly funded the Roman military and the city of Rome. They also lined the pockets of certain local leaders (some from amongst the Jewish people) in order to keep Rome's grip on Israel. A number of the Jewish people believed paying taxes was a form of idolatry because the image of Caesar — who was declared to be a god by the Roman state — was on the money they used.

So when the pharisees challenged Jesus by asking if it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, they thought they had the perfect plan to trap him. If Jesus said they did not have to pay taxes, He would be declared a traitor to the state of Rome. If Jesus said they should pay taxes, many of the Jewish people would turn against Him.

But instead, Jesus reorients the question. He asks them whose image is on the coin and declares, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." *(Matthew 22:21)*

Some theologians have pointed out that is a reminder that we do have a responsibility to be a positive part of the world we live in. We are not isolationists, walling ourselves off from the world. On the contrary, we are called to be in the world (but not of it); to be good citizens. And yes, part of that means paying taxes. (Although, of course, we can debate how best to collect and distribute them.)

However, it is even more important that we render to God what belongs to God. When Jesus looked at the coin and asked whose image was on it, there was a deeper message at work. Yes, Caesar was on the coin — but where do we find God's image? How do we give to God what belongs to God? If we look back to Genesis, we know each human being is made in the "image and likeness" of God. *(Genesis 1:26-27)* We bear God's image and we belong to God, so we are called to give our whole selves — our hearts, our gifts and talents — to God. This ties into why we need to be there for our neighbor and active members in the world — we are all made in God's image and likeness; when we serve others, we are serving God.

We also find God's image most particularly in the Eucharist — where Jesus waits for us, truly present under the appearance of bread and wine. God doesn't just want our treasure; He wants us to spend time with Him, to receive Him and have a true relationship with Him.

Our parish community has always been incredibly generous, whether it be through monetary means, volunteering or through prayer. I pray that we can continue to grow in that generosity of spirit as we look for ways to give to God what is His.

I would humbly suggest that one way to do that is by volunteering in one of the many ministries in our parish! We have so many dedicated and wonderful volunteers in our Faith Formation program, but we are still looking for volunteers to help. Pray about it! If you think God is calling you to serve through our Faith Formation, please contact me at mpirraglia@sjecm.org. (If you're interested in other parish ministries, feel free to contact me and I would be happy to point you in the right direction!)

In our Faith Formation program, we have kicked off the new academic year with our opening prayer services and first sessions. The theme this year for our parent/student "Family of Faith" (Grades 1-6) program is "Life in Christ," where we will learn how to use the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes to help us on our journey to Heaven. In our October lesson, families were reminded that we are all made in God's image and likeness, and the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes help guide us so that we can respect our human dignity and love one another. For our Confirmation program, Levels 7 & 8 begin their regular sessions this week.

Please also keep in your prayers our 133 Confirmation Candidates, who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 12.

~Michelle Pirraglia

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, October 17th *Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*

8:00 AM William Fitzpatrick
5:00 PM Francis Both
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 18th *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Mozick Grant
10:00 AM Arleen Probeyahn
12:00 Noon Rosemary Both
6:00 PM Ricky Styles

Monday, October 19th *Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs*

7:00 AM Arlene Mucci Haugstatter
12:00 Noon Christopher Bowman

Tuesday, October 20th Weekday

7:00 AM Vincent and Theresa DeSantis
12:00 Noon Kristen Bigora

Wednesday, October 21st Weekday

7:00 AM Morgan Twins
12:00 Noon Mary Catherine Abruscato

Thursday, October 22nd *Weekday*

7:00 AM Ingrid Moor
12:00 Noon John R. Klaus IV

Friday, October 23rd *Weekday*

7:00 AM Rachel Rose Slomowitz
12:00 Noon Rachel Rose Slomowitz

Saturday, October 24th *Weekday*

8:00 AM William Fitzpatrick
5:00 PM Helen Scheu
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 25th *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Domenic LaGatta
10:00 AM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer
12:00 Noon Kenneth Linguiti
6:00 PM Gregory Feeney

Offertory Envelope Delivery Update

Cathedral Letter Concepts, the company that prepares and mails our parish offertory envelopes, has notified us that there is a delay in the production and mailing of our next envelope packets.

If you do not receive your envelopes on time, please use a plain envelope or an older offertory envelope and be sure to include your name and envelope number so that your contribution can be properly credited.

Cathedral Letter Concepts apologizes for the delay and is working to have all remaining envelope packets mailed as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued generosity to St. John the Evangelist.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	$752,464	41	$18,353
2025	$731,262	41	$17,836

As of 10/13/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	$120,855	$115,100
Number of Donors	221	209
Total Pledged to date	$98,482	$86,461
Percent of Goal	81.5%	75%

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!

Month of Remembrance...

Special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance
7:00 PM Mass ~ Monday, November 2nd

We will celebrate a special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day, **Monday, November 2 at 7:00 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 25th*** .

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 should be returned by **Friday, October 30th**, 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.

SJE Parish Social Ministry...

Thanksgiving

Have your family help a family this holiday season!

Our parish outreach is busy registering families experiencing food insecurity for Thanksgiving. Each year, we distribute a complete Thanksgiving meal to those in need, provided by the generous donations that we receive.

We are also, once again giving each family a gift basket. If you would like to contribute here are some ideas....

- Breakfast box
- Thanksgiving centerpiece or holiday décor
- Toiletry basket (Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.)
- Snack bag or goody basket
- Sheet pan with boxed *cookie mix or cake pan with *cake mix and frosting
- Your favorite family recipe on a card — include all the ingredients in a baking dish!
- Serving platter with paper goods, a gratitude journal, and a Thanksgiving tablecloth

Get creative! Shop together as a family and make it fun. No need to wrap items — items can be put in a basket, box or bag!

(*Please ensure all food items are non-perishable.)

Please complete the form below and drop it in the basket at Church, bring it to the rectory or email it to thanksgiving@SJEcm.org NO LATER than Friday, November 13th. All donations will need to be brought in on 11/19; you will be contacted with drop off information after we receive your form. Any questions or for more information please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120

Yes! We/I can help by donating a Thanksgiving Gift Basket!

Name: _____

Phone # : _____ Email: _____

" ....do small things with Great Love"

-Saint Mother Teresa

Parishes Praying for Priests

United in Adoration

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
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.

All are invited to join

Lay Franciscan & Catholic Recording Artist

AL BARBARINO

as we gather together to pray

THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7pm

St. John the Evangelist Church

25 Ocean Avenue

Center Moriches, Long Island, NY

This special evening of prayer and song is in honor of

the 250th Anniversary Celebration of America &

continued BLESSINGS & PROTECTION FROM GOD!

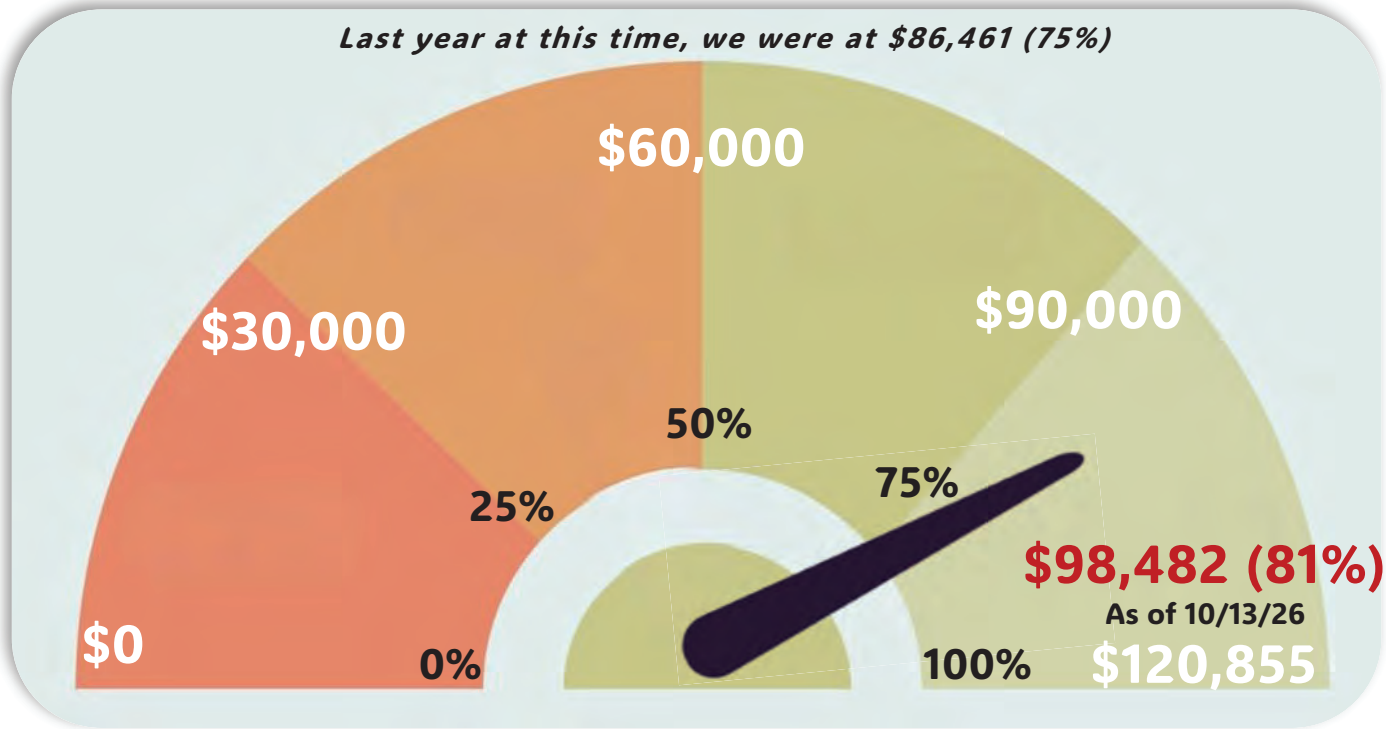
Please help us reach our goal!

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!

We are more than three quarters of the way there!

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!

We will have a special collection for the CMA next weekend, October 24th & 25th.



We pray for our Service Members

We honor and remember the following men and women for their service, dedication, and sacrifice. Lord, hold our troops in Your loving care. Protect and bless them and their families for their selfless service. We give thanks for all veterans and pray for those currently serving at home and abroad.

United States Army

Monaghan, Justin — Private Second Class
O'Neill, Aidan — Second Lieutenant
Smith, David — Private First Class
Valentin, Steven — Private First Class
Williams, Cara — Private

United States Marine Corps

Abbatiello, Michael — Lance Corporal
Berkemeyer, Evan — Lance Corporal
Brady, Sean — Private First Class
Casey, Sean — Sergeant
Cestare, Joseph — Sergeant
Deshler II, Kevin W. — Corporal
Montemarano, Quentin — Sergeant
Pastore, Thomas — Major
Toscanini, Kyle — Private First Class
Walther, Christopher — Second Lieutenant

United States Navy

Casey, Andrew R. — Engineman Third Class
Esposito Jr., Christopher J. — Machinist's Mate Nuclear First Class
Montoya Rivera, Angel Gabriel — Electronics Technician Seaman
Nolan Jr., Jeremiah — Electronics Technician Second Class
Paduana, Michael — Seaman
Pisano, Benedict-Seaman
Raeihle, Christian — Seaman
Ruggiero, Ralph J. — Lieutenant
Taylor III, Thomas — Seaman
Walsh, Jack Patrick — Seaman
Racioppi, Dominick—Seabee EO-2

United States Air Force

Auciello, Anthony — Staff Sergeant
Casey, Andrew R. — Technical Sergeant
Giese, David — Technical Sergeant
Hayes, Brenden M. — Airman First Class
Hermes, Jason — Technical Sergeant
Hermes, Sabrina — Technical Sergeant
Kerstiens, Claudia — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Joseph—Airman First Class
Kerstiens, Kyle — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Ryan — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Timothy — Technical Sergeant
McCauley II, William E. — Staff Sergeant
McGrath, Claire — First Lieutenant
Pfister, James — Airman First Class
Rosato, Jared T. — Senior Airman
Traina, Peter A. — Airman First Class

United States Coast Guard

Bernath, Brendan J. — Boatswain's Mate Third Class
Donohue, Keith — Captain

If you would like a loved one to be remembered in our **Military Prayer List**, *please call the rectory at* **631.878.0009** *or email* rectory@sjecm.org. *We will lift their intentions to God, asking for protection, strength, and peace for all who serve and their families.*

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon our nation. Guide our country in the ways of truth, justice, freedom, and peace.

We entrust to Your loving care all who serve in our Armed Forces. Protect them, strengthen them in times of challenge, and grant them courage, wisdom, and perseverance. Keep them safe wherever they serve and bring them home to their loved ones.

We remember with gratitude those who have given their lives in service to our country. Welcome them into Your eternal Kingdom, and comfort their families with the hope of the Resurrection and the assurance of Your unfailing love.

Help us to be faithful stewards of the freedoms we enjoy. Inspire us to live with integrity, serve one another with charity, uphold the dignity of every human person, and always seek the common good.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace and Patroness of the United States, bless our nation with unity, wisdom, justice, and lasting peace. Guide our leaders, strengthen our communities, and help us always to place our trust in You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We Pray for the Faithful Departed

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

Kevin James Duffy
Marie Lee

We Pray for the Sick

May the Lord grant them comfort, strength, and healing.

Mark Havens
James Patrick Lapham
Rachel Tekula
Bill Hasper
Frank Paterno
Carol DeSomma

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

Altar Bread & Wine Intentions

For the month of October, the altar bread and wine are offered for the repose of the soul of:

Rachel Rose Slomowitz

Blessed Mother's Candle

This week, the Blessed Mother's Candle will be lit in memory of:

Anita Marie Purta

Prayer and Remembrance

At SJE, we offer parishioners many ways to remember loved ones or honor someone living through the offering of votive and altar candles, as well as altar bread and wine. These offerings create a visible sign of prayer and devotion while supporting the life of our parish.

Votive candles illuminate the beautiful statues throughout our church, including the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As these candles burn, they bring light to our sacred space and invite quiet reflection, inspiring deeper moments of prayer and trust in God.

Both ***votive candles*** and ***altar candles*** may be offered for $25 per week. ***Altar bread and wine*** may be offered for $250 per month. The names of those remembered or honored through these offerings will be listed in the parish bulletin during the month.

To make an offering, please visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email rectory@sjecm.org. May these candles be a sign of hope, remembrance, and prayer for all who gather in our church.

Parish Social Ministry

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

THRIFT SHOP

Open to the public on Wednesdays from 9 AM—12 PM. Proceeds from our sales support St. John's outreach programs. Please visit the shop to support our efforts and pick up a gift or something special for yourself! Are you looking to donate *jewelry? If so, donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought directly into the shop on Monday or Tuesday mornings. Costume jewelry is most welcome too!*

STREET MINISTRY

Every Thursday our Street Ministry van goes out, serving the poor in our community with a hot meal, basic essentials and more. Volunteers also gather on Wednesday mornings to organize all the clothing, shoes and toiletry donations that are given out with the food.

Donation request, spotlight item of the month:

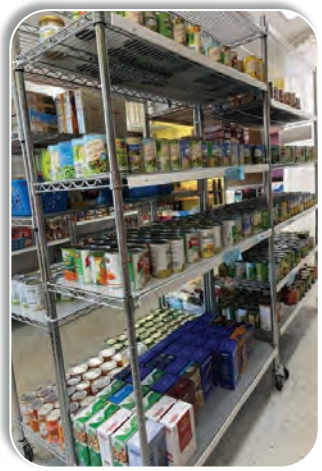
BLANKETS

We are in dire need of blankets for our Street Ministry, currently our shelves are bare. As the fall nights grow colder, our blanket requests increase. If you are able to donate a blanket, please place in the marked Steet Ministry bin located in Fellowship Hall, at the main entrance of Church. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Social Ministry at St. John the Evangelist offers many wonderful opportunities to serve our neighbors and make a difference in our community. Whether helping at Ernie's Place Food Pantry, serving a Community Meal, assisting with Street Ministry, volunteering at the Thrift Shop, or lending a hand with one of our many outreach efforts, there is a place for everyone to get involved. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated! Consider sharing your time and talents as we work together to serve others with compassion, kindness, and the love of Christ.

ERNIE'S PLACE

Thank you for helping to keep the shelves stocked at Ernie's Place. We are grateful for your donations!



- ⇒ Jelly
- ⇒ Syrup
- ⇒ Ketchup
- ⇒ Bar soap
- ⇒ Hot sauce
- ⇒ Baby wipes
- ⇒ Small bags of flour
- ⇒ Jarred tomato sauce
- ⇒ Canned & small bags of red beans

We are currently preparing for Thanksgiving outreach to those less fortunate in our community. Please watch for a bulletin notice on how to help with our outreach event. In addition, we are collecting Thanksgiving gift baskets and food for Thanksgiving meals. Our green bags will soon be located at the exits of Church with a suggested shopping list inside. Please take one if you're able, we're so appreciative of anything you can bring back. Thank you for helping to make Thanksgiving special for families in need of assistance!

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.

~ St. Teresa of Avila

Father Charles and Laurie Mangano

~ a brother & sister ~

Present a One-Night Mission

A Night of Song.....Night of Inspiration..... Night of Reflection

at St. John the Evangelist

25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, NY
631-878-0009

Friday, November 13
at 7:30 p.m.

~ free will offering ~

How to grow in intimacy with our Father who loves us deeply, to be re-assured of His love, to hear His voice speaking tenderly . . .

Topic: Heart to Heart

Do you desire to be able to hear God's voice speaking to you, to be re-assured that He hears you, that He is guiding you and is concerned about every aspect of your life? Do you desire to know His presence and peace even in the midst of your struggles, failings and trials? If you are seeking a deeper relationship with God, then this night is for YOU!

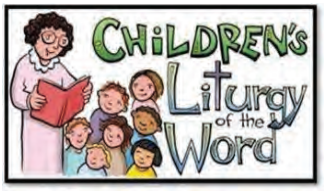
This powerful program is designed to help and guide you into a more intimate prayer life with God. Father and Laurie will help you learn the A.R.R.R. of prayer as well as sharing powerful testimony and beautiful soul stirring songs.

In addition, this evening includes a time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Office of Family Ministry

Our Family Ministries are looking for enthusiastic adult volunteers who would like to share their gifts and help build a vibrant parish community. Whether you enjoy working with children, planning events, or simply lending a helping hand, there is a place for you!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

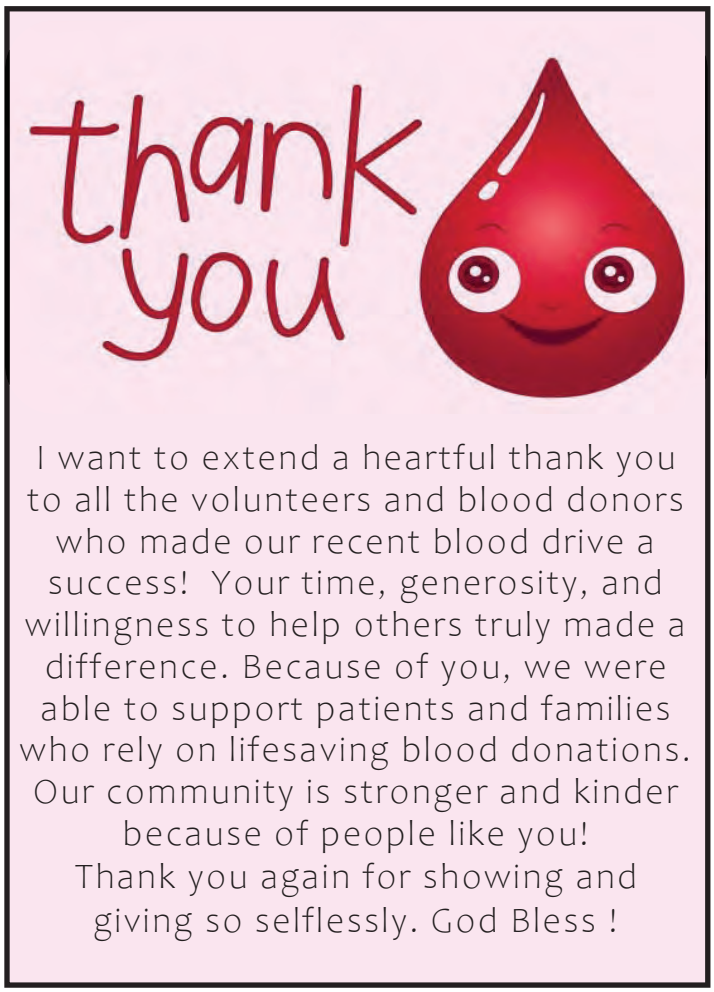


Help our youngest parishioners grow in their faith during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed as **Readers, Homilists, Shepherds,** and **Heralds**. If you're curious about the ministry, come visit a session and see what it's all about!

Family Life Ministry

If you enjoy bringing people together, this is the ministry for you! From seasonal celebrations to family activities and special parish events, our Family Life Ministry helps create meaningful experiences for all ages. We meet on the **first Wednesday of each month**, and there's always room for new ideas and helping hands.

If you would like more information or are ready to get involved, please email familylife@SJEcm.org. We'd love to welcome you to the team!



SJE Family Life Ministry

Veterans Home Collection

October 31 – November 8, 2026

This year, SJE Moms on the Journey will be doing something a little different! In place of their traditional collection, the ministry will be collecting much-needed items for the residents of the Veterans Home.

These brave men and women have sacrificed so much in service to our country, and this is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to show our gratitude, appreciation, and support.

Items Needed:

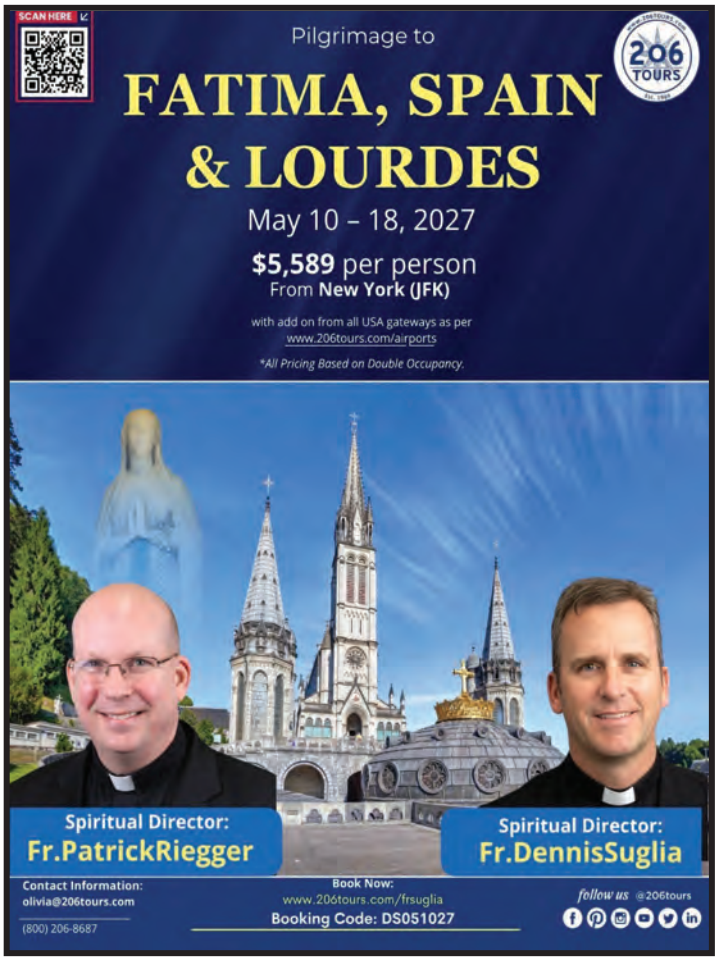
- Diabetic socks
- Hand and body lotion (CeraVe, Jergens, Eucerin)
- Sensodyne toothpaste
- Denture toothbrushes
- Polident and Fixodent
- Body spray and cologne
- Craft kits, especially wooden items such as birdhouses to paint (no glass or ceramic)
- Canvas boards of all sizes
- Magnifying glasses
- Scratch-off lottery tickets (a favorite for game prizes!)

A collection box will be located in the church from October 31 through November 8.

We invite all parishioners to help support this special effort. Whether your donation is large or small, every gift is a meaningful way to thank our veterans and remind them that their service and sacrifices will never be forgotten.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us honor those who have given so much for our freedom.

God bless our veterans!



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.

Women's Group...

Our Women's Group meets every other Monday from **10:00–11:30 AM**, September through June, in the Convent on Ocean Avenue.

Newcomers are always welcome at any time. All that is needed is a desire to grow in our faith and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Our books for this year are:

- **Beautiful Holiness** by Kathleen Beckmann
- **Back to Virtue** by Peter Kreeft

These books complement each other, helping us recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the importance of praying for virtue.

A suggested offering of $25 is appreciated to help offset the cost of the books. However, no one should ever feel unable to participate because of the offering. Sharing is always optional—we're simply happy you've chosen to be with us.

2026 Meeting Dates

October 19, 26

November 9, 23, December 7, 21

God bless you, **Carol & Anita** (Moderators)

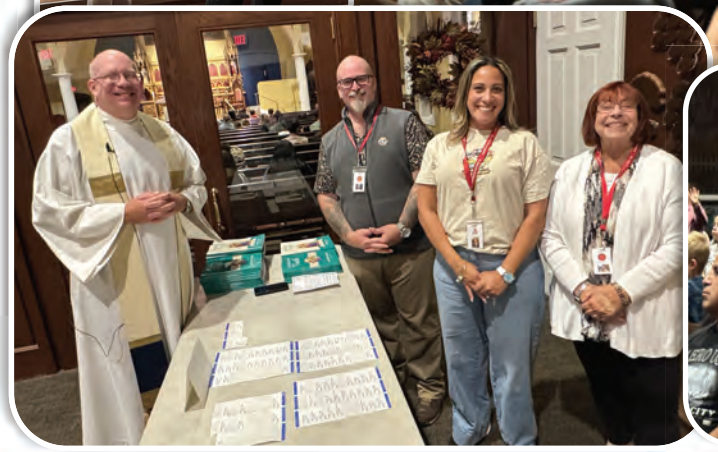
For more information, please call **631-878-0009**.

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

"Family of Faith" Opening Prayer Services

Last month, our "Family of Faith" Grades 1-6 program kicked off the new academic year with our opening prayer services. A big thank you to all our volunteers, the music ministry and Fr. Patrick and Deacon Ed for presiding at these liturgies!



2026-27 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

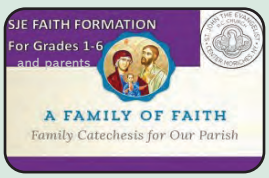
CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website. sjecm.org

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

NEXT SESSION
Tuesday, October 20 at 7:15 PM in the Church
Be sure students bring their "Breakthrough" Bibles!
**Please check your email in mid-October for your child's small group number*

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

NEXT SESSION
Parent/Student Event
Monday, 10/19 at 7:15 PM in the Church
Be sure students bring their "Breakthrough" Bibles!



"FAMILY OF FAITH" (Grades 1-6)

NEXT SESSIONS
Parent/Student Event

Attend ONE of the following sessions with your child/children
Tuesday, 11/3 OR Thursday, 11/5
at 5 PM OR 7 PM in the Church

"FEARLESS" 2026 CONFIRMATION PREP

MASS OF SENDNG FORTH
Family Event, choose any Mass:
Sat. Vigil: 5 PM / Sun: 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon, 6 PM
Weekend of November 7 & 8 in the Church

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Centennial Legacy Garden

A Lasting Legacy

As we celebrate 100 years of Catholic education, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Centennial Legacy Garden will serve as a lasting tribute to the Sisters of Charity and dedicated faculty whose faith, commitment and loving service have shaped generations of students and families.

At the heart of the garden will stand St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, whose vision for Catholic education continues to inspire our mission today.

Personalized Legacy Bricks will become part of this special garden, offering alumni, families, parishioners and friends an opportunity to honor a loved one, celebrate a connection to our school, or leave a lasting mark for generations to come.

The completed garden will be dedicated during our Centennial Year in 2027!

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK PROGRAM

For a donation of $200, you can personalize a 6" x 9" Legacy Brick to honor or remember someone special, celebrate a graduating class, recognize a Sister of Charity, clergy member, faculty or staff member, or commemorate your own connection to our school.

Your Legacy Brick will become a permanent part of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Centennial Legacy Garden—a lasting tribute connecting the generations of our school community, past, present and future

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Line 4: _____

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Please make checks payable to: Our Lady Queen of Apostles School

Please include a contact name and phone number with your submission so we may reach you if we have any questions regarding your Legacy Brick order or inscription.

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Phone Number: _____

COMPLETE YOUR BRICK ENGRAVING ONLINE

For your convenience, you may complete your commemorative brick engraving form and payment online.

Simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera to submit your brick inscription and payment.

Thank you for becoming a lasting part of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Centennial Legacy Garden.

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A Message from Monsignor Walden...

How blessed we are to live in 21st Century America! How did we get to this point in human history? Human intelligence, human courage, and human goodness are such important building blocks. Then there is the negative side of our humanity that continues to challenge us: human anger, greed, spite, and selfishness that have gotten us to the point where we can literally annihilate each other with our weapons of mass destruction. Sadly anger, spite, greed, and vengeance are all too often in our hearts causing pain and suffering. Unless and until we humbly seek to live in the image in which we have been created by God Himself, we will never be all we have created to be in the best way possible. Without a strong, humble, and wondrous faith we will always be lost. Today there is much ado about artificial intelligence. It is amazing what we can do with it. But can artificial intelligence ever surpass the human intelligence that created it? Likewise, how can human intelligence cast aside Divine Intelligence, wonder, and love? The fact is that without God and His infinite wisdom and love we will always be lost and our ability to destroy each other with the weapons of war will loom over us. Human intelligence without God, who created us in the first place, puts us in very dangerous and divisive situations.

All the above thoughts were fueled by the concluding words of Jesus in the Gospel for today's Mass (Matthew 22:15-21): "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Giving our allegiance to the Republican or Democratic Party without the vision of faith only leads to human selfishness, mutual distrust, and the divided people of America and of our world. Only the truth will set us free. In Matthew 14:6 Jesus says: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus does not handcuff, restrict, or impoverish us but opens our minds and hearts to the very image in which we have been created, the image and likeness of God Himself: "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female* he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

How do we live in the image and likeness of God? We have separation of Church and State in America. We respect the beliefs of one another but without trust in the One who created us in His image we will never find or live in peace. Jesus paid a huge price for opening our minds and hearts to God's justice, love, and mercy. Faith in Him is not something to apologize for but to live in with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength everyday and every moment of our lives. How do we get beyond anger, threats, misunderstandings and violent words and actions? Is it naive to contemplate these words of Jesus on the Cross: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) Jesus hoped for peace, spoke words of peace, lived a life at peace with Himself and the Father. May we trust His words and follow in His footsteps.

I offer these words of prayer that lead to sharing the sign of peace with one another at Mass.

Lord Jesus Christ who said to Your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with Your will. Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

PEACE BE WITH YOU!!!!!

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

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 PM 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!

Celebración de una Quinceañera en San Juan Evangelista

San Juan Evangelista da la bienvenida a las familias que desean celebrar una Quinceañera, una hermosa tradición católica en la que se da gracias a Dios al cumplir una joven sus 15 años. Aunque la Quinceañera no es un sacramento, incluye una bendición especial para la joven al comenzar una nueva etapa de su vida y asumir las responsabilidades de vivir su fe católica.

Las familias que deseen programar una Quinceañera deben estar registradas como feligreses de San Juan Evangelista o residir dentro de los límites de la parroquia. La celebración debe programarse con al menos cuatro meses de anticipación, y la joven debe haber recibido los Sacramentos del Bautismo, la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación. Si aún no ha recibido la Confirmación, deberá estar inscrita en el programa de Formación en la Fe de la parroquia.

Antes de hacer arreglos para la recepción u otros preparativos, las familias deben reunirse primero con un sacerdote o un miembro del Equipo Pastoral para conversar sobre la preparación y reservar una fecha con la Iglesia.

Para obtener más información o comenzar el proceso, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 631-878-0009 o por correo electrónico a rectory@sjecm.org.

SJE Parish Social Ministry

Thanksgiving...

Ways to Help...

Give of your time.....

We will need lots of help with the distribution of the meal to our Families on

Saturday, November 21st

Please complete the form below and let us know how you can help! It can be dropped in the basket at church, dropped at the rectory office or emailed to thanksgiving@SJEcm.org

- ☐ Yes! We/I can help contact families via phone to schedule pick up times. This would be done on your own time the week of November 16th.
- ☐ Yes! We are in need of Spanish speakers to assist with calling our families the week of November 16th.
- ☐ Yes! We/I can help with the food and basket distribution on Saturday, November 21st between 8:30 AM and 12 Noon.

Name:_____

Phone # : _____

Email:_____

Please return NO LATER than Friday, November 13th

SJE Parish Social Ministry

Christmas

Gift Card Collection

Once again, to better empower parents, and offer them more time to shop, we will be providing Gift Cards with the THANKSGIVING MEAL for those families that are in need.

We are requesting $25. Gift Cards to Kohl's, Walmart, TJ Maxx, Marshall's or Target.

Christmas Gift Cards can be put in the basket at church or dropped at the Rectory office, on or before November 9th

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Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 19th, 2026

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
7-8 PM Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
7 PM Divine Will - SC

Wednesday, October 21st 2026

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 *(no rehearsal on Oct. 21)*

Thursday, October 22nd, 2026

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous – BMR
3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
3:30-5:30 PM Legion of Mary- BMR
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, October 23rd, 2026

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

Saturday, October 24th, 2026

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

Sunday, October 25th, 2026

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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

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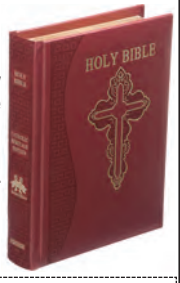

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