

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

THE GREATEST *C*ommandment

JESUS ANSWERED,
"THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT IS:

Love the Lord

YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART,
ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND ALL YOUR MIND.

AND
Love YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF."

MATTHEW 22:37-39

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love you, Lord, my strength. ~Psalm 18



October 25, 2026

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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

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 31st

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charline

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, November 1st

8:00 AM - Fr. Francis

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor

Reverend Charline Vendredy

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Francis Lasrado

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno

Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele

Parish Assistant

John Pettorino

Deacon

Michael Hoonhout

Deacon

Ed Grieb

Deacon

Katie Waller

Director of Operations

Heather Crayne

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

Angela Werner

Director of Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

OLQA

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Regional Catholic School (on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033 (ext. 201)

www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller, Principal

dwaller@olqany.org

Office Hours

Office Hours

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.

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 our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection ~ The Greatest Commandment ~ Matthew 22:34-40



As we draw closer to the end of another liturgical year, today's Gospel draws our attention to God's Greatest Commandment. Once again, as we saw during these past couple of weeks, we see how many of the teachers and those in position of authority within the Jewish faith try to discredit Jesus. In today's Gospel, they want Him to decide which of the 613 commandments found in the Torah is the most important. They want Jesus to decide which is the greatest among them all. Knowing how essential every commandment is, Jesus responds by summing up all the commandments into one Great Commandment that is two-fold: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all of your heart, with all of your soul and with all of your mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

While He is summing up the whole law and of all the prophets into this one Great Commandment, He is also summing up His entire life and ministry in His love for God and others. He is bringing His message home in His response to the scholars of the law. He wants to leave everyone one final message that embraces all the commandments combined and one that sums up all of His teachings. One that requires our total response in faith. If we remember anything He taught, it is the importance of loving our God and neighbor with our entire being because the whole law and the prophets depend on this alone. Everything flows from our love for God and others. All 613 commandments are an extension of this two-fold commandment. If our love for God is deep, and our respect and concern for all of humanity is sincere, then the laws of God and all of the prophets are being fulfilled in our midst! Our lives are more joyful and fulfilling in the Lord.

In reality, as distinct as these two commandments are, they are inseparable! To say we love God, but not our neighbor is disingenuous. We know that all of God's people are created in His image and likeness. Therefore, God's love reigns in all of us whether we have fully discovered it or not. And if God is in all of us and our love for our neighbor is incomplete, then so is our love for God. No question, we love God, otherwise we would not be practicing our faith or coming to Mass. However, since God lives in each and every one of us, then to say we fully love God but not our neighbor where God dwells does not make sense. Yes, our love for God is real, it is just incomplete unless our love for others is complete. These two commandments go hand in hand because both encompass the love of God!

It is a lifelong process to fulfill the greatest law of our love for God and neighbor because it is not easy to love those who oppose us or reject us. It is not easy to love those who harm us or drive us crazy. It is easy to love those who respect us and love us in return. But like Jesus says elsewhere, anyone can do

this. What merit is there in that? Living the Christian life requires much more. It requires that we remain and abide in God's love. Living the Christian life requires that we love always. It allows us to discover for ourselves God's complete love for everyone, even those we may dislike or despise. For example, when it comes to politicians, we either "like them" or "hate them." Instead of hating anyone or disliking anyone, we need to do our best to see the good in others and pray that they remain close to God and remain faithful to His commandments when creating laws and making decisions. Knowing our own limitations and shortcomings should inspire us to follow the ways of the Lord when it comes to faith, love and understanding.

The truth is God does not love us any more or less than anyone else. His love for all is universal. Whereas our love for others tends to be selective at times. His love for humanity is complete and constant because He is love! His love is divine and everlasting. This love is fully captured and expressed on the cross for all ages. We see how Jesus, when He spread His arms wide open on the wood of the cross, signified the universality of His love for all. He died for those on His left and those on His right. It reminds us how He welcomes all into His life. It illustrates for us how we are all invited into God's heavenly Kingdom.

Unless we recognize the complete love that God has for us and begin to internalize that love more and more each day, it will be difficult for us to respond to this love and to reciprocate this eternal love to others! Jesus makes it clear in today's Gospel that love is everything! It brings us closer to God and to one another. Love unites; it does not divide. Love is our blueprint for happiness. It is our pathway to living in full communion with God. It brings us closer to humanity through forgiveness and understanding. In sum, love frees us. It frees the soul. Love brings us home to God. It allows us to serve one another and to see the good in all. Love transforms the heart and brings us new life in Christ.

As we draw closer to the end of another liturgical year, what a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on our own lives in relationship to God and one another. It is a valuable time for us, as we prepare for another Advent, to look within ourselves to see where we are lacking in our response to God's love for us. It is a suitable time to increase our love and awareness for others knowing how much we are loved by God! It is a perfect time to rejoice in His saving power and love, and to demonstrate this love more and more each day in our relationship with others. It is a moment to take inventory of our lives to see where we need to grow in our appreciation and understanding of God as we do our best to live and remain in His redeeming love that is pure and everlasting—a love that brings us new joy and freedom of heart!

Masses for the Week...

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

Monday, October 26th Weekday

7:00 AM Rosalie C. Nicolini
 12:00 Noon *Special Intention*-Deacon Michael & Glee Hoonhout

Tuesday, October 27th Weekday

7:00 AM Ingrid Moor
 12:00 Noon Anthony J. Ricci

Wednesday, October 28th Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

7:00 AM Alex & Samantha Morgan
 12:00 Noon Terrance Conaty

Thursday, October 29th Weekday

7:00 AM George Ruiz
 12:00 Noon Michael O'Brien

Friday, October 30th Weekday

7:00 AM George Ruiz
 12:00 Noon Danny Mannix

Saturday, October 31st Weekday

8:00 AM Kyle Doyle
 5:00 PM Maureen Hogan
 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, November 1st All Saints Day

8:00 AM Deceased Members of Greco & Lamaruggine families
 10:00 AM Michael Lankau
 12:00 Noon Stephanie Delaport
 6:00 PM Candelera Nobili



CONFIRMATION DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

The 12 noon Mass will be celebrated in CONVENT and all parish offices will be CLOSED.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$773,952	42	\$18,427
2025	\$751,217	42	\$17,886



As of 10/13/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	226	214
Total Pledged to date	\$99,207	\$87,881
Percent of Goal	82%	76%

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.

40 Days for Life

**Please Join Us for our
Candlelight Rosary Rally**



Sunday, November 1st
after the 6 PM Mass



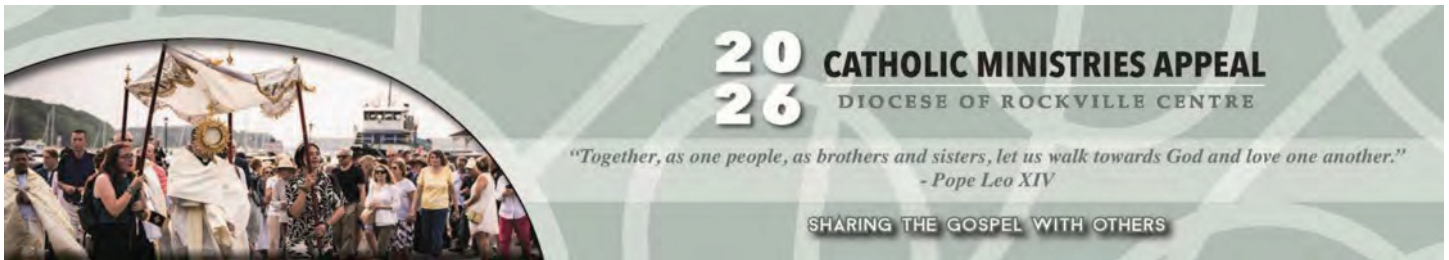
St. John the Evangelist RCC
in Center Moriches

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

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/Patchogue>

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





Please help us reach our goal!



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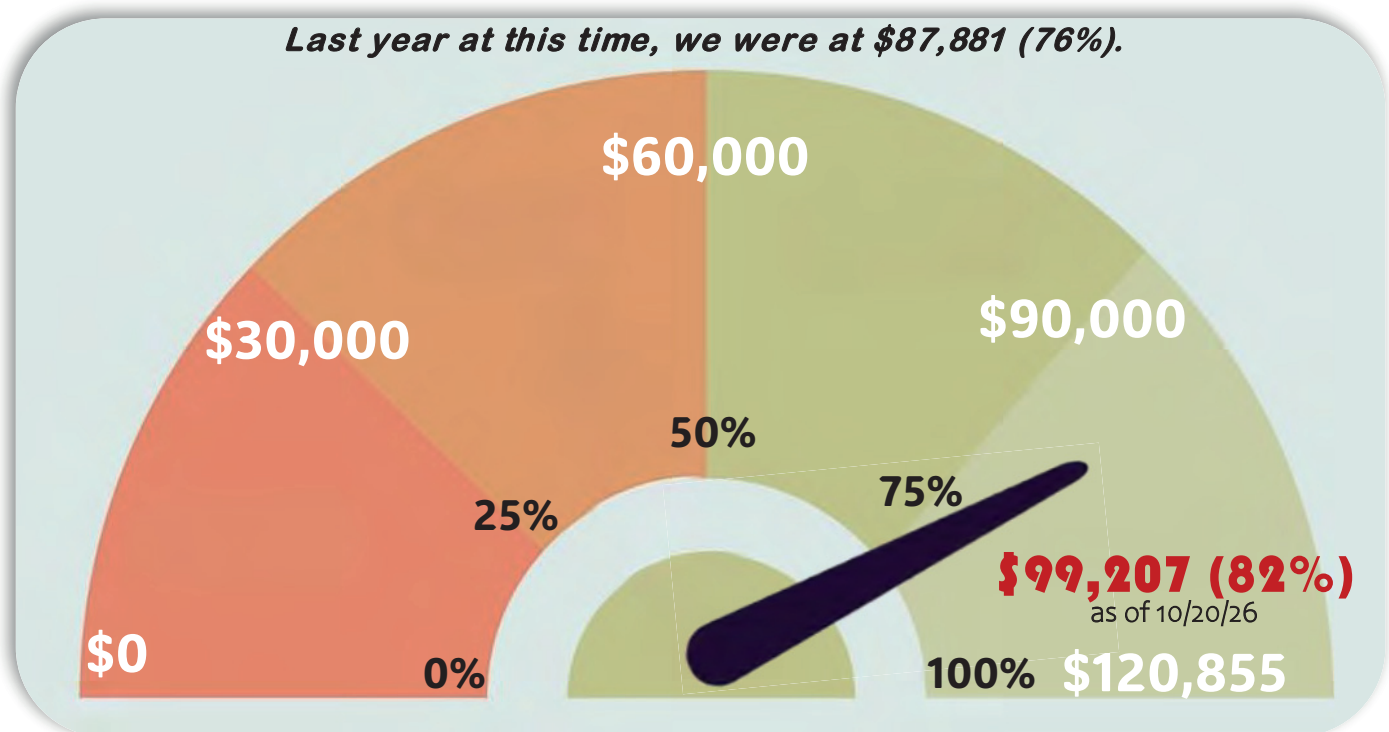
We are more than three quarters of the way there!

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 this weekend,
October 24th & 25th.**



Last year at this time, we were at \$87,881 (76%).



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.

Angela Parris

Cecilia Amandola

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 Street Ministry bin located in Fellowship Hall, at the main entrance of Church. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Outreach in the fall at St. John's is busy preparing to help families in need this holiday season. Please see our bulletin ads for details on ways you can get involved and help make a difference in the lives of others. We are only successful with your help and are so appreciative of anything you can do!

***Contribute a Thanksgiving basket:** Fill out the form in the bulletin and let us know if you can drop one (or more!) off on November 19th.

***Green SJE shopping bags are located at the exits of Church:** Inside each bag you'll find a suggested list of requested items for our food pantry. Return the bag to the wagon near the main entrance inside Church or drop off at Ernie's Place in the brown bin.

***Help us distribute food and baskets for Thanksgiving:** Our outreach day is 11/21 or help make phone calls the beginning of that week to our registered families for their holiday meal pick up time. Please call the PSM office at ext. 120 or email to sign up to help.

***Donate a gift card to a retail store:** They are given to families with children to help them buy gifts for their kids for Christmas. For details, please see our bulletin ad for that as well.

Thank you for helping to make the holidays special for families in need!

ERNIE'S PLACE

St. John's food pantry is open to serve those who are food insecure every Monday night and Thursday afternoon. We are grateful for your donations, please place them in the wagon inside Church by the main entrance or in the brown bin outside of Ernie's Place. Non-perishable donations only. Call the PSM office if you wish to donate anything needing refrigeration. We appreciate your generosity!



A big thank you to outreach at Encore Atlantic Shores for their winter clothing drive! They collected and donated numerous bags of clothing for our Street Ministry. Thank you for helping St. John's keep those less fortunate warm this winter.

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 ~

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.



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 ...



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

Adoration

of the Blessed
Sacrament



Monday - Friday from
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Seton Chapel + In the Convent of
St. John the Evangelist

SJE COMMUNITY MEAL



Join us for Community Meal on Monday,

October 26th at 6:00 PM

This sit-down meal is a wonderful opportunity to come together and provide a warm, nourishing meal to those in need in our community.

Want to help? Please call the Parish Social Ministry Office if you can provide a hot dish, side dish, dessert, or something special to share for this month's meal.

Thank you for helping us serve our neighbors with kindness and care!

Parish Social Ministry
St. John the Evangelist Parish Auditorium

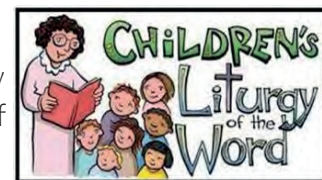
OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY



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!

**Saint Anthony's High School
Mothers' Guild Presents the**

2026 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH. 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

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BAKE SALE
Saint Anthony's High School
Mothers' Guild



SJE Family Life Ministry

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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:

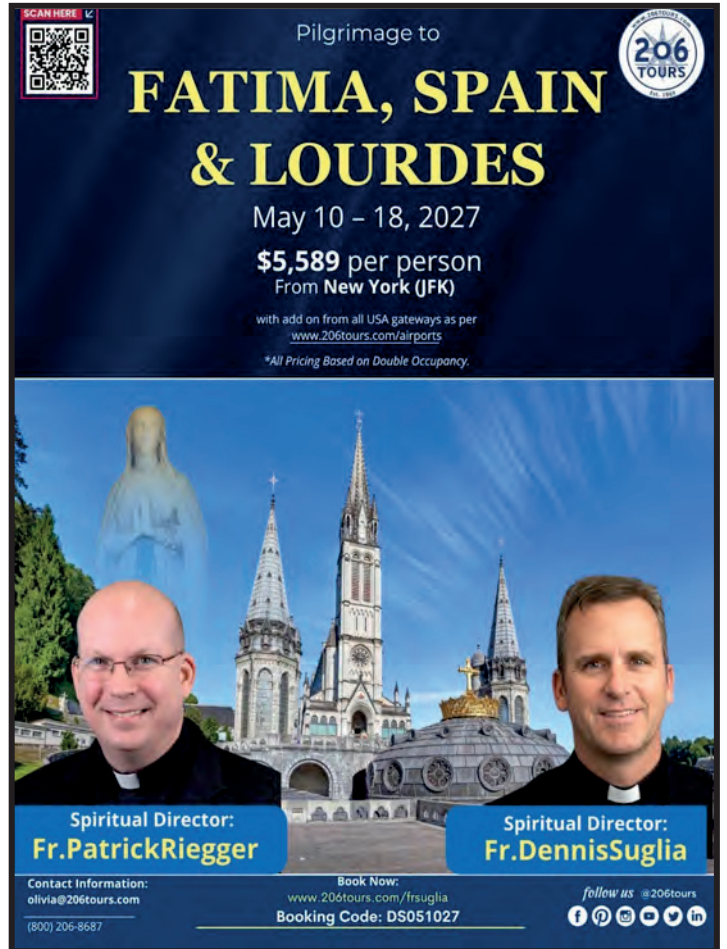
- Diabetic socks
- Hand and body lotion (CeraVe, Jergens, Eucerin)
- Sensodyne toothpaste
- Denture toothbrushes
- Polident and Fixodent
- Body spray and cologne
- Craft kits, especially wooden items such as birdhouses to paint (no glass or ceramic)
- Canvas boards of all sizes
- Magnifying glasses
-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



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May 10 – 18, 2027

\$5,589 per person
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Spiritual Director:
Fr. Patrick Riegger

Spiritual Director:
Fr. Dennis Suglia

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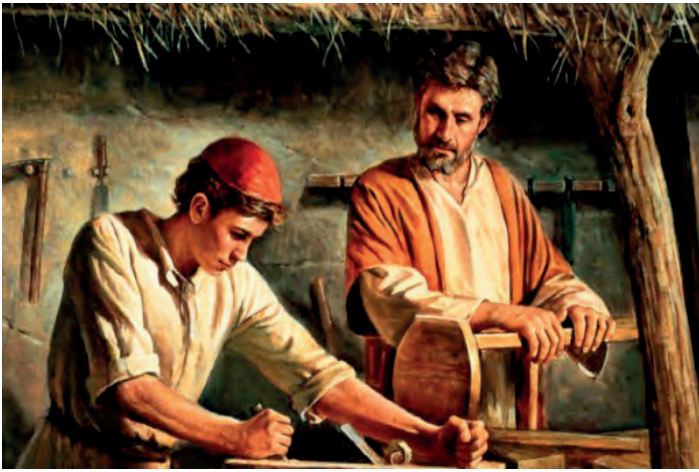
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Free 12 Month Membership

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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 26

November 9, 23, December 7, 21

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

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



**VETERANS DAY
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NASSAU LOCATION	SUFFOLK LOCATION
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Doors Open: 7:00pm Prayer Begins: 7:30pm	Doors Open: 7:00pm Prayer Begins: 7:30pm

 OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS For more information visit drvc-faith.org

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"Fearless"

Confirmation 2026 Program

Our 2026 Confirmation candidates recently participated in our Fall Confirmation program, which included a night on the Holy Spirit, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the Mass of Petition weekend, our candidates signed their names in the Book of Petition, formally requesting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. At our sessions, we welcomed guest speakers Ms. Briana Maggio, theology teacher at OLQA, and Mr. Liam Gordon, who led us in song and prayer during Adoration (with Deacon Ed presiding). We thank Fr. Patrick and all our parish priests, as well as visiting priests, who heard confessions during our Reconciliation service earlier this month. Our 2026 candidates will be receiving a special blessing during the Mass of Sending Forth weekend (November 7-8). Please pray for our 133 Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed on Thursday, November 12!



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 27 at 7:15 PM in the Church

Be sure students bring their "Breakthrough" Bibles!

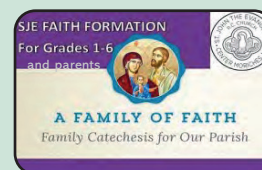
LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

NEXT SESSION

Parent/Student Event

Monday, 10/26 at 7:15 PM in the Church

Be sure students bring their "Breakthrough" Bibles!



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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**

Fall 2026 Confirmation Candidates

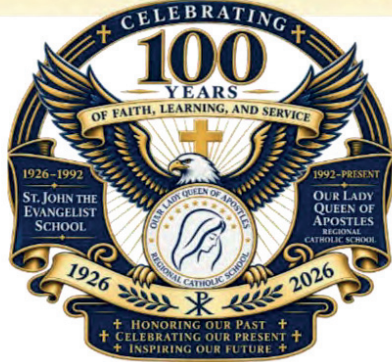
REHEARSAL DATES

**Sponsor & Candidate to attend one
of the following rehearsal dates:*

**Thursday, 10/29 at 5:30 PM OR
Friday, 10/30 at 7:00 PM in the Church**

October 25, 2026

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.

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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...

At times life seems to get very confusing, challenging, and difficult. In the Gospel for today's Mass (Matthew 22:34-40) Jesus is asked what the greatest commandment in the law of our faith is. His answer is simple, clear, and we can recite it from heart when we think of it: "a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." How do we love God with all heart, soul, mind and strength? First of all, we must recognize the blessings we have. All is a gift beginning with life itself. We are very dependent on our parents as children and look back with gratitude and joy. That gratitude and joy inspires us and opens our minds and hearts to readily love as we mature. Unless and until we get to the point of self-sacrifice, we seek to protect ourselves. Love is a risk. Did Jesus always get the result He hoped for with His love? Absolutely not! But He never stopped loving, hoping, forgiving, and seeking to enrich and make us a part of His life. His merciful love raises us far beyond guilt, shame, and fear. Left to ourselves we all too easily get lost in guilt, shame, and fear. How do we get to the point where we rise above all that weighs us down because of our sinfulness, ignorance, confusion, and weaknesses to find the joy of being forgiven and becoming forgiving, to find the joy of being loved for who we are? Our continual quest is to make God an integral part of who I am, believing I am an integral part of who He is.

I offer this reflection from Pope Benedict in the book of his reflections "Benedictus, Day by Day with Pope Benedict XVI" for your reflection: "We must make God present again in our society. This is the first essential element: that God be once again present in our lives, that we do not live as though we were autonomous, authorized to invent what freedom and life

are. We must realize that we are creatures, aware that there is a God who has created us and that living in accordance with His will is not dependence but a gift of love that makes us alive. Therefore, the first point is to know God, to know Him better and better, and to recognize that God is in my life, and that God has a place... The second point, therefore, is recognizing God who has shown us his face in Jesus, who suffered for us, who loved us to the point of dying, and thus overcame violence. It is necessary to make the living God present in our "own" lives first of all...a God not only thought of, but a God who has shown himself, who has shown His being and His face. Only in this way do our lives become true, authentically human; hence the criteria of true humanism emerge in society."

I offer Psalm 63:2-9 for your reflection.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. Glory...

Psalm Prayer: *Father, creator of unfailing light, give that same light to those who call to you. May our lips praise you; our lives proclaim your goodness; our work give you honor, and our voices celebrate you for ever.*



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

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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.

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Jueves 3:00 PM a las 4:00 PM.

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Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

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Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM
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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.

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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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Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 26th, 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 27th, 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 28th 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

Thursday, October 29th, 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 30th, 2026

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

Saturday, October 31st, 2026

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

Sunday, November 1st, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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