

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. ~Psalm 34



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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, November 1st

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, November 2nd

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Fr. Charline

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Fr. Francis

*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)

Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

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

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

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne

Director of Parish Social Ministry

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 - 7:30 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 call before visiting any parish offices.

Confession Schedule

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.



A Reflection from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)

The purpose of a parable is to invoke a response! Jesus taught by way of parables, referring to images and situations that people can easily relate to and identify with. He used parables to help us find ways to seek His Kingdom first. The purpose of a parable is to help us to turn our lives around for the better and to see the world as God sees it. They help us grow in our spirituality. They motivate us to grow in our relationship with the Lord and to make the necessary changes that we need to make in order to allow God to have a more central part in our lives.

Although today's parable needs no real explanation, it still serves as a reality check for all of us to see where we need to grow in our personal relationship with God. The Pharisee in today's gospel represents all of those who are more concerned in just fulfilling one's religious obligations than seeking the Kingdom first. He is more concerned about looking out for himself and making sure that he looks good before others while fulfilling his religious obligations than seeking justice for others. Whereas the tax collector represents all of those who desire a change of heart. He represents every sinner who wants to start over again. He represents all of those who want to enter into a relationship with God.

At times, maybe we identify with the Pharisee who just wants to do what is expected when it comes to fulfilling religious obligations. We want to come to mass each week, say our daily prayers and give generously. All of this is good and important in advancing the Kingdom of God. We need to come to mass and participate in the celebration of the Eucharist because these rituals are our pathway to encounter God more fully. No question we need to say our prayers to stay connected to the Lord and support our churches financially. However, as important and as essential as these rituals and traditions are for living a good Christian life, if we do not approach liturgy and our prayer life with open and contrite hearts, then the desired end will be lost. We will not feel closer to God if our hearts are hardened and self-righteous, if our hearts are not pure and sincere.

The tax collector, however, who represents all of us sinners in need of repentance, has a desire for change. He recognizes how merciful and understanding God is and His desire to be one with us. Unlike the Pharisees who draw attention to themselves in selfish ways and are often judgmental towards others, the tax-collector draws his attention directly to God, not himself. He understands his need for forgiveness and his utter

dependence upon God.

The big question for us is, who do we often identify with? The humble tax collector (a sinner) or a disingenuous Pharisee (self-righteous know-it-all)? Maybe at times, both. Maybe we rely more on ourselves at times and less on God, and vice versa. Again, we can have the desire and make the effort to fulfill all of our religious obligations and spend countless hours in prayer and reflection. But if our hearts are self-righteous and not sincere, we will not inherit the Kingdom of God. We will not feel any closer to God than when we first started praying. It will be a lost opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. God cannot be found in the pompous circumstances. We cannot enter more deeply into the mysteries of God. Yet, the more we recognize our utter dependence and reliance on God, the happier we will be in life. God will live and remain in our hearts if our hearts are filled with love, wonder and gratitude.

The truth is, we are always in need of God and repentance. The irony here and the point that Jesus is making for us is that we are all sinners in need of God's mercy and forgiveness regardless of who we are. In the end, it is all about seeking God's Kingdom first and a greater conversion of heart. But unless we have the right and proper disposition when approaching God in prayer and when we gather together for sacred liturgy, God will remain at a distance and become more abstract in our lives. Yet, if we have the right and proper disposition in fulfilling all of our religious obligations and our motives are pure, sincere and genuine, then God will remain close to us and make us whole again. God will bring new joy and new life into our hearts. God will live among us and within us.



****PARISH UPDATE **** - This weekend is CMA (Catholic Ministries Appeal) video weekend. This video highlights where all the resources go that we collect. A generous portion goes to Catholic Charities and towards the formation of priests and deacons. It also helps fund the many different youth programs that our diocese offers and for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception where many diocesan events and retreats are held throughout the year.

With just under 2 ½ months to go, we are currently around 75% of our goal. Last year at this time we were at 80%. I am optimistic we can reach our goal of 100% again if we all participate in this annual fundraiser. Once we reach 80%, everything else collected up to 100% comes back to us in a generous rebate. If we reach our goal, we will receive \$24,000 like we did last year. We used last year's rebate of \$24,000 towards the cleaning (power washing) of the outside of the entire church during this past summer, along with the major work of sealing the church's parking lot. If your means allow, please join me in supporting this year's CMA. Please take a brochure from any one of the exits of the church and mail in your gift. It is not too late, and no gift is too small. Thank you for your consideration.

I hope and pray that everyone is having a nice autumn with your families! When I went to Arlington, Texas this past September with Msgr. Walden and my close friend Danny, I kept our parish family in my prayers, especially when celebrating mass. It was fun to visit AT&T Stadium where the Dallas Cowboys play and attend three Major League ball games at Globe Life Field where the Texas Rangers play. What beautiful venues! One afternoon we went for lunch at Stockyards in Fort Worth. It was clear and 94 degrees when we arrived.

Once again, a big thanks for supporting this year's Summer Appeal! Your generosity towards this annual appeal is greatly appreciated. Moreover, please pray for the candidates from the ninth grade in our Faith Formation who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Barres here on Friday November 7th. What an exciting time in these candidates' lives! The Spirit will be alive here at St. John's. Finally, please join us in Seton Chapel anytime from 3-7 PM on Tuesday, October 28th when we will have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. That evening, we will be praying for all the priests of our diocese. In addition, on Friday November 14th at 7 PM in our church, we will be hosting a diocesan Holy Hour praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Vocation Director, Fr. John Crozier, will lead us in prayer and reflection. Hope to see you there!



Masses for the Week...

Saturday, October 25th Weekday

5:00 PM Caroline Bishop

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 26th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM David DeTomaso

10:00 AM Mary Lavazoli

12:00 Noon Special Intention– Eve and Mike O'Brien

6:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, October 27th Weekday

7:00 AM Anthony Joseph Ricci

12:00 Noon Robert Dunn

Tuesday, October 28th Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

7:00 AM Thomas Garbellotto

12:00 PM Vincent Ferrara

Wednesday, October 29th Weekday

7:00 AM Thomas Garbellotto

12:00 Noon Joan E. Erdmann

Thursday, October 30th Weekday

7:00 AM Lydia Vella

12:00 Noon Daniel Mannix

Friday, October 31st Weekday

7:00 AM Robert Byrne

12:00 Noon Nicole Salera

5 PM (Vigil) People of the Parish

Saturday, November 1st All Saints Day

8:00 AM Peter F. Rosato

5:00 PM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, November 2nd All Souls Day

8:00 AM Raymond and Maryann Oudeans

10:00 AM Robert J. Fuller

12:00 Noon All Souls Day

6:00 PM Madeline Clark



All Souls Day Novena envelopes are now available. Special Masses will be offered for nine (9) days and throughout the month of November for these intentions for the deceased.

Please drop your envelopes in the collection baskets or return to the rectory no later than Thursday, October 30th. Thank you!

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$751,217	42	\$17,886
2024	\$751,571	42	\$17,895

2025 Please help us reach our goal!

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*



As of 10/21/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	214	214
Total Pledged to date	\$87,811	\$92,071
Avg. Gift	\$410	\$430
Percent of Goal	76.3%	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!

2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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You can make a difference in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal

Every Gift Counts!

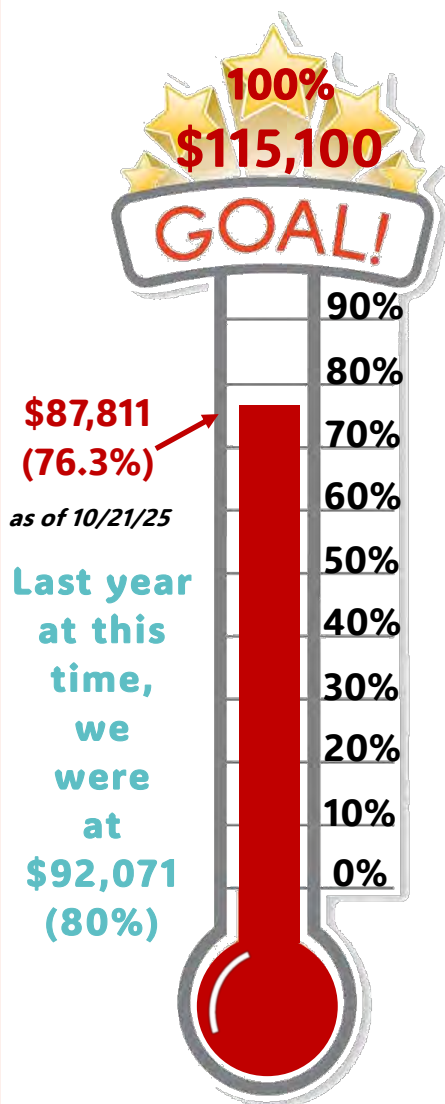
A gift of \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.

A gift of \$50 from an emergency fund may help pay the electric bill in a cold month for a family in need.

A gift of \$100 may help a Catholic Campus Minister bring daily Mass to students.

A gift of \$250 may help subsidize a home for an adult who is developmentally disabled.

A gift of \$1,000 may help support a Seminarian's education.



Because of you, every year we serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island Community. This support enables our children to continue to receive the gift of spiritual formation, sacramental preparation, and quality education. It allows seminarians and lay leaders to fulfill their calling to serve the community. With your support, Catholic Charities can maintain its services for the poor and disadvantaged, and we can continue to reach out to our young people and others to find the best ways to guide and pass on our faith from generation to generation. For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit

<https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! Every dollar raised over 80% comes back to us, up to 100% of the goal! We will receive \$24,000 in rebates if we reach 100%. We are so close to 80%! Thank you for your consideration!



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

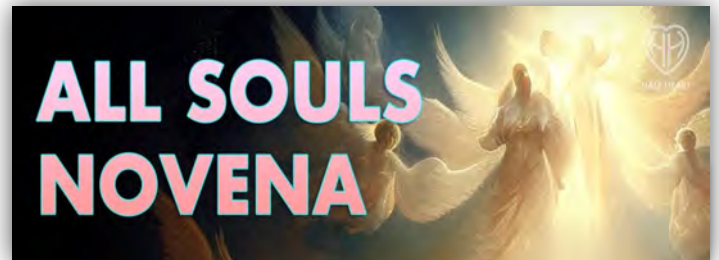
During the month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died. This year, we will be preparing a special Altar of Remembrance in the Seton Chapel. *Beginning November 1st, you are invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each 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 26th.

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.



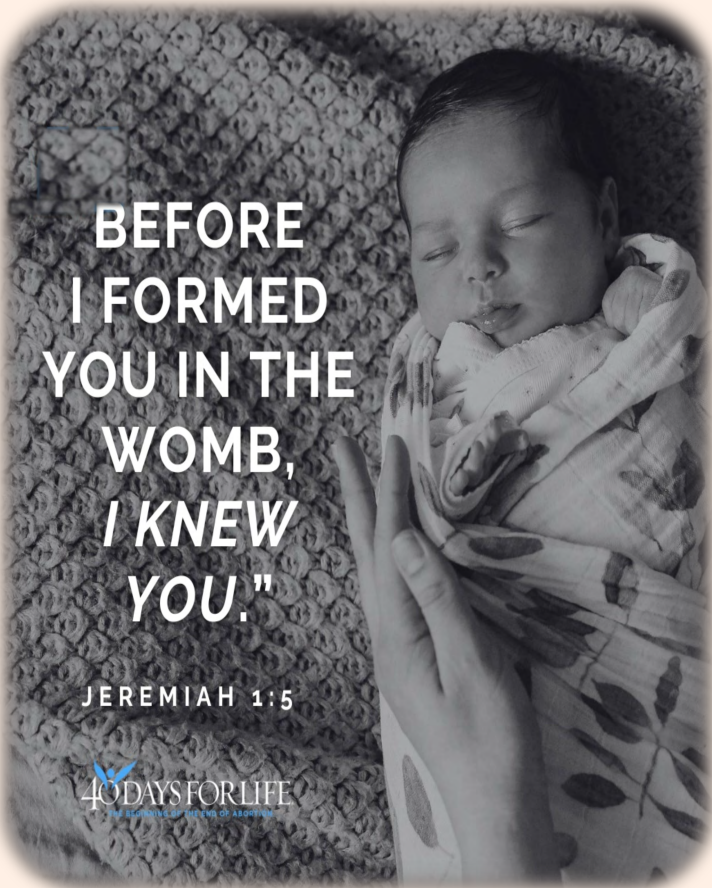


JOIN US for the 40 DAYS for LIFE

Closing Mass and Candlelight Rosary

Sunday, November 2nd at 6:00 PM

St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church
25 Ocean Avenue Center Moriches,
New York, 11934



**BEFORE
I FORMED
YOU IN THE
WOMB,
I KNEW
YOU."**

JEREMIAH 1:5

 **40DAYSFORLIFE**
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION



PRO-LIFE CANDLELIGHT ROSARY
will follow after the Mass.
You are invited to stay
and recite the rosary on
the steps outside the Church.



October 26, 2025

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Ann M. Hayes + Luisa Husslein
Carol Ann Paci

“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
Thomas Capone
Miguel Rivera
Eileen & Chuck DeRicco
Michael Campanello
George Modica
Bill Hasper
Baby Isabelle Reyes

Alessandra Veloso Valentim
Daniel Treadwell
Christine Shay
Rev. Matthew Considine
Hugh Hogan
Douglas Ashley
Valentino Liuzzi
Gloria Rosato
Liz Harrington
Andrew & Michael Sikora

“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.



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

The Altar Bread & Wine for the month of November
has been donated in honor of:

Susan Kagel

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.

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

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.

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.**



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

HOLY HOUR *for* VOCATIONS

7:00 PM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

*We invite all to come together and pray for vocations
for Priests and Religious as a parish family!*



*We are very excited to welcome
Father John Crozier, Diocesan
Director of Vocations and Chaplain
of Saint Anthony's High School, as
the Guest Homilist.*



drvcvocations.com

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!



THRIFT SHOP

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!

ERNIE'S PLACE

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



STREET MINISTRY

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.*

- St. Teresa of Avila

Thanksgiving

Ways to Help...

#1

Sponsor a Family

Have your family help a family this holiday season!

Please consider sponsoring a family for the holidays! Currently, our parish outreach is busy registering families experiencing food insecurity for Thanksgiving. Each year, Ernie's Place provides a complete Thanksgiving meal — including canned vegetables, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and a turkey or grocery store gift card — to those in need.

If you are interested in sponsoring a family, we're asking for a gift basket donation to make their Thanksgiving extra special. Our hope is to have each family receive this special treat to go along with the food we'll be providing from Ernie's Place!

Some Basket Gift Ideas...

Get creative! Shop together as a family and make it fun. No need to wrap items — a simple bow is perfect!



- Breakfast box
- Thanksgiving centerpiece or holiday décor
- Toiletry basket (Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.)
- Snack bag or goody basket
- Mixing bowl and whisk set
- Pie plate with serving spatula
- Serving bowl with serving utensils.
- 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

(*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 14th. All donations will need to be brought in on 11/20; 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 Sponsor a Family for a Thanksgiving Gift Basket!

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Family of 2

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Family of 4

☐

Family of 6

☐

Family of 8

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

"do small things with Great Love"

Thanksgiving...

Ways to Help...

#2 Donate Food

NEED:

Canned Cranberry sauce
Boxed Mashed potatoes
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Cream of Mushroom soup
Canned Beans
Canned Carrots
Canned Corn
Canned Peas
Canned Pumpkin

Turkey Gravy
Onion straws
Cake mix
Cake icing
Apple juice
Rice
Stuffing
Mini-Marshmallows
Boxed Corn Bread

Drop-off Locations:

Non-perishable food can be left at Ernie's Place in the bin, or in Fellowship Hall in the Church.

By Sunday, November 16th



Ways to Help...

#3

Help put it all together

We will need lots of help with the distribution of the meal to our Families on **Saturday, November 22nd**

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

Please return NO LATER than Friday, November 14th

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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 17th.

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Yes!

We are in need of Spanish speakers to assist with calling our families the week of November 17th

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Yes!

We/I can help with Thanksgiving basket distribution on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd between 8:30 AM and 12 noon**

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 631-878-0009 ext 120

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 14th

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.



Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School

Contact Us!

631-878-1033

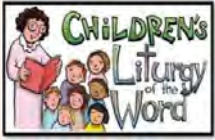
olqany.org
Scan QR Code



Fire Safety Day!



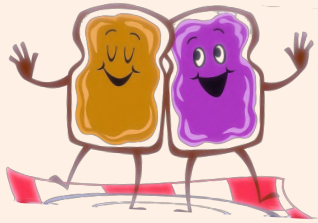
OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY



We had record high attendance at our **Children's Liturgy of the Word Program** during the month of October when our Faith Formation students had their Grade Level Masses on October 5th and October 19th! The children were AMAZING! *Check out the fun!*



Family Life Ministry also had record high attendance at our October 19th Sandwich Sunday! So many families joined in the corporal works of mercy by helping to feed the hungry. We made 591 sandwiches for Lighthouse Mission! Thanks to everyone who participated! Our next Sandwich Sunday is scheduled for **November 16th**!



A Message from Msgr. Walden...



Where do we feel welcome? Who do we readily welcome into our presence, mind, thoughts, and heart? We can usually tell by the expression on someone's face or their tone of voice how welcome we are in their presence. There is quite a bit of difference between the expression, "I am so happy to see you", and the expression, "What are you doing here?" In the Gospel for today's Mass (Luke 18:9-14), we have the familiar parable of two people going to the temple to pray. The seemingly "religious one" has no problem about announcing his presence to God. But far from being humble, he contrasts himself with the tax collector. The last thing we can do in the presence of God is to present ourselves as better than someone else. That is not prayer but a prideful, false faith that is merely going through the motions. None of us is perfect, but we are very capable of generosity, sharing our goodness, kindness, time, attention, and resources with one another. The tax collector recognized his need for the mercy and love of God while the pharisee made it clear that God owed him congratulations and recognition.

The two thoughts to ponder are: "How welcome do I feel in the presence of God?" and "How welcoming am I to God and His presence?"

The first thing to focus on when we pray is how blessed we are to freely and attentively be in God's presence. Just as we welcome those who are an integral part of our lives in spite of distractions, disagreements, arguments, and harsh words at times, so are we welcome into God's presence in spite of our inability to focus attentively on who He is, how much He loves us, and how grateful He is to be attentive to us. The more we can put aside physical objects and negative thoughts and feelings, the more peace and hope we find. The truth is to find who we truly are and how meaningful and joyful our lives can be, even in the most trying of times, we need to find and take the time and make the time to think, speak, and listen from the depths of our hearts. We will see how blessed we are, how generous God is, how generous we can be, and that God is a blessing to us and for us so we can be that blessing to and for those He entrusts to our presence.

The words of the tax collector are key: "Be merciful to me a sinner." That prayer is only answered when we see the need and take the initiative to be generous with our time, talent, attention, and physical and mental resources. There is so much in our world to get us upset, angry, and spiteful with our words, actions, and thoughts. The tax collector could only recognize his need for God's mercy because he humbly and sincerely saw the truth of his shortcomings and allowed God's love to raise him up. The more we are open, attentive and honest in prayer, the more can see the blessings and hope we have and the blessings and hope we can be for all those who touch our lives everyday. As I keep saying, take the time to look for three blessings you

experience at the end of each day. How good it is when we recognize how we were the source and presence of a blessing for those who lives we touch.

I offer Psalm 103 for your prayerful reflection.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion,
who fills your life with good things,
renewing your youth like an eagle's.
The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.
The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are dust.
As for man, his days are like grass;
he flowers like the flower of the field;
the wind blows and he is gone
and his place never sees him again.
But the love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth,
when they keep his will in their mind.
The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word,
who heed the voice of his word.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,
his servants who do his will.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his works,
in every place where he rules.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord!



Congratulations to our SJE Catechists who were honored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre for their years of dedicated service to our parish's Faith Formation program! A special service was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Patchogue last Sunday, with Bishop Robert Coyle on hand to honor catechists from parishes throughout the diocese. Pictured (left to right): Fr. Charlince, Michelle Pirraglia (SJE Director of Faith Formation), Jean LoSicco (10 years of Service - Pope Pius X Award) and Bishop Robert Coyle. Not able to be present but also honored were Kerry Coonan (10 years of Service - Pope Pius X Award) and Janet Linguiti (15 years of Service - St. Joseph Award).

2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS 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 27 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

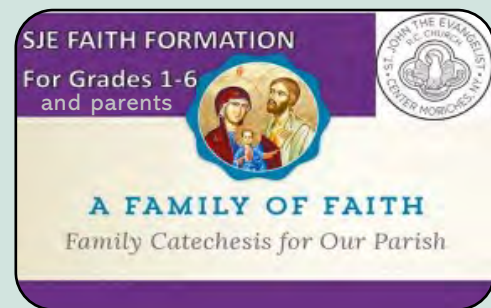
**Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles to each session!*

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Class Session:

Tuesday, October 28 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

**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 3 Mass - Sunday, 11/16 at 10 AM.

Please bring your completed activity sheet (which will be given out at the November 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
- Please pray for our 2025 Candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 7!



September 24 - November 2, 2025
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

*Sign up to save lives in the Patchogue area.
 Join the 2025 Fall Campaign.*

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **20,000** babies saved
- Over **200** abortion workers converted
- Over **100** abortion centers closed

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/Patchogue

Walk-ins welcome!

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

CONFIRMATION DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th



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



Adoration
 of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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.

WIFE

MOTHER

PHYSICIAN

MARTYR OF
 LIFE



**A NIGHT OF PRAYER AND
 SUPPORT FOR COUPLES
 SUFFERING FROM
 INFERTILITY AND MISCARRIAGE**

ST. GIANNA MOLLA MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 7:00 PM

A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW MASS IN THE HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL INCLUDING:

TESTIMONY FROM A COUPLE WHO STRUGGLED WITH INFERTILITY
 EARLY IN THEIR MARRIAGE

PRESENTATION AND Q&A BY DR JENNIFER DEMARCO
 OF THE GIANNA CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH AND FERTILITY



**ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE
 ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2320 Bedford Ave, Bellmore NY



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

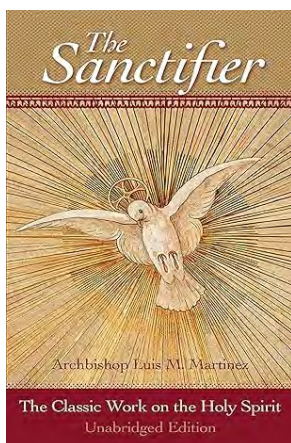
\$10 donation for the workbook.

Women's Group...

Our 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: 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)



Knights of Columbus
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

FRIDAY NIGHT'S

Doors Open at 6:30 PM
Games Begin at 7:30 PM

\$3000 IN PRIZES

For more information
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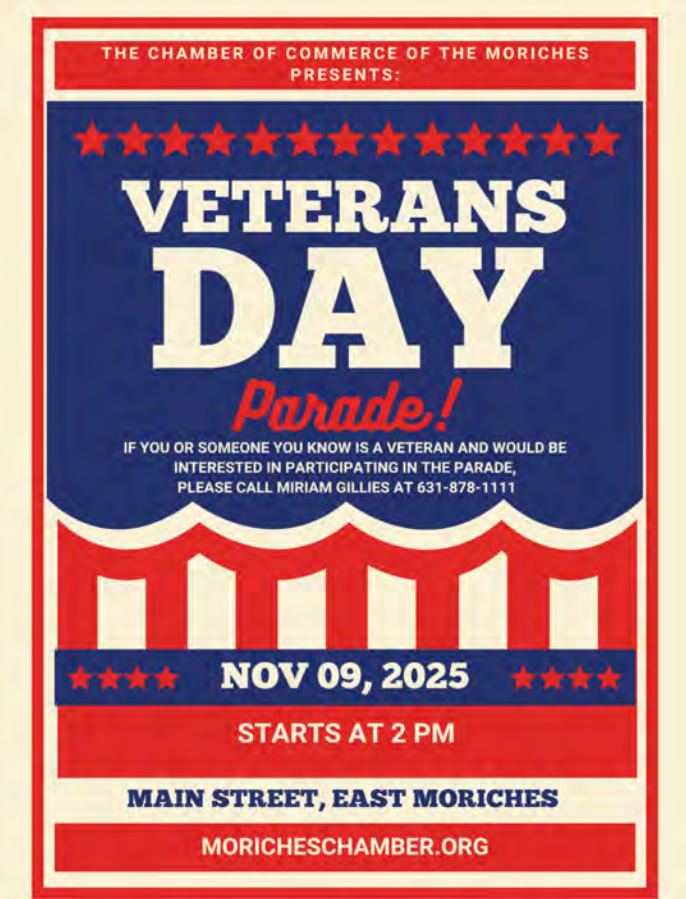

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Science ~Technology ~Religion ~Engineering ~Art ~Mathematics

Grades PreK-3 Tuesdays, 6-7 pm
Grades 4-8 Tuesdays, 7-8 pm

November 18, 25
December 2, 9
January 6, 13, 20, 27

@ St. John Paul II Regional School
515 Marcy Ave, Riverhead
\$125/student

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cyolieastend.org
(under Sports & Programs - STREAM)



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PRESENTS:

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**VETERANS
DAY**
Parade!

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS A VETERAN AND WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE,
PLEASE CALL MIRIAM GILLIES AT 631-878-1111

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STARTS AT 2 PM

MAIN STREET, EAST MORICHES

MORICHESCHAMBER.ORG

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!



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- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej

For Scripture Reflection Series

ENCOUNTERS with JESUS

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Bible Study Verses

Meeting the Followers
ANDREW and NATHANIEL

Gospel of John

1:35-51 ; 6:1-14



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Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

westernvicariate@drvc.org

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.





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Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 27th, 2025

- 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 Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 29th, 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 30th, 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
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, October 31st, 2025

- 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 - BINGO

Saturday, November 1st, 2025

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

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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