

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



October 27, 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy
Psalm 126



October 27, 2024

25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, New York, 11934-3968
631-878-0009 | rectory@sjecm.org

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 2nd

12 Noon: Fr. Patrick (All Souls Mass)

5:00 PM - Fr. Abin

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, November 3rd

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Fr. Abin

*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 Abin Panicker

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno

Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele

Parish Assistant

John Pettorino

Deacon

Michael Hoonhout

Deacon

Ed Grieb

Deacon

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller

Director of Operations

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

www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller

Principal

dwaller@olqany.org (ext. 201)

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House

Monday - Thursday:

9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Friday - Saturday

9 AM - 2 PM

We ask that you call before visiting any parish
offices.

Confession Schedule

A Message from Deacon Michael...

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are probably as many ways to encounter Jesus as there are people in this world. After all, a real encounter with Jesus has to be person to person, and every person is different. Yet there are common elements in everyone's journey to Jesus, and the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus' healing of blind Bartimaeus on the road between Jericho and Jerusalem, contains some of these universal elements. First is a hearing about Jesus, which in the case of Bartimaeus was more than simply learning that Jesus was going to pass by the very road at which he sat begging. He had obviously heard stories about Jesus, the great healer, beforehand, since he immediately begins to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." Now it is possible to hear about Jesus, but not really come to know through that hearing who Jesus truly is and what He can do for you. But in his cry, this blind man evidently regards Jesus as a healer and restorer. He had heard of Jesus rightly. Or to put it another way, until you come to realize your need for Jesus, you have not really heard and grasped who He really is.

Another common feature of many an encounter with Jesus is hearing from others not to make such a big deal about Jesus. Many of those around him rebuked Bartimaeus and basically told him to shut up. There are two elements here. The first is that we often experience from others some kind of opposition or conflict over our seeking of Jesus. This can be true, not only of the first time we come to faith, but every time we draw closer and let Jesus take on a greater presence in our lives. People might say: "Don't be a religious fanatic. Aren't you taking your faith too seriously? Lighten up!" Yet given that Jesus is God in the flesh, it is simply impossible to make too big a deal about Jesus. The second element arises from Bartimaeus daring to speak out loud his desire for Jesus to hear him. People generally do not want to hear about your faith. "Just keep it to

yourself," they say. This blind man is an example to us all how we too must persist in giving voice to our faith even when others do not want to hear it.

Then Jesus does something that I think is the most illuminating detail of this passage from Luke's Gospel. It is a detail that I think most of us overlook. Rather than going over to Bartimaeus himself, Jesus stops and says, "Call him." Why does He do this? By asking those who had previously rebuked Bartimaeus to invite him to go to Jesus, Jesus is giving them the opportunity to make amends for their opposition and belittlement. Jesus changes them from being a roadblock to being a way forward. This detail invites us to ask ourselves, do we hinder or help others in their coming to faith in Jesus? We hinder by our bad example, by discouraging and belittling words. We help others meet Jesus by living joyful, faithful lives that witness to them the wonderful and profound difference Jesus makes in our lives. Very few meet Jesus directly; most of us meet him through others. Indeed we all meet Jesus through the Church community.

When Bartimaeus finally meets Jesus, our Lord seems to ask him an unnecessary question, "What do you want me to do for you?" But this question is in the Gospel text because it is a question Jesus asks each one of us, and not just once, but throughout our lives of faith. In our prayer before Jesus, do we hear him asking us, "What do you want me to do for you?" As we grow in our relationship with Jesus, we will find our request changes. With a young faith we might ask, "Take this cross from me." As our faith matures, we begin to pray, "Give me the strength to carry this cross." The request of Bartimaeus, "Master, I want to see," is one we can pray throughout our lives: "Master, remove my blind spots." "Jesus help me to see this person as you see them." "Lord, let me see your glory."



Masses for the Week...

Saturday, October 26th Weekday

5:00 PM Robert Salomone
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 27th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Rosemary Conn
10:00 AM Robert Sajdak
12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer
6:00 PM Anthony Ricci

Monday, October 28th Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

7:00 AM Frank J. Tricarico
12:00 Noon Gerard Burke

Tuesday, October 29th Weekday

7:00 AM Patricia Cuff
12:00 Noon Antoinette Woronka

Wednesday, October 30th Weekday

7:00 AM Richard Skelton
12:00 PM Daniel Mannix

Thursday, October 31st Weekday

7:00 AM Mary Brown
12:00 Noon Dolores Accardi
5:00 PM Gerard Francis Brady Sr.
(All Saints Day Vigil)

Friday, November 1st All Saints Day

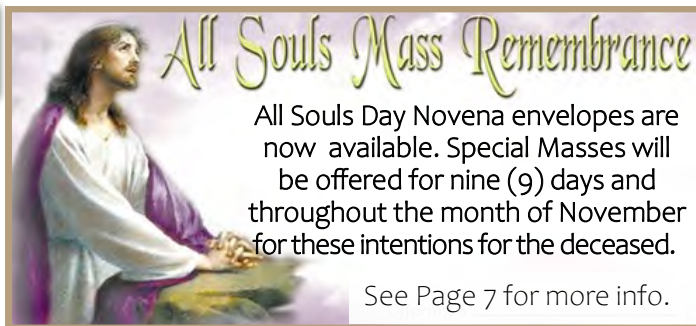
7:00 AM Gerard Francis Brady Sr.
12:00 Noon John F. Horan Jr.
7:30 PM Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer
(All Saints Day Mass)

Saturday, November 2nd All Souls Day

8:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro
12:00 Noon Mass of Remembrance
5:00 PM Lorraine Moje
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, November 3rd Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Stabile Family
12:00 Noon Margaret Speiss
6:00 PM Madeline Clark



All Souls Mass Remembrance

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.

See Page 7 for more info.



ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1 | HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses:
Thursday, October 31 ~ 5 PM Vigil
Friday, November 1 ~ 7 AM, 12 Noon, 7:30 PM

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$751,571	42	\$17,895
2023	\$701,293	42	\$16,697

This weekend, October 26 & 27, there will be a special collection and a video presentation that recaps the wonderful gifts that are possible with the donations from the Catholic Ministries Appeal.



2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Revitalizing our Faith - Renewed by the Eucharist

As of 10/22/2024	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	214	224
Total Pledged to date	\$92,071	\$88,097
Avg. Gift	\$430	\$3953
Percent of Goal	80%	76.6%

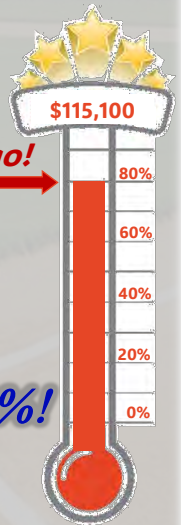
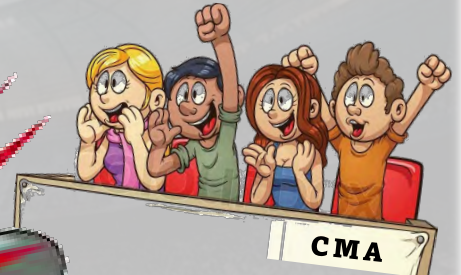
Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! We receive back 20% of whatever is raised below the goal. If we go above the goal, we also receive 80% of all monies that are raised above the goal! Please help us go above the goal!



St. John the Evangelist RCC 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal



**We are in the
home stretch!!
Let's hit it out
of the park!!**

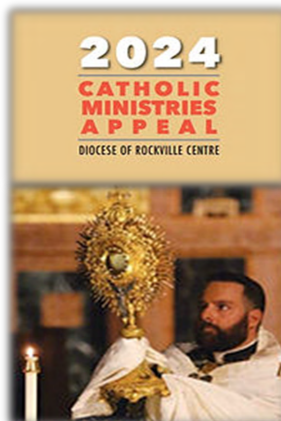


Please help us meet our goal

Our parish receives \$24,000 in rebates when we reach 100%!

ONLY TWO MONTHS TO GO!

We appreciate your support! www.catholicministriesappeal.org



Please take a CMA brochure located
at the exits of the church.

Scan to Give:



Text to Give: 516-271-3338



Gifts are used to live and share our faith, care for God's people and help to build God's Kingdom.



October 27, 2024

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Carolyn DeLuca

"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

Joanne Maiello + Patricia Barry
Christopher Peck + Carole De Somma
Nicole Iorio + Gloria Rosato

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

If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.

Our Military

US Marine Corps

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

US Navy

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Army

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

US Air Force

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

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



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Harry & Ann Holland

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

Anthony James Sessa

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 \$150 is requested.

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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

SJE 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

Month of Remembrance...

Special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance 12:00 Noon Mass ~ Saturday, November 2nd

We will celebrate a special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day, **Saturday, November 2 at 12:00 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

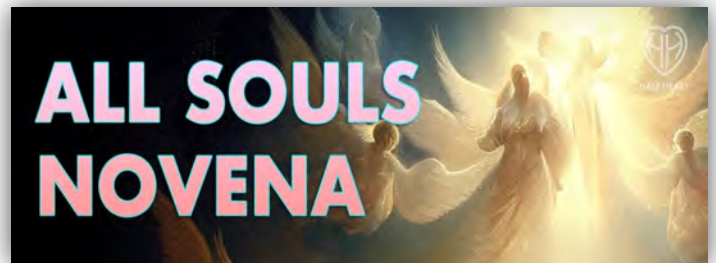
During the month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died. This year, we will be preparing a special Altar of Remembrance in the Seton Chapel. *Beginning November 1st, you are invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each 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 27th.

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 and throughout the month of November for these intentions for the deceased.

SJE Parish Social Ministry



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Need:

Canned Cranberry sauce	Turkey Gravy
Boxed Mashed potatoes	Onion straws
Canned sweet potatoes	Canned Fruit
Cream of mushroom soup	Cake mix
Canned carrots	Cake icing
Canned peas	Apple juice
Mini-Marshmallows	Rice
Boxed Corn Bread	Beans
	Pasta

Requests:

\$25 Gift Cards to the Local Supermarkets
are also a tremendous help

* Stop & Shop * Lidl * King Kullen *

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 17th

Questions, please call...
631.878.0009 ext 120. or
Email: Thanksgiving@sjecm.org

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 15th

SJE Parish Social Ministry

THANKSGIVING Meal Program



Ways to Help...

Sponsor a Family

Provide a complete Holiday Meal for a neighbor. Have your family help a family.
EMAIL Thanksgiving@sjecm.org or call 631.878.0009 ext 120 for more details.

Donate Food or Gift Cards

Leave non-perishable food in the bins at Ernie's Place or in Fellowship Hall in the Church, or pick a \$25 Gift Card to the Local Supermarkets, which can put in the collection basket at Mass.

Help put it all together

We will need lots of help with sorting and the distribution of the meal to our Families on Saturday, November 23rd

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 **NO LATER than Friday, November 15th**

Name: _____

Phone # : _____ Email: _____

☐ **Yes!** We/I can help sponsor a Family for Thanksgiving

☐ Family of 4

☐ Family of 6

☐ Family of 8

☐ **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 18th.

☐ **Yes!** We are in need of Spanish speakers to assist with calling our families the week of November 18th

☐ **Yes!** We/I can help with Thanksgiving basket distribution on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd between 8:30 AM and 1 PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 631-878-0009 ext 120

October 27, 2024

Parishes Praying for Priests

UNITED IN ADORATION

Please Join Us...

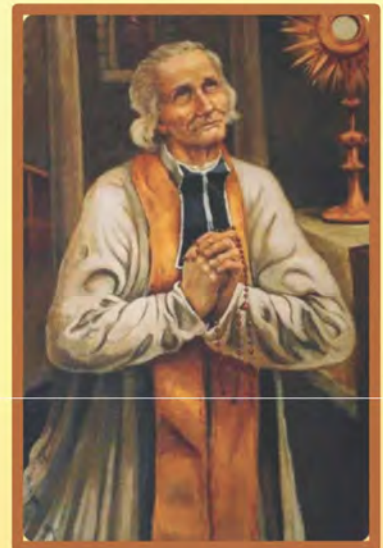
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 TH

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.



Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School

Contact Us!

631-878-1033

olqany.org

Scan QR Code



See What We've Been Up To!



- **HURRICANE RELIEF!:** Our students donated food and supplies to help those affected by the recent hurricanes in the south and southeast. Items were given to the organization "Helping Makes You Happy."



- **TRUNK OR TREAT:** We had a great turnout for our Trunk or Treat event yesterday! A big thank you to our National Junior Honor Society and all who decorated their cars as our families Trick or Treated.



- **FALL FIELD TRIP:** To kick off the Fall Season, our students in Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade visited Harbes Farm and went pumpkin picking!

The Office of Family Life Ministry



Family Ministry was hoppin' last weekend! Take a look at what went on with the children and families here at SJE!

Did someone say movie?

Our First Family Movie Night was an evening filled with families and fun! The families that came had nothing but great things to say about everything...especially our delicious movie theatre popcorn! Stay tuned for information about our next movie night coming in December!



Thanks to EVERYONE who came to Sandwich Sunday!

We made 366 sandwiches to feed the hungry! Take a look at how much fun it can be to live out our gospel call to, "Love One Another!" Our next Sandwich Sunday will be Sunday, November 17th.



SJE Families are THE BEST!

Faith Formation

Our Level 8 students and their parents came together for our opening prayer service last month. Msgr. Walden presided and showed them the different Holy Oils the Church uses for Sacraments, including the Oil of Chrism, which our candidates will be anointed with when they are confirmed.



2024 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Next Session:

Tuesday, October 29th at 7:15 PM in the Church

**Small Group Numbers to be emailed to families in October.*

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Session:

Monday, October 28th at 7:15 PM in the Church

**Same small groups as last year (check your email if you need your child's number)*

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

"FAMILY OF FAITH" - Parent/Student Events (GRADES 1-6):

Tuesday, November 12th or Thursday, November 14th at 5:00 PM or 7:00 PM in the Church

"FEARLESS" - 9th Grade Confirmation Prep

**For students who have completed our Level 7 & 8 preparation and will be confirmed this Fall (2024)*

- Weekend of November 2nd & 3rd ~ MASS OF SENDING FORTH

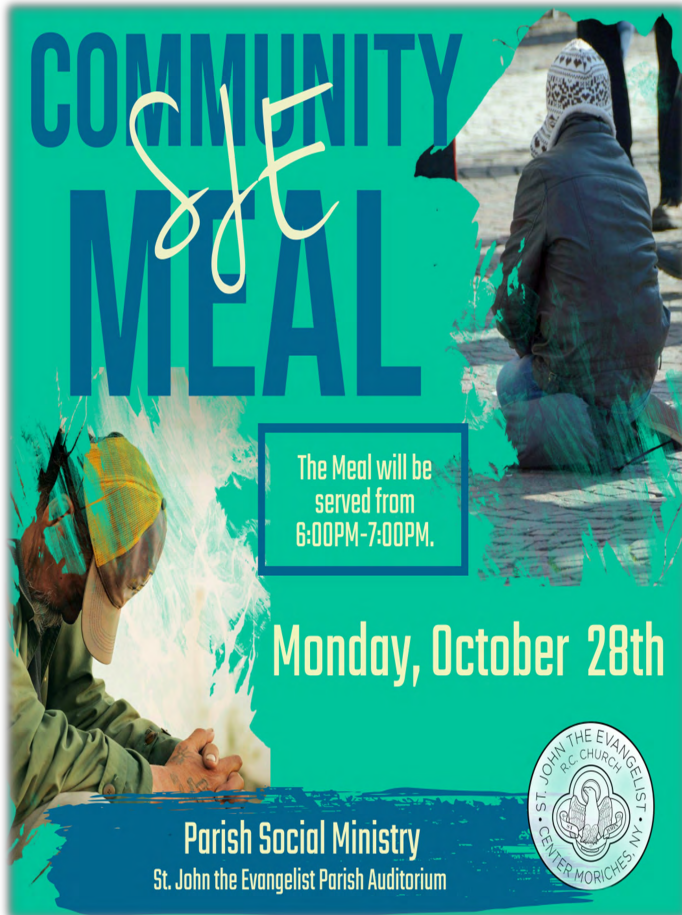
COMMUNITY MEAL

SJE

The Meal will be served from 6:00PM-7:00PM.

Monday, October 28th

Parish Social Ministry
St. John the Evangelist Parish Auditorium



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFIRMATION DAY

Friday, November 8th

12 noon Mass
will be celebrated
in CONVENT

All Parish Office's will CLOSED



SJE Family Life Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 24th

Come make a...

Family Advent Wreath

Watch the bulletin for more details
and pre-registration link.



Parish Social Ministry

Ernie's Place

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

- Soup
- Sugar
- Cereal
- Red Beans
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Mac & Cheese
- Shelf-stable Milk



Street Ministry

Are you a great cook? Or perhaps a social butterfly who enjoys engaging with others in the community?

Maybe you prefer to work behind the scenes? Do you love to fold clothes and organize things? ***Come use the awesome gifts that God gave you to serve those in need in our local community!***



Street Ministry Shopping List

- ♦ Blankets
- ♦ Toilet Paper
- ♦ Feminine Products
- ♦ Men's & Women's Socks
- ♦ Men's & Women's Coats S, M, L, XL
- ♦ Men's & Women's T-Shirts Sizes S, M, L
- ♦ **DESPERATELY NEED Men's Jeans All Sizes**
- ♦ Men's & Women's Sweatshirts S, M, L, XL
- ♦ Men's & Women's Coats
- ♦ Travel Size Shaving Cream & Razors
- ♦ Travel Size Shampoo & Conditioner
- ♦ Men's & Women's Underwear (new) All Sizes

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THURSDAY NIGHTS...

We urgently need your help on Thursday nights for the **Street Ministry Van Runs!** Volunteers meet at the convent at **6:30 p.m.** and go out into the community to provide hot meals and clothing to those in desperate need. If you can spare just one hour each week, your assistance would make a tremendous difference. Every bit of help counts!

Interested in Helping? Please call the Parish Social Ministry office at **631-878-0009 x120.**

Thank you for considering this vital opportunity to serve!

Bereavement Support ...

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.



Knights of Columbus Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



Benefitting Ernie's Place Food Pantry

Date: November 9, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

2 Locations!

King Kullen in Manorville

King Kullen in Center Moriches



BINGO

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
kofc4126.com



★ Patriotic Rosary ★

7:00 PM ~ SJE Convent Chapel
Followed by Benediction

Monday, November 4th

Please join our parish family as we come together in prayer and song before the Blessed Sacrament, to thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on our country, and to honor our brave service men and women all over the world, our veterans, and our first responders at home. We also join together to pray that the rights and protection of all Americans, especially the unborn, be restored, and for the safety, security, and future of our United States of America.

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus - Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



**Wednesday,
November 6, 2024**
at 7:30 PM - Zoom Webinar

Bible Study Verse

NICODEMUS the PHARISEE
Living the New Life in Spirit
Gospel of John 3. 1-21



Join Bishop Andrzej
For Scripture Reflection Series
on JESUS and NICODEMUS

LECTIO DIVINA



- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.
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.

A Message from Msgr. Walden...



"What do you want me to do for you?" "I want to see." These words are from the Gospel for today's Mass (Mark 10:46-52) where the blind man Bartimaeus hears Jesus is walking by and calls out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me." There are so many things we want to see with our eyes and even more with our minds and hearts. In curing Bartimaeus Jesus not only opened his eyes, even more, he opened his mind and heart to God's powerful love for him. This Gospel passage concludes with the result of the cure: "Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the way."

It truly is a blessing to be able to see with our eyes. The faces of those we love and who love us are always a source of joy. The beauty of nature awes us at time. But we also have the vision that comes from our minds and hearts as we listen, see, and mentally process and contemplate what is going on in our minds and hearts and the world around us. This weekend we will once again have a huge number of sports events calling us to watch with all the football games, the World Series in baseball, and local sporting events. But as technology offers us more than can watch with our eyes, we also need to refresh and revitalize our minds and hearts by seeing the blessings we have in our lives physically, the people whose presence lifts us up everyday, and the blessing of the vision of faith. Without faith everything and everyone else is up for grabs and competes with all the electronic devices that enable us to consume hours of screen time.

In a little more than a week we will have the opportunity to vote for those who will lead our nation in the years ahead. As they are looking for our votes, what are we looking for from them? Do we and they have the best interests of our country and one another at heart? We cannot mix religion and politics, but politics without the foundation of strong faith in God turns into public opinion morality. The Ten Commandments give us the true basics for living in peace with God and one another. Once we lose that foundation everything and everyone else is up for grabs. We see that as the moral issue of abortion is now a political issue that wishes to treat children in the womb (the very

place you and I and every human being begins to exist) as disposable. The fifth commandment is clear: You shall not kill. Who is more vulnerable, innocent, and dependent than a child in the womb? To protect and expand the right to abortion is to kill a human being, like you and I, created in the image and likeness of God by God Himself (Genesis 1:26-27: "Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.). Can't we see that ????? We shed tears when a pet dies or has to be put down. Where is the disconnect here?

I offer the Renew 2000 prayer:

Gracious God and Father,

We are your people embraced by your love.

We thank you for your presence with us
throughout all time.

As we celebrate the 2000 years since the birth
of Jesus, your Son: Create us anew.

Liberate us from all that keeps us from you.

Send your Holy Spirit, enabling us
to recreate our world and restore justice.

Heal us from every form of sin and violence.

Transform us to live your Word more
profoundly. Reconcile us so enemies,
become friends. Awaken us to the sacred;

Nurture our relationships;

Enliven our parishes; reunite our families.

Fill us with joy to celebrate the fullness of life.

Empower us to be a community of love
growing in your likeness by the
grace of Christ our Lord.



Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament
at
St. John the Evangelist

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

If you can be present for a specific hour, email rectory@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

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.



Hope for the Holidays

for Adults and Students

Thursday, November 14, 2024, 6-7:30pm

Westhampton Presbyterian Church

90 Meeting House Road

Westhampton Beach

Adult Session-Meeting Hall

Student Session (Ages 4-17)-Conference Room

The holiday season is a special time of year to spend with the people you love and can be especially painful if you have recently lost a loved one. While it may be difficult, it's important to remember that the holidays can still be a time of celebration, even through grief. This program will explore meaningful ways to ease your anticipated grief and heartache during the holidays for adults and children. Program provided free of charge to public.

Registration is required.

To register or for more
information please contact:
Dina DiFolco, 631.288.8400
ddfolco@eeh.org

 **EAST END
HOSPICE**
ZINBERG FAMILY BEREAVEMENT CENTER



June 1- 9, 2025
Rome & Assisi

Spiritual Director:
Fr. Francis Pizzarelli

Contact: cara@206tours.com dominic@206tours.com
silvia@206tours.com (800) 206-8687

SCAN 

Women's Group...

Our Women's Group has started for 2024-25 year.



We welcome back our Members & invite New Members to join us as we read together, learn & share our feelings & life's experiences. It's an open group, come when you want or can. You can join throughout the year. There's no commitment. You don't have to share or read out loud, no homework. Everything we share is kept confidential. We respect each other's sharing. No judgement. All you need is desire to draw nearer to Jesus & to have fellowship with like-minded women who know we're not perfect & it's ok. **BRING A FRIEND!!!**

The book we'll read together is **"The Sanctifier"** by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, explaining in detail how the workings of the gifts of The Holy Spirit bring us into holiness. It's usually in the sharing part of what we're reading that gives us clearer understanding

of the subject especially because it relates to our lives at the present moment. We're

living the lessons which is comforting when we're in pain, we have a lot of laughs too. We're there for each other! The book will be provided, and a free will offering can be made for the book.

We meet in the white house between the school & rectory every other Monday, unless noted with an asterisk *, at 10:00 -11:30 AM, ending in time to go to 12:00 Mass if you want.

Dates: November 4th & 18th, December 2nd & 16th, January 6th & 20th,

February 3rd & 17th, March 3rd, 17th, & 31st, April 14th & 28th, May 12th & 19th*, June 2nd, 16th & 30th.

Carol Ketcham and Anita Luccari, Group Moderators ~ For info: 631-878-0009



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.

Ambiente seguro...



Todos los voluntarios y empleados de SJE deben participar en un curso de capacitación VIRTUS y pasar por una verificación de antecedentes. Puede inscribirse en

las clases VIRTUS visitando www.drvc.org o haciendo clic aquí:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm>

RECORDATORIOS PARA VOLUNTARIOS

Todos los voluntarios de SJE deben usar su insignia de SJE mientras sirven en el ministerio. También revise su correo electrónico periódicamente para completar las actualizaciones mensuales. (Asegúrese de revisar su carpeta de "spam" o "basura").

EQUIPO DE INTERVENCIÓN PASTORAL

La línea telefónica exclusiva para denuncias de abuso sexual (516-694-9063) continúa disponible. Si la persona que llama no se comunica con alguien directamente, los mensajes se pueden dejar en un contestador automático conectado al teléfono. Esos mensajes serán recuperados por un miembro del Equipo de Intervención y devueltos lo antes posible. Se tomarán todas las medidas apropiadas para proteger la reputación y la privacidad de los involucrados. Para obtener más información sobre la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, visite drvc.org.

Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en español los sábados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oración, todos los viernes a las 7:30 PM en la Capilla del Convento Parroquial. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

Por favor traiga el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

Requisitos:

1. Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
2. Certificado de registro de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de la charla prebautismal (OBLIGATORIO para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia. Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

CASAMIENTO:

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

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

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

espanol@sjecm.org

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

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 7:30 PM

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

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM

auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

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

Safe Environment Training...

All **volunteers** and employees at SJE are **required** to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the VIRTUS classes by visiting www.drvc.org or clicking here:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>

Upcoming Classes at St. John's

November 7th @ 1:30 PM - In the Barn Meeting Room

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

PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

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





Important DRVC Information...

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

<https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

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

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

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 28th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Men only) - BMR

Tuesday, October 29th, 2024

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

Wednesday, October 30th, 2024

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

Thursday, October 31st, 2024

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

Friday, November 1st, 2024 (Parish Offices Closed)

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

Saturday, November 2nd, 2024

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

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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