

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



October 5, 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. ~Psalm 95



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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 11th

5:00 PM - Fr. Charlince

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, October 12th

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Francis

6:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Charlince 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

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller

Director of Operations

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

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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

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 Reflection Deacon Ed Grieb...

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 'Increase our Faith' (Luke 17:5-10)



Our readings this week speak to us about Faith, a gift from God that's been freely given, one we don't have to earn. Instead, it's something we want to respond to through love.

In our first reading, the Prophet Habakkuk is lamenting and questioning God about life around him; maybe not unlike what we may feel like doing at times. Habakkuk sees the destruction, injustice and violence surrounding him as Jerusalem comes under siege from the Babylonians. The Lord hears Habakkuk and gives him words of encouragement to write down and pass on, 'the vision still has its time.....and will not disappoint.....wait and it will surely come.' These words we can still take to heart today, a reminder for us to trust in God's plan. It's not difficult to see how, in the big picture, some things haven't changed over the centuries. Today, we see the conflict and war in Ukraine and the middle east, assassination, school shootings and crime/violence. But Holy Scripture is God's living word and **continues to speak to us today**, it can rekindle our own Faith.

The responsorial psalm today **from Psalm 95** is a familiar one, it speaks to us about being attentive and listening for His guidance, if today you hear His voice, harden not your heart.' Hearing and listening for God's voice can be quite a challenge for us in today's world, finding quiet away from the distractions of the voices coming from our phones, TV, radio and social media. So we need to search out some time to quiet ourselves and listen for God's voice, a time to refrain from lamenting to God about all that is wrong and finding out what He suggests we do to confront problems and issues in our life and family.

In our second reading, St. Paul draws on his own experience of persevering in the face of opposition and confrontation in order to encourage Timothy to maintain his faith in

order to protect the Christian community there in Ephesus against false prophets and teachings.

All three readings speak to us and remind us that **God will Not Disappoint**. Through Holy Scripture, the workings of the Holy Spirit and the assistance of one another, He encourages us to persevere through our challenges and difficulties.

Jesus conveys a similar message to His Apostles in **today's Gospel passage from Luke**. Jesus is on His journey to Jerusalem, knowing what awaits Him, and knowing that the Apostles must be appropriately prepared to carry on His work once He returns to the Father. In recent weeks past, we've heard Jesus speak to them in order to encourage them. He's spoken about, among other things, the demands of discipleship, the distraction that wealth and other matters can present us, and the need to remember the dignity of all people, especially those most in need in our communities. And after speaking to them about the ever-present temptation of sin, as well as the need to forgive, our Gospel today has the Apostles looking for help as they ask Jesus to 'increase their faith.' Without directly answering them or giving them what they believe they need, Jesus tells them they have been given the wonderful gift of **Faith**. He points them to the tiny mustard seed, that Faith even the size of a mustard seed can produce miraculous results when it's permitted and encouraged to grow.

But in addition to reinforcing the gift of faith they already have, Jesus goes a step further; reminding them to stay humble, remembering that the fruits of all their gifts are meant to be shared with others. This is the response that will **strengthen our faith** within our hearts so that we can always walk in Christ's light, listening for and following God's will.

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, October 4th Saint Francis of Assisi

5:00 PM Deborah Moschello

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 5th Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joseph Mazzarella

10:00 AM Arleen and Roy Probeyahn

12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

6:00 PM Yvette Saar

Monday, October 6th Weekday

7:00 AM Allen John Allsop

12:00 Noon Special Intention-Ivy Vazquez

Tuesday, October 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 AM Ellen Lander

12:00 PM Kristen Bigora

Wednesday, October 8th Weekday

7:00 AM Concetta "Connie" Roncone

12:00 Noon John Robert Klaus IV

Thursday, October 9th Weekday

7:00 AM Amneris Drago

12:00 Noon Ricardo Montalvo

Friday, October 10th Weekday

7:00 AM Donna Dowling

12:00 Noon Anthony Profeta

Saturday, October 11th Weekday

8:00 AM Donna Dowling

5:00 PM Myrna Stabile

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

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

8:00 AM Vincent Ferrara

10:00 AM Bryan O'Donnell

12:00 Noon Special Intention-Joan Murphy

6:00 PM Gwen DiMiceli

Respect Life Sunday...

Sunday, October 5 is Respect Life



Sunday, a day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this essential mission.

We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

Upcoming Collections

All Soul's Day Novena

- October 19th Parish Social Ministry
- October 19th World Mission Sunday
- October 26th Catholic Ministry Appeal
- October 26th Catholic Education
- November 1st All Saints

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$691,679	39	\$17,735
2024	\$697,044	39	\$17,873

2025

Please help us reach our goal!

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE-CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*



As of 9/30/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	197	211
Total Pledged to date	\$83,421	\$88,993
Avg. Gift	\$423	422
Percent of Goal	72.5%	77.3%

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!

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Please help us reach our goal!

**WE GIVE *because*
HE GAVE FIRST**

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son...
John 3:16

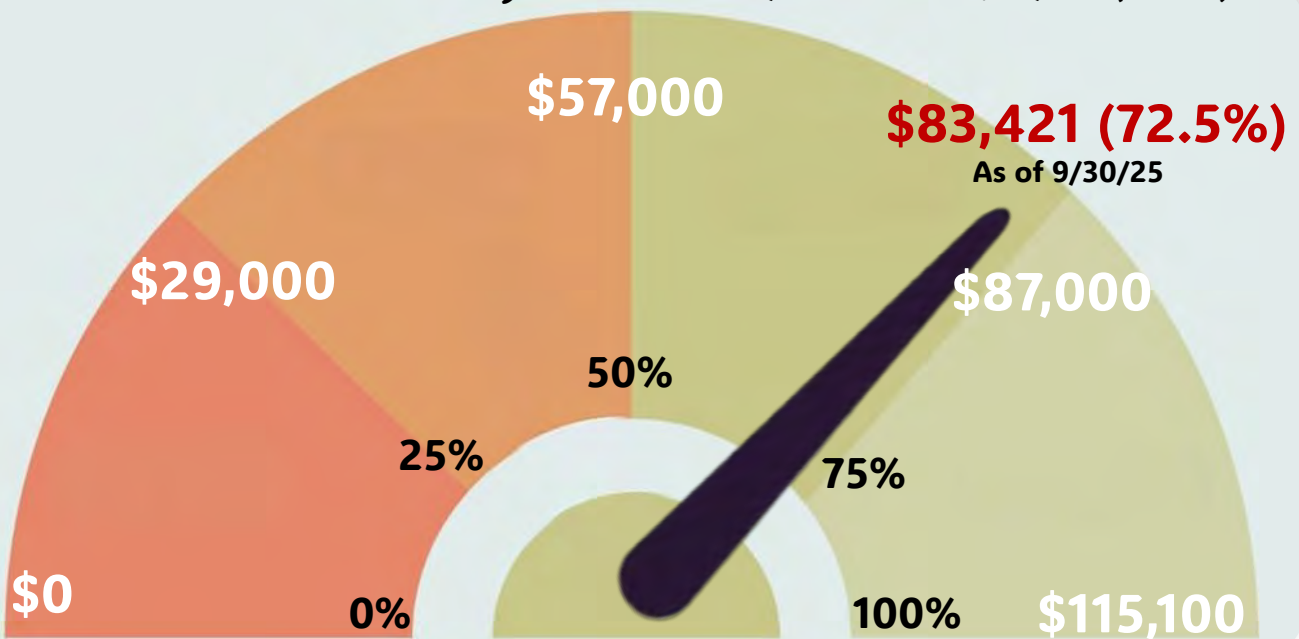
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We are close to 75% of our goal, with about 3 months left! Please help if you can!

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



Last year at this time, we were at \$88,993 (77.3%)





Praying For and With One Another

Remember

**Emily Garza Profeta
Luis Argelio Amat**

"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him
those who have died." -1 Thessalonians 4:14

Pray for the Sick

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

*"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

US Marine Corps

LC Michael Abbatiello
CPL Evan Berkemeyer
PFC Sean Brady
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II
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
PFC Kyle Kerstiens
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
SrA Jared T. Rosato
LT Col Salvatore Sferazza
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. Amalfitano

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.

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

Ann and Harry Holland

Mass Intentions

Remembering one who has passed away at Mass is a
most noble practice calling us to pray for one who
has died at the most powerful prayer we know -
the celebration of the Eucharist.

Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the
course of that month.

An offering of \$200 is requested.

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

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.**



Reinforcing Our Magnificent Catholic Faith in Word and Song!

presented by Catholic Recording Artist/Lay Franciscan Al Barbarino



Wednesday, October 15th at 7 PM

Al Barbarino is a Lay Franciscan and Catholic recording artist who shares the Gospel through music and evangelization. He has traveled internationally offering concerts, parish missions, and retreats, and has also ministered in the New York City prison system to incarcerated youth. Through his recordings and missions, he has supported many charitable causes, including the Franciscan Friars and the Croatian Relief Fund. His ministry emphasizes God's love, Divine Mercy, and the joy of living the Catholic faith.

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

Month of Remembrance...

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

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

Altar of Remembrance

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

We ask that you pick up your picture no later than Wednesday, November 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.





Blood Drive

Show up for those fighting cancer

Share your strength. Give blood.



St. John the Evangelist

2 ST. JOHN'S PLACE, CENTER MORICHES

SPONSORED BY THE SAINT JANUARIUS MINISTRY

Saturday, October 11th
9:00am – 3:00pm

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

- SCAN QR CODE
- CONTACT MELISSA AT:

(917) 566-8537 / MGATTO@NYBC.ORG

Please include full name, date of blood drive and donor ID # (or phone #)



Prepare to donate



Eat well and hydrate



Bring a photo ID



Feel good and symptom free



Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form



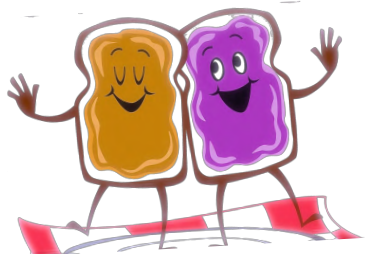
Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

Walk-ins are welcome! Appointments help reduce waiting.

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

Sandwich Sundays are back!



Family Life Ministry hosted our first Sandwich Sunday of the new school year on Sunday, September 14, 2025 after the 10:00 Mass. Over 350 sandwiches were made!

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



Moms on the Journey



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

HOW DO YOU PRAY THE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

The Eucharistic Adoration is a prayer (it normally lasts an hour, called Holy Hour) that is made before the Blessed Sacrament.

Steps to pray:

1. REALIZE WHO IS PRESENT
Place yourself in the presence of Christ.

2. GIVE THANKS
Be thankful for this moment of prayer and for all the blessings the Lord has given you.

3. ASK
Present Him all your intentions and the intentions of those around you.

4. MEDITATE
In a moment of silence, try to listen to the voice of God.

5. ASK FOR FORGIVENESS
Express your sorrow for the world's sins and your own.

How to pray? 10 ways of praying

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.

Parishes Praying for Priests

UNITED IN ADORATION

Please Join Us...

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 TH
3PM - 7PM

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

Without our priests we have
NO Eucharist and NO Sacraments

SETON CHAPEL

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CONVENT



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



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5

Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>

faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

Office Hours: By Appointment Only



We are grateful to all our families in Levels 1-6 who came out for our "Family of Faith" opening prayer service in September as we kicked off our year about the Sacraments and God's grace! The summer projects - "God's Masterpiece" banners - will remain in the church through our next session - thank you to all who participated! Special thanks to our volunteers and staff, our music ministry and Fr. Patrick, who presided at all four prayer services!



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 20 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

**Check your email later in October for your child's small group number!*

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

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Class Session:

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

**Students are in the same small groups as last year.*

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



Next Sessions:

Tuesday, October 7 & Thursday, October 9
at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church (attend one).

Grade Level 1 Mass - Sunday, 10/5 at 10 AM.

Please bring your completed activity sheet that was given out at our opening prayer service 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)*

- Sessions: Mondays, 7:15-8:30 PM in the Church on 9/29
- Parent/Student Reconciliation Night: 10/6, 7:15 PM, Church
- Weekend of November 1 & 2 - MASS OF SENDING FORTH



Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School

Contact Us!

☎ 631-878-1033

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Retreat Day!



Our students in The Mission - our middle school academy for Grades 6, 7, 8 - recently enjoyed their annual retreat to The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville. Students made academic, social & spiritual goals for the new school year, took part in team building activities, and attended Mass and Stations of the Cross outside. Special thanks to Fr. Bernard from the Shrine and Mr. Toby Hoonhout, who is studying at the seminary in Rome, for speaking with our young people and leading them in prayer.

Parish Social Ministry



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.*

"Sing to the Lord a new song..."

Do you love to sing? Do you have a musical talent waiting to be shared?

Come lift your voice with the St. John the Evangelist Choir and be part of something truly beautiful! Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to make a joyful noise, there's a place for you in our choir family.



Join the Choir - Make a Joyful Noise!

Rehearsals are filled with laughter, learning, and harmony. Let your voice be heard—and help lead our parish in prayer through song.

We gather Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, and all are welcome—no experience needed! A quick, friendly voice check with our choir director will help place you where your voice shines best.

Join us and let your voice lift hearts in worship—we can't wait to welcome you!

For more information please contact our parish Choir Director: Kalina Mrmevska through email, music@sjecm.org or call the parish office; 631-878-0009

... for He has done marvelous things!"

— Psalm 98:1

"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God... say the rosary every day to bring peace to the World"

—Our Lady of Fatima

October Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 11th
12 noon



Please join us in unity with millions of Catholics across the Nation, praying the Rosary in public. The walk begins at the Blessed Mother Statue outside of the Church.



Holy Trinity High School
98 Cherry Lane Hicksville, NY

Open House

Saturday, October 18 . 10 am - 1 pm

(516) 433-2900 ext. 151
holyltrinityhs.org



St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School



**RISE TO THE
CHALLENGE**



OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 25th
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

GET A GLIMPSE OF LIFE AT SJB! 🐾 TOURS AVAILABLE!

REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED!

Scan the QR Code to register!



ADMISSIONS OFFICE: (631) 587-8000 X113

🐾 1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip, NY 11795 🐾

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

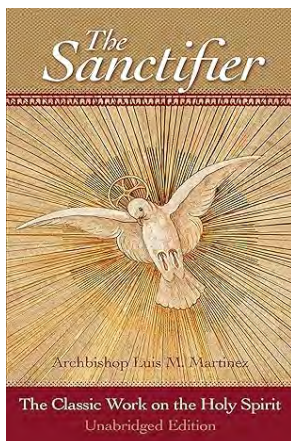
\$10 donation for the workbook.

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: October 6, 20, November 3, 17, December 1, 15

2026: January 5, 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23,

April 13, 27, May 11, 18, June 1, 15, 29

(Summer break July, August, back in September)

A Message from Msgr. Walden...



"Increase our faith." Those words are the beginning of today's Gospel (Luke 17:5-10) where the apostles voice this request to Jesus. Surely we would all like to have our faith increased. In a reflection I read from Pope Benedict XVI this week this statement puts things in a clearer light: "Catholics are not promised an "exterior" happiness but rather a deep interior security through communion with the Lord." We live in a world where we can all too easily allow ourselves to be bombarded with reports of violence, injustice, confusion, and criticism. Then there are those times where we simply surf the internet on sites that consume more time than we are aware of while doing it.

What do we mean when we ask God to increase our faith? Praying, spending time in communion with God, is not a duty to be checked off as an obligation taken care of. Just as we carry those we love in our hearts and they carry us in theirs, so we are always in the mind and heart of God. Our challenge is to find the time and place to allow Him into our hearts and to be uplifted by the thought that we are always in His heart. The key is to see that more than that I am with God, that God is with me. How often do we text one another and look for an instant reply? But those we love and who love us are always with us as we are with them. We pray for those we love, especially when there is sickness or trouble. We pray for our loved ones who have died as we continue to carry them in our hearts and look forward to reunion with them when we die. We pray for many people and things where things seem beyond our control. The other side of the coin, as in our interpersonal relationships, is to just think of the blessings we have and say thank you to God. When we have a close call and a danger passes do we pray: "Thank You God!"? When a problem is resolved or a relationship restored do we pray: "Thank You God!"? Just as thoughts of those we love

consciously go in and out of our minds everyday, so our faith enables us to see the hand of God. As I have mentioned before, each night as I pray the night prayer from the breviary I begin by calling to mind three things that I am grateful for that day. Yes, we need to call to mind our faults, but what really lifts us up is recognizing the hand and presence of God in our day. Our interpersonal relationships that are life giving fill us with gratitude, inspiration, and joy.

Prayer is not a duty but a time to be renewed, enriched, inspired, and encouraged. How good it is to get beyond fitting prayer in and becoming more secure in our presence in His heart.

I offer Psalm 46 for our prayerful reflection:

*God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress,
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea;
even though its waters rage and foam,
even though the mountains be shaken by its waves.*

*The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken:
he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.*

*The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.
He puts an end to wars over all the earth;
the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.
He burns the shields with fire.
"Be still and know that I am God,
supreme among the nations, supreme on the
earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

Glory...



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

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

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

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

Godparents

Do you know the requirements for Godparents ?

To be a godparent (or a sponsor for someone who is receiving Confirmation) a Catholic must meet the following requirements. These are not "guidelines" here at St. John's. These are the requirements of the universal Catholic Church and are the same all over the world. Different parishes may choose to document these requirements differently. The role of sponsor is an important one! The godparent (sponsor) must be a fully initiated Catholic who supports the person receiving the sacrament through their own example of Catholic living and a desire to help the person learn more about the Catholic faith through prayer, discussion and instruction. The Catholic Church has the following requirements for godparents/sponsors:

- The sponsor must be a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church which means he or she has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist (Communion) and Confirmation.
- The godparent/sponsor must be at least 16 years of age (a person younger than 16 must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church)
- The godparent/sponsor must have an active life of faith in the Catholic Church and provide good example of Catholic Living.
- If the godparent/sponsor is married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church
- The godparent/sponsor cannot be either parent of the person being Baptized or Confirmed.

Now that you know a little more about Baptism... spread the word! We have a wonderful parish at St. John's and we are growing every day !

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.

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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.

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THE JUBILEE PRAYER

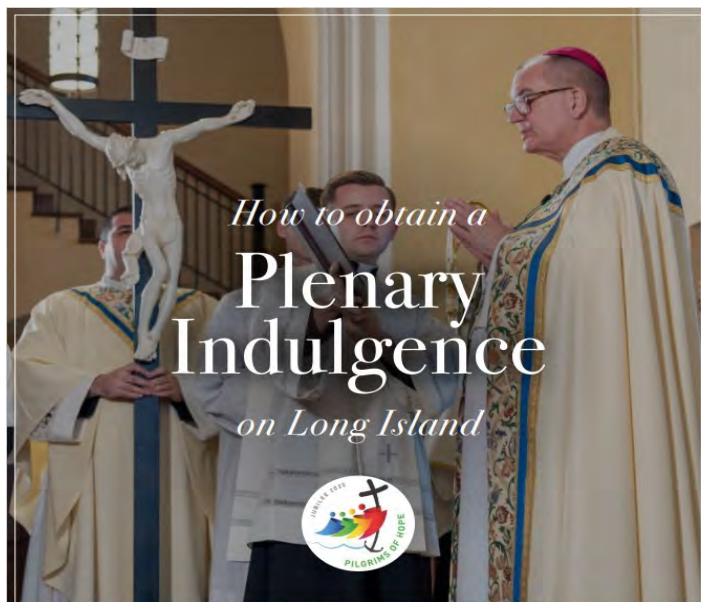
Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

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

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

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



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- 4 Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- 5 Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

"This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord."

POPE FRANCIS



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Monday, October 6th, 2025

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

Tuesday, October 7th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
7:00 PM Divine Will - AMR

Wednesday, October 8th, 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 9th, 2025

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

Friday, October 10th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus - BINGO
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR
7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

Saturday, October 11th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - SC
10:30 AM Bereavement Group - BMR

Sunday, October 12th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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