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# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lord God, Almighty Father,  
creator of mankind and  
author of peace, as we are  
ever mindful of the cost paid  
for the liberty we possess, we  
ask you to bless the members  
of our armed forces. Give  
them courage, hope and  
strength. May they ever  
experience your firm support,  
gentle love and  
compassionate healing.

November 12, 2023

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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**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.*

Mass Schedule

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Patrick  
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 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick  
10:00 AM - Fr. Felix  
12 noon - Fr. Jerry  
6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden  
\*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.

## A Message from the Director of Faith Formation...

“Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” ~Matthew 25:13

A few years ago, I decided to make the eight-hour drive to visit family in Upstate New York. As I neared my destination, I was struck by the beautiful surroundings, but was suddenly jarred from my serene awe by a warning sign: WATCH FOR FALLEN ROCKS. Having never ventured this far north by car, I was instantly white-knuckling the steering wheel and inspired to begin a decade of the Rosary! Sometimes we forget how fragile life is.



The parable Jesus tells in this week’s Gospel reminds us to be watchful. In this allegory, we meet ten maidens who are to light the way for the bridegroom as he ceremonially processes to meet and wed his bride. One reaction to this story may be, “Why did the five wise maidens not share the oil with the other five so that they could all have their lamps lit? Isn’t that the Christian thing to do?” And yes, in a few short weeks, we will hear Jesus speak about the importance of sharing what we have with those in need (what we

now know as the Corporal Works of Mercy) in Matthew’s Gospel.

However, parables are rarely just about the surface of the story – we need to go deeper. Some Catholic Biblical scholars have noted that the lamp represents Christian faith and the oil is good works. (Side note: *The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible* is a great resource!) Faith and good works go hand in hand and are two things we ultimately must come to and do ourselves. This parable is reminding us that we must be prepared to meet the Bridegroom (Jesus) at any moment, “for we do not know the hour.” Practically, this means making sure our lamps are lit – that we are shining the light of Christ through our faith (prayer life) and good works.

As we approach the holidays, it can be a difficult time for some to keep their lamps lit. Whether it’s finding oneself in a difficult situation financially, grieving the loss of a loved one or general anxiety about the world around us, there are many things that can dim our light, or “rocks” that can fall and almost shatter us. But by hanging on to our faith and reaching out to others in charity, we can find ways to keep our lamps lit and enter the banquet of the Bridegroom!



The readings this week are timely for our Faith Formation families, as well! I’m writing this as we prepare for both our Family of Faith (Grades 1-6) sessions and the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 130 candidates. At SJE, we typically confirm in the Fall of 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and you may have seen some of them at our Masses last weekend as they received a special blessing just prior to their Confirmation.

One of our focuses in our “Family of Faith” program this month is the three keys to prayer: conversion, faith and watchfulness. We can see these elements in Matthew’s Gospel this week.

I also thought of our Confirmation Candidates (who will have been confirmed by the time you’re reading this!), as the first reading this week focuses on Wisdom – one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit – a theme which

carries over to the wise maidens in the Gospel. I pray that our young people may receive the Gift of Wisdom with an open heart and let that gift guide them as they grow and mature in their life and faith.

We are also blessed by so many wonderful volunteers who use their light of faith to serve our families! Two of our long-time catechists were honored for their years of service by the Diocese of Rockville Centre last Sunday during a special ceremony. Congratulations to Shannon Luongo, who received the St. Joseph Award for 15 years of service, and Jim O'Connor, who received the St. Pius X award for 10 years of service!

Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to serve and walk with our students and their families in their faith journey!



# Preparing for the Week

## Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM Canonization of Fr. Vincent R. Capodano  
 7:30 PM *Spanish* Goncalo Rego

## Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Santa Soto  
 10:00 AM Ethel "Sally" Lenz  
 12:00 Noon Ernest Vigliotta  
 6:00 PM Goncalo Rego

## Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> *Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*

7:00 AM Jean Unverricht  
 12:00 PM Irene Heldman

## Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*

7:00 AM Ann-Marie McCartney  
 12 Noon Francesco Pirro

## Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*

7:00 AM Wayne Dentice  
 12 Noon Kurt Trentmann

## Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*

7:00 AM Joseph and Josephine Sterrazza  
 12 Noon Harold Clark

## Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

7:00 AM Gregory H. Tuttle  
 12 Noon Michael Paone

## Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*

8:00 AM Manuel and Helen Cordeiro  
 5:00 AM John Robert Klaus IV  
 7:30 PM *Spanish* People of the Parish

## Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Charles Peters  
 10:00 AM Katy Dyer  
 12 Noon Special Intention-Marion Norton  
 6:00 PM Tom Lupski



## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Week January 1, 2023 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$758,075	44	\$17,229
2022	\$666,962	44	\$15,158

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	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	276	273
Total Pledged to date	\$97,515	\$102,668
Avg. Gift	\$353	\$376
Percent of Goal	85 %	89 %

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 received by 80% of all monies raised above the goal!  
 Please help us go above goal!

# Come make a Family Advent Wreath

**Sunday, November 19th**

Family Life Ministry will sponsor our second annual Family-Advent Wreath-making Event. Last year this was a WONDERFUL family event! All families are invited to experience a joyful afternoon filled with faith, fellowship and fun. Every family will get to make an Advent wreath to take home and use during the Advent season. We will meet in the auditorium after the 10:00 am mass (approx. 11:15). All of the materials needed to make the Advent wreaths will be provided. Bring a pair of small pruning shears if you can. Register now as spots are limited! A donation of \$15 per family is suggested to offset the cost of the materials.



Pre-registration is required to ensure that we have enough supplies. This year, registration will be conducted through our parish We Share website. Use the QR Code on the left.

**ALL PARISH FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!**

If you have any questions, email [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org)

# A Message from Fr. Patrick...

This past Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, we had 130 ninth graders receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Romeo. It was a wonderful day filled with the Spirit of the Lord! Great to see so many come out to be part of this celebration. These candidates are now full members of the Universal Catholic Church under the primacy of St. Peter, Pope Francis. Now that they are strengthened in the Holy Spirit, I pray that they may have the courage to give witness and testimony to Jesus Christ within their daily lives. I also thank our Faith Formation Director, Michelle Pirraglia for her total dedication with the support of her staff and many volunteers in being a big part of the formation of these fine candidates.

Last weekend, Msgr. Walden spoke at all the masses introducing himself. Msgr. Walden has been a true mentor and friend to me for over 18 years. I served under him while I served as a curate at St. Patrick's in Smithtown from 2005-2010. It was wonderful to serve with him and learn so much from him. I learned what it means to be a humble and dedicated priest to the People of God. I was so happy Bishop Barres assigned him to us to live in residence for his retirement. Thank you so much for making him feel so welcome. He loves being here and being part of his new parish family.

I would like to also thank you all for your generous support towards the Thanksgiving Meals we offer to so many in our parish in need of our generosity. The response has been amazing. I was so humbled by the overwhelming support from so many in our community! St. John the Evangelist is a giving community, especially in times of need. I am personally grateful for all of your love and support throughout the year! Thank you for making Thanksgiving very special for so many families.

Finally, on a sad note, Andrew McKeon informed me this past week that he will be resigning from his position as Director of Music Ministry effective December 13<sup>th</sup>. In the short time I have been here, I have enjoyed working with Andrew. Andrew has a wonderful gift and is a very talented musician and is beloved by us all. I will always be grateful to Andrew for his kindness and enthusiasm and for his service and love towards our community. Please join me in wishing Andrew all the best in his new endeavors with an organ restoration company. Perhaps we will see Andrew when he is in town and free from his new responsibilities! Andrew and his family have been and continue to be a vital part and gift to our parish family.

I hope and pray that you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving!





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# PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

Parish Goal is \$115,100

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Pope Francis tells us, "For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others."

100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal, touching each of our 133 parishes and more than 600,000 people each year. Through Communion, we worship together and share in the love and unity of the Trinity. We Participate by serving one another in our Mission to evangelize and share the love of our Faith with others.

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps.....

- The Office of Vocations provide Formation of our Priests and Deacons; Holy Hours for Vocations are being celebrated throughout the year. Young people of the diocese, and those who desire to draw near to Our Lord in the Eucharist come together to pray, give praise and honor in Adoration.



Fr. Louis Cona

## A message from Msgr. Walden...

As I read the first reading for Mass this Sunday these words from the song “The Gambler” by Kenny Rogers came to mind: “You've got to know when to hold ‘em, Know when to fold ‘em.” While Kenny Rogers is speaking about how to play poker and bet we need a much different kind of plan or wisdom to live our lives everyday. The first reading for Mass today comes from the Book of Wisdom, 6:12-16 and begins with these words: “Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.”

Wisdom is far more than knowledge that can lead to success and satisfaction. True wisdom is knowing and experiencing what gives us life and how we can give life to others. Jesus was the essence and epitome of wisdom yet was not readily embraced and accepted by all the people of His time. He never wavered with who He was and what He came to do for us and be for us. As we see in our own day closed minds, prejudice, and distrust can cause tension in our hearts and uneasiness with one another. The wisdom of God we see and experience in Jesus opens our minds and hearts to see that it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning and apologizing that we break down barriers and divisions, and find peace, purpose and meaning with one another.

We all thirst for God in our hearts. How blessed we are to be created in His very image: “God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

(Genesis 1:27) To be like God only happens and becomes apparent and real when we take Him seriously and let Him into our lives. He is far more than just a few prayers everyday or Mass on Sunday. For Him we are a constant presence to be loved by Him. We become His children In Baptism, and are filled with the love, life, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit when we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Daily prayer is not by appointment or when convenient but a reality that opens our minds and hearts to who we truly as His children. He is always therefor us and to us. We are blessed to have Jesus enter our very bodies in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Truly that is a HOLY union with God Himself. The more we see how blessed we are and how much God loves us the more we are filled with His very wisdom and live through, with, and in Him everyday.

Before I wrote this message, I read these words from Fr. Pedro Arrupe in my time of morning prayer: “True, I have had my difficulties, both big and small. But never has God failed to stand by me. And now more than ever I find myself in the hands of this God who has taken hold of me.” Fr. Arrupe lived with that thought everyday of his life and was the head of the Jesuit Order from 1965-1983. May we be guided by that wisdom everyday of our lives.



St. John the Evangelist Church

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

<p>NOV 19</p>		<p>NOV 23</p>	
<p><b>Family Advent Wreath</b></p>		<p><b>Thanksgiving Mass</b></p>	
<p>Family Advent Wreath-Making Event. Bring your family and come make an advent wreath to at your home during the Advent Season. Pre-Registration is Necessary for this event.</p>		<p>Come give thanks to the Lord for all our blessings at the Thanksgiving Liturgy, Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Bring something from your Thanksgiving table to be Blessed!</p>	



# Month of Remembrance

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>.*



## All Souls Day Novena

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. 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.



## 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.



Monday - Friday

3:00 - 7:00 PM

Seton Chapel, in the Convent

*“Take pleasure in remaining in his company do not lose this most precious time, for this hour is of the utmost up value to the soul, and the good Jesus desires you to spend it with him.”*

*-Saint Teresa of Avila*

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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.



November 12, 2023 | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 | Mt 25:1-13

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

I'll always remember that first Easter after my Dad passed away. It was when the promise of the resurrection truly hit home. Sure, I had always believed in heaven and that everyone had the possibility of spending eternity there, but until my Dad died, it had all been theoretical. Now, it was personal. Someone I loved deeply had left this world, but because of Christ's sacrifice, he had the opportunity to go to paradise, someplace where we will hopefully be reunited someday. I believe that's what St. Paul is talking about in today's second reading. We do "not grieve like the rest, who have no hope." *We have hope!* We have hope for our family, for our friends - for our very selves! - that we will rise again and spend eternity with the Lord and with those we love. Paul writes elsewhere, "Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55) The sting of death is sin, Paul says, but Christ has won the victory over it. In being baptized into Christ, we share in that victory, and we are inheritors of the promise of eternal life that comes from death's defeat.

**PRAY** The ten virgins needed oil for their lamps to be ready for the bridegroom, but we need a clean heart and a steadfast spirit, as Psalm 51 tells us. (12) We get that by setting aside regular time for prayer and making a point to regularly receive the sacraments, including the reception of the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist and his forgiveness within the sacrament of reconciliation. Making time for the Lord now will mean we are ready for his return later.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

The parable in today's Gospel is a reminder that while Christ has opened the gates of heaven for us, we must be ready to accept that gift and walk through them. In the parable of the ten virgins, we see how all fell asleep while waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. When he did show up, five were ready with oil for their lamps while five were sent scurrying to buy some. As a result, those who were not ready missed the opening of the doors and were locked out of the wedding feast. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour," Jesus admonishes us. Are you awake? Will you be ready to enter the wedding feast when the door is opened to you? There is nothing wrong with enjoying God's creation and gifts here on earth, but we must guard against getting so caught up in the things of this world that we forget to prepare for the next.

**Bereavement Support Group...**

*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.*

**WHEN:** Saturday mornings, through January 6, 2024

**TIME:** 10:30AM to 12 Noon

**WHERE:** First floor meeting room in the Barn.

*The Barn is the blue building located in the back of the school parking lot.*

**FACILITATORS:** Maureen Harney and Loretta Gallagher

**REGISTRATION:** Contact the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or via email at [Rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:Rectory@sjecm.org)

**FEES:** \$10 donation for the workbook.

*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.*

**Street Ministry**

**CLOSET CLEAN OUT !!**

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SJE Parish Social Ministry

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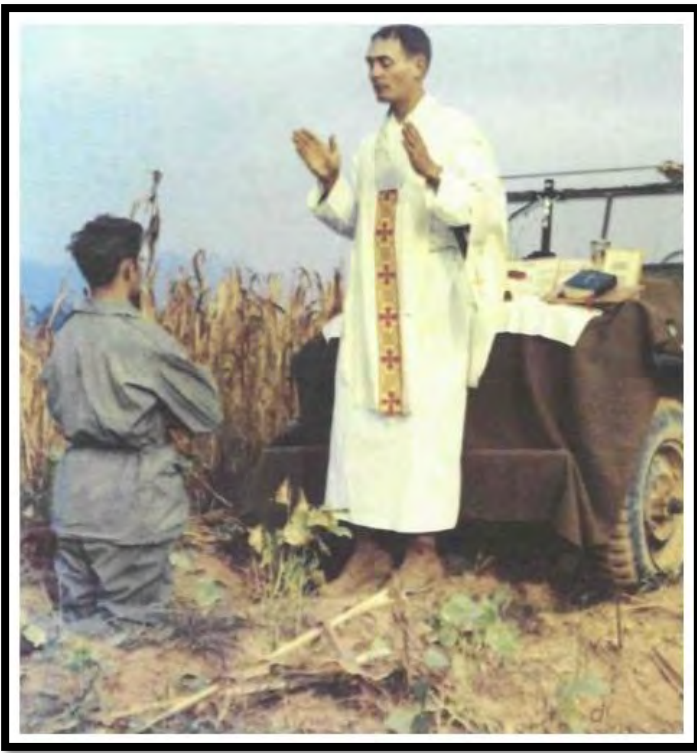
We are requesting \$10. or \$25. Gift Cards to Kohl's, Walmart, TJ Maxx/Marshalls or Target.

**We are still in need of Gift Cards !!**

Christmas Gift Cards can be put in the basket at church or dropped at the Rectory office, on or before 11/15

## REMEMBERING TWO SERVANTS OF GOD

What makes a Servant of God and national hero? It starts with an ordinary person in a place not too distant, in a time not so long ago, motivated by the love of God. Below are two men who performed certainly 'above and beyond the call of duty' and are currently in the process of their lives being meticulously examined by the Catholic Church; the overall process is called canonization, and both men are currently in the first step, given the title 'Servant of God'. It is also a lengthy process. In addition, both men are recipients of our nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, awarded posthumously. Below are brief summaries of their lives and service to God and our nation:



### FR. EMIL KAPAUN

Born on April 20, 1916 in Pilsen, Kansas, ordained on June 9, 1940, entered US Army Chaplain Corp in July 1944.

Shortly after the outbreak of the Korean War, Fr. Kapaun was deployed with his unit to the combat theatre. He quickly earned a reputation for being a fearless soldier who risked his life to minister to the men fighting on the front lines.

Along with praying with men in foxholes and saying Mass on the battlefield (oftentimes using the hood of his Jeep as the altar), Chaplain Kapaun would risk his life to administer the sacraments to the dying, to retrieve wounded soldiers, and to bury the dead- ally and enemy alike. On the night of November 1, 1950, while protecting the town of Unsan, Chaplain Kapaun's outfit was attacked from all sides by the combined Communist forces. A fierce battle ensued, and Father Kapaun went about anointing the dying and dragging the wounded to safety. Captured once, Father Kapaun escaped when his captors were shot by U.S. soldiers. Offered a last chance to retreat to safety, Father Kapaun and an Army Medic, Doctor Clarence Anderson, decided to remain and look after the wounded. Deep in the day on November 2, the group was captured by the Communists.

After a few days, Father Kapaun and the other prisoners of war were marched 60 miles to a prison camp at Pyoktong. Many had difficulty walking because of frostbitten feet and battle wounds. Although it was forbidden, Father Kapaun led an Easter Service for the men in 1951, reminding them of the sufferings that Christ endured for their sake and the new life brought about by His Resurrection. A few weeks after this service Father Kapaun fell ill, and the Chinese saw their chance to rid themselves of the troublesome priest. The captors caught on to the idea that his health was failing, and moved to the camp "hospital", which all the prisoners knew was merely a place where the Communists let men die. The POWs put up a fight, but Father Kapaun stopped them. "Don't worry about me," he said. "I'm going where I always wanted to go, and when I get there, I'll say a prayer for all of you." A few days later on May 23, 1951, alone in the Death House, Fr. Kapaun passed at the age of 35.

Chaplain Kapaun was awarded the Medal of Honor on April 11, 2013.

## FR. VINCENT CAPODANNO

Born on February 13, 1929 in Staten Island, NY, ordained on June 14, 1958, entered US Navy Chaplaincy in December 1965.

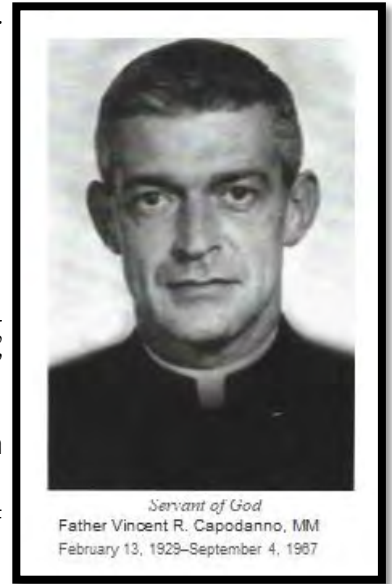
After receiving his commission in the Navy Chaplain Corp, Fr. Capodanno requested to serve with the Fleet Marine Force in South Vietnam. He served with the First Marine Division from April of 1966 through April of 1967. Upon completion of his 12 months tour he returned to the United States but requested to go back to Vietnam. In June of 1967, after a one month leave, he returned to Vietnam, and was assigned to the 5th Marines. Even before Capodanno's death, he was widely known for his willingness to share the hardships of suffering Marines on the front lines – "Radiating Christ" to those around him and became known as the 'Grunt Padre' in the words of his Marine companions.

On Labor Day, September 4, 1967, during Operation Swift in the Que Son Valley, the Marines were attacked in its night defensive position by a large North Vietnamese Army unit of approximately 2,500 near the village of Dong Son. The outnumbered and disorganized company needed support, and additional reinforcements were called in, still leaving the Marines greatly outnumbered by the NVA. When Capodanno heard that two platoons from his battalion were taking casualties and about to be overrun by the enemy, the unarmed chaplain went among the wounded and dying Marines of 2nd Platoon, helping and comforting them and giving last rites. That afternoon, he was wounded in the hand, arms and legs. Refusing medical evacuation, in the early evening he went to help a seriously wounded Navy corpsman and two wounded Marines only yards (meters) from an enemy machine gun and was killed. He was 38 years old.

Chaplain Capadanno was awarded the Medal of Honor on January 7, 1969. The Medal of Honor is the highest award given to a member of the military, and Fr. Kapaun and Fr. Capodanno are just two of five Chaplains to have received the award since the Civil War- all Catholic priests.

Please pray for their canonizations.

*This article courtesy of Queen of All Hearts Council, Knights of Columbus*



A vibrant promotional graphic for a "BINGO Night" event. The background is a warm orange-yellow gradient. At the top center, it says "Knights of Columbus" in a simple font. Below that, the word "BINGO" is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath "BINGO", the word "Night" is written in a large, elegant, white cursive script. The graphic is decorated with several colorful bingo balls (blue with '4', red with '5', yellow with '1', green with '2') and two pink bingo cards labeled "LOTTERY". A yellow pencil is also visible. At the bottom, the text reads: "Every Friday", "Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.", "Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.", and "\$3000 IN PRIZES". A red banner at the very bottom contains the text "SJE Parish Auditorium".

# Family Ministry



On this Veteran's Day Weekend we invite you to support our deployed military men and women!

In conjunction with a local chapter of Blue Star Moms, the Family Life Ministry will be collecting donations for our deployed military men and women. Here's the list of what is needed.

Individually wrapped snacks

- Nuts
- Sunflower seeds
- Trail mix
- Nutella
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Candy/Mints
- Goldfish
- Cheez-itz
- Mints

Protein

- Protein bars
- Tuna
- Jerky
- Slim Jim

Personal Items (travel/sample size)

- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Eye drops
- Q-tips
- Tissues
- Wipes
- Bars of soap

Other items: AA/AAA batteries, pens, notecards, men's crew socks, playing cards, puzzle books

## THIS WEEKEND IS SANDWICH SUNDAY!



Come to the school cafeteria on Sunday, Nov. 12th, after the 10:00 Mass and make sandwiches for the hungry in our local area. Bring your family, a friend and a loaf of bread (if you can) and answer the gospel's call to feed the hungry!



Please see the full page ad in the bulletin for information about our parish Family Advent Wreath Making Event, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00 Mass, in the school auditorium. Pre-registration is required for this event! See full page ad in the bulletin for additional information. All are welcome!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help with the Advent Wreath Making Event (Set up 11/18 @ 4:00pm) or with our Parish Tree Lighting (Dec 5th @ 6:15 pm,) please email [Clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:Clapham@sjecm.org). We would LOVE to have you join the fun and lighten the load.



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## All Saints Day Mass

On November 1, All Saints Day, Fr. Jerry celebrated Mass for our school. During his homily, he gave out Saint medals, reminding us that saints, who can often be seen on stained glass windows, are people who let the sun (& the Son) shine through them and that we are all called to be saints.



## NJHS Craft & Snack Event

Members of our National Junior Honor Society hosted a Halloween celebration for our younger students in grades K-2 after school last week! They helped with games, crafts and snack at the special event.



## Fire Safety

Congratulations to our Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners! Special thanks to the Center Moriches Fire Department for providing fire safety rules and tips to our students yesterday! All our classes were able to check out the fire engines and an ambulance after the session.



# Halloween Fun!



## DRVC Catechetical Service Awards



Two of our catechists recently were honored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre for their committed service as volunteers in our Faith Formation program at SJE!

Congratulations to Shannon Luongo, who received the St. Joseph Award for 15 years of service, and Jim O'Connor, who received the St. Pius X award for 10 years of service!

They were honored at the DRVC Catechetical Service Awards, which took place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Patchogue on Sunday, November 5. Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski presided at the ceremony and our pastor, Fr. Patrick Riegger, and Michelle Pirraglia, director of Faith Formation, were also on hand to congratulate them.

“Parents & students in our Family of Faith program for Grades 1-6 have come together to learn about this month's lessons on prayer, focusing on Old and New Testament examples of prayer and practical guidance for praying as a family.”

## Family of Faith - Next Sessions

(Parent/Student - Attend One):

**Level 7:** Next date  
Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15 PM, Church

**Level 8:** Next date  
Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15 PM, Church



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SJE Men's Group

# MEN'S DAY RETREAT

**"Encounter With Christ"**

SATURDAY  
December 2nd  
10-5pm

Parish Auditorium

*Fr. Jerry DiSpigno*

\$20 free will offering is  
respectfully requested

For more info or to register,  
please contact  
The Parish Office 631-878-0009  
or email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)

# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Lorraine Moje + Frances Lombardo

"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

Samantha Byalik, Marion Visca,  
Kenneth Danielsson and Joseph Oppici

"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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

## Our Military

### US Army

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

### US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SSgt Ryan Kerstiens,  
SSgt. Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens,  
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza, SSgt David Giese

### US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, E-1 Christian Raeihle,  
2nd Lt Christopher Walther, PVT Charles O'Connor,  
SGT Quentin Montemarano,  
CPL Evan Berkemeyer, LC Michael Abbatiello

### US Navy

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

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. 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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

# Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar bread and wine for the month of November has been donated:

*In Memory of Daniel Filippone*

This week, the Altar Candles will be lit:

*In Memory of Thomas P. Spellman*

SJE offers a number of ways to remember loved ones, or honor someone living.

### 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.

For the month an offering of \$150 is requested.

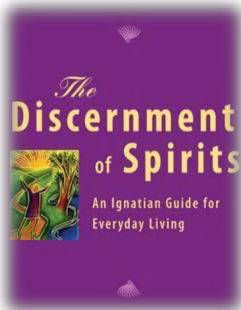
### Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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. To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)

## Women's Group...

Fr. Timothy Gallagher's book on The Discernment of Spirits, lists St. Ignatius' 14 rules for discernment, then goes through each rule a chapter at a time, describing how to apply it in our lives. In the ups & downs, consolations and desolations of our spiritual life, we go through times of pure joy to "Where are You Jesus?"



St. Ignatius (1491-1556), recuperating from war wounds was given reading material on the life of Christ & the saints. As he thought about what he read, he became aware of his thought patterns, how the thoughts affected his feelings, and how the good feelings remained with him. When he had worldly thoughts, although he felt good while thinking them, he noticed that afterward the feelings left him empty. He continued reading spiritual books growing in wisdom. God was leading him, fulfilling His Plan for him to be a great saint & to teach us. God's plan for us is the same, the process is slow.

As women who love Jesus, we want to learn more and grow closer to Him, at times feeling inadequate, wondering is this Jesus, me or the enemy. In our group, we begin to see we're all equal, with the same problems, emotions, weaknesses, confusion, strengths, desires, fears, doing the best we can; we don't have to be perfect. Jesus consoles us through our love for each other. If you feel desire to come but are fearful, we understand because we've been there and at times still are; just come as you are, no rules or requirements, you don't have to read or share. We respect the privacy of others, sharing is anonymous!

*We meet every other Monday from  
10:00 - 11:30 AM in the IHM room, white  
house (convent) between school & rectory.*

**Dates:** October 23, November 6, 20, December 4, 18,  
January 8, 22, February 5, March 4, 18, April 15, 29,  
May 13, 10, June 24 (last meeting).

**Facilitators:** Carol Ketcham, Anita Luccari.

For additional information please call the rectory  
office at 631-878-0009 . Or... **just show up!**

## Men's Prayer Group...



### CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 9AM** 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, call the rectory office at 631-878-0009

## Ernie's Place

The items listed to the right are items that Ernie's Place is in most need of this week. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

### Pantry Shopping List

- Syrup
- Pancake mix
- Icing
- Box Cake mix
- Canned corn
- Onion straws
- Mini marshmallows
- Box Mashed potatoes
- Large Canned Sweet potatoes
- Cream of mushroom soup (small can)

# 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 Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia.

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

## MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

**Bautismos:** Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia.

Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

### Requisitos:

1. Certificado de nacimiento del niño o/de la niña.
2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

### Matrimonios:

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 PM los martes! Asegúrese de venir a visitarnos y permítanos servirle! por favor llame a la oficina de la rectoría 631-878-0009 o envíe un correo electrónico al ministerio español a

[espanol@sjecm.org](mailto:espanol@sjecm.org)

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to come and visit and allow us to serve you!

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

## DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 19:30

Jueves 15 h. a las 4 PM.

## TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9 a 12 h.

## COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 PM

auditorio de la escuela

## MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

19:15 (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 Updates...

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](http://www.drvc.org) or clicking here:

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

### REMINDERS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

All SJE employees and volunteers **must** wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly 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](http://drvc.org).

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**BLACK  
CATHOLIC  
HISTORY  
MONTH  
MASS**

12:30 p.m. November 19, 2023



Most Reverend Bishop John O. Barres, Celebrant  
Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Homilist

at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

[WWW.STAGNESCATHEDRAL.ORG](http://WWW.STAGNESCATHEDRAL.ORG)

All are welcome to attend this Mass *in-person*  
or to watch live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN).

CFN is available through 24/7 live stream at [CFNTV.org](http://CFNTV.org) and on selected cable and satellite systems.

Optimum channel 29/137. Verizon FIOS TV channel 296. Spectrum channel 162/471.

You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app.

# Weekly Calendar



### Important DRVC Information...

If you 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? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. 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

## Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 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 PM Narcotics Anonymous-Men only- BMR

## Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 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—Front Mtg Rm-Auditorium

## Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous– BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open-Thrift Shop
- 3-5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament– SC

## Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

## Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

## Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous– BMR

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