St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



November 15, 2026

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. - Psalm 128

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Pastor

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Retired, In Residence

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Deacon

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Director of Family Ministries

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Principal

Office Hours

Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM
6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.
Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM
Saturday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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

Mass Schedule

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, November 21st
5:00 PM - Fr. Jerry
7:30 PM (Spanish) - Msgr. Walden
(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, November 22nd
8:00 AM - Fr. Charlince
10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick
12 noon - Fr. Francis
6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

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

Confession Schedule

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses
Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)
Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

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

A Message from the Director of Music Ministry...



A Reflection on the Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30)

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."



In the ancient Greco-Roman and Jewish world, a *talent* was a massive unit of weight used to measure silver or gold and eventually came to represent an enormous sum of money based on the value of that weight. The modern meaning of the word (a natural skill or personal aptitude) stems directly from this parable, as generations applied the economic stewardship of the story to God-given personal abilities.

The first two servants in this parable acted faithfully with what they had been given, and doubled their resources. Increase is the natural result of active participation. Life produces life, and grace multiplies when it is trusted. They were each given according to their individual capacity, yet they were both given identical praise by the master: *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* indicating that God measures pure faithfulness rather than raw volume. The third servant buried his talent out of fear. He let fear convince him that *hiding* his talent was safer than *using* it. Fear buries what grace gives. If we bury the fruits of grace, we live apart from the joy we are meant to have. Fear creates pressure from the outside, while grace transforms us from the inside. If we hide what is given, we exclude ourselves from participation. God expects faithful stewardship of the spiritual (or material) resources He entrusts to us. The third servant had a distorted view of the master, causing him to view the talent as a burden rather than a challenge. Perhaps we (at times) misinterpret what God is asking of us. It's important that we each examine how we see Him. If we view God as harsh and unapproachable, we will be tempted to hide. If we view Him as kind and loving, we will be inspired to engage. Grace always grows when it is received with trust and faith.

We might wonder why the servant with two talents was not given five. God doesn't compare us to one another. His grace is meant to help each of us faithfully live the life we have been given. He entrusts everyone with something different and valuable. So if you have been burying your talent, dig it back up, bring it back into the light, and take faithful steps without being terrified of failure. Stagnancy is the natural outcome of living disconnected from trust. God doesn't want us to feel like frightened servants trying to win His approval. He wants us to know how deeply loved we are by Him, and how much faith He has in us to spread that love to others. We are not meant to merely exist; we are meant to live.

The world may give attention to money, beauty, popularity, skill and success, but God doesn't look at us the way the world does. He sees straight into our hearts. Notice that the reward given to the faithful servants wasn't wealth or status; it was joy and shared life. God is not looking for servants who produce the most. He is looking for hearts that trust Him enough to enter His joy. He didn't create us to desperately try to earn His approval. We don't need to prove ourselves spiritually worthy in order for Him to stay close. We have already received the Spirit of adoption as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. He already delights in us. We are not meant to live *for* acceptance because we already live *from* acceptance, through Jesus Christ.

All of our talents come from our Creator. He designed us in such a way that there is a certain joy that we receive by putting our talents to good use, and being productive. How we spend our time matters to God, so it should matter to us. When we use our talents, we glorify Him. When we don't, it's like returning a gift from Him, unopened. We are all given talents. We are made in God's image and likeness, with a natural ability to create, for the purpose of glorifying the Almighty Creator. To waste our time, talent, or treasure is a fruitless occupation, and it denies God's generosity. We are accountable for both our time and our actions. Life isn't a competition or a race and there will always be someone with more and someone with less than ourselves, but any loss of potential is wasteful. Natural gifts are not earned; they are given by our loving God who wants to have a deep and meaningful relationship with us. The only thing we should fear is forfeiting that relationship. Every gift of love we receive from God is a piece of Him that is meant to be shared. We don't need to wait for eternity for Him to affirm us. He wants to have a personal relationship with us now. He is aware of every quiet prayer said, every unseen act of kindness given, every small sacrifice made, every bit of encouragement offered, and every moment of forgiveness shared. When we allow the Holy Spirit to actively work within us, we are given the grace to see God's hand in action, so we can give Him all the glory.

If a person has an open heart and acts on the spiritual light or truth they are given, they will receive a deeper understanding and grow spiritually: *"More will be given."* On the other hand, if a person rejects, ignores, or fails to use the spiritual insight or gifts they are given, they will gradually lose even the small amount of awareness or opportunity they started with: *"Even what he has will be taken away."* Those who truly seek the Kingdom of Heaven will grasp the meaning and be fruitful, while those with closed hearts will understand less and less, allowing what was given to wither away.

Why waste any gift from God? Each gift is different from any other. The diversity is what gives beauty to the garden of gifts that allow us to grow the Kingdom. Let's not waste time. If we trust in God, our lives will be a journey of purpose. He doesn't want us to hide our faith and creative ability under a bushel basket. He wants us to share it with others. Why worry about failing? Worry is unbelief in action, and failure can never undo what Jesus has already finished.

Jack London once said, *"I shall not waste my days trying to prolong them. I shall use my time."*

Angela Vigliotta Werner

Masses for the Week…

Saturday, November 14th Weekday

8:00 AM	Joanne Cavaliere
5:00 PM	Francesco Pirro
7:30 PM (Spanish)	Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 15th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	Manuel Cordeiro
10:00 AM	William Hope
12:00 Noon	Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer
6:00 PM	People of the Parish

Monday, November 16th Weekday

7:00 AM	Anthony Pagan
12:00 Noon	Michael O'Brien

Tuesday, November 17th St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 AM	Millie McDonald
12:00 Noon	Michael O'Brien

Wednesday, November 18th Weekday

7:00 AM	Millie McDonald
12:00 Noon	Patricia Melillo

Thursday, November 19th Weekday

7:00 AM	Leanna Garito Stokes
12:00 Noon	Christopher Bowman

Friday, November 20th Weekday

7:00 AM	Leanna Garito Stokes
12:00 Noon	Ricky Styles

Saturday, November 21th The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM	Richie & Victoria O'Neill
5:00 PM	Paul Mussi
7:30 PM (Spanish)	Orlando Narvaez

Sunday, November 22nd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Antoinetta Stabile
12:00 Noon	Ferdinand and Evelyn Giese
6:00 PM	Antonia Zappia

Bookmania



CONCERT POSTPONED

The concert featuring Father Charles Mangano, originally scheduled for Friday, November 13, was unfortunately postponed. We hope to reschedule this special evening in the near future and will share the new date once it has been confirmed.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. We look forward to welcoming Father Charles back to St. John's soon!!

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

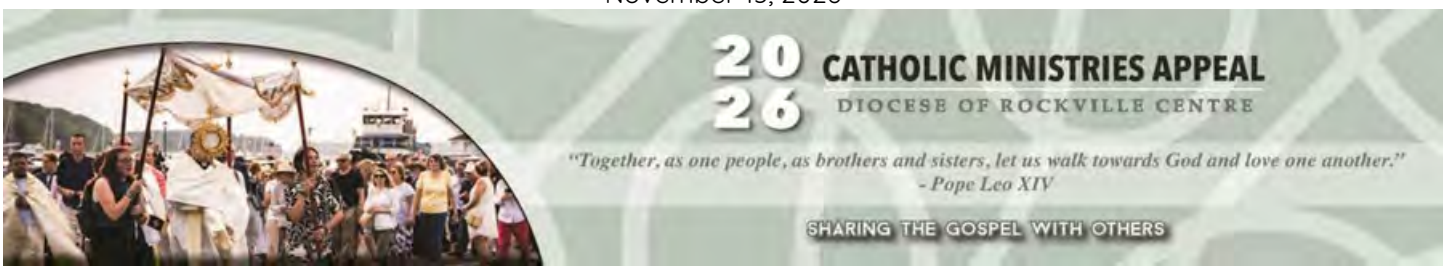
Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	$835,225	45	$18,561
2025	$808,952	45	$17,977



As of 11/9/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	$120,855	$115,100
Number of Donors	252	246
Total Pledged to date	$106,248	$94,054
Percent of Goal	88%	82%

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!



Please help us reach our goal!



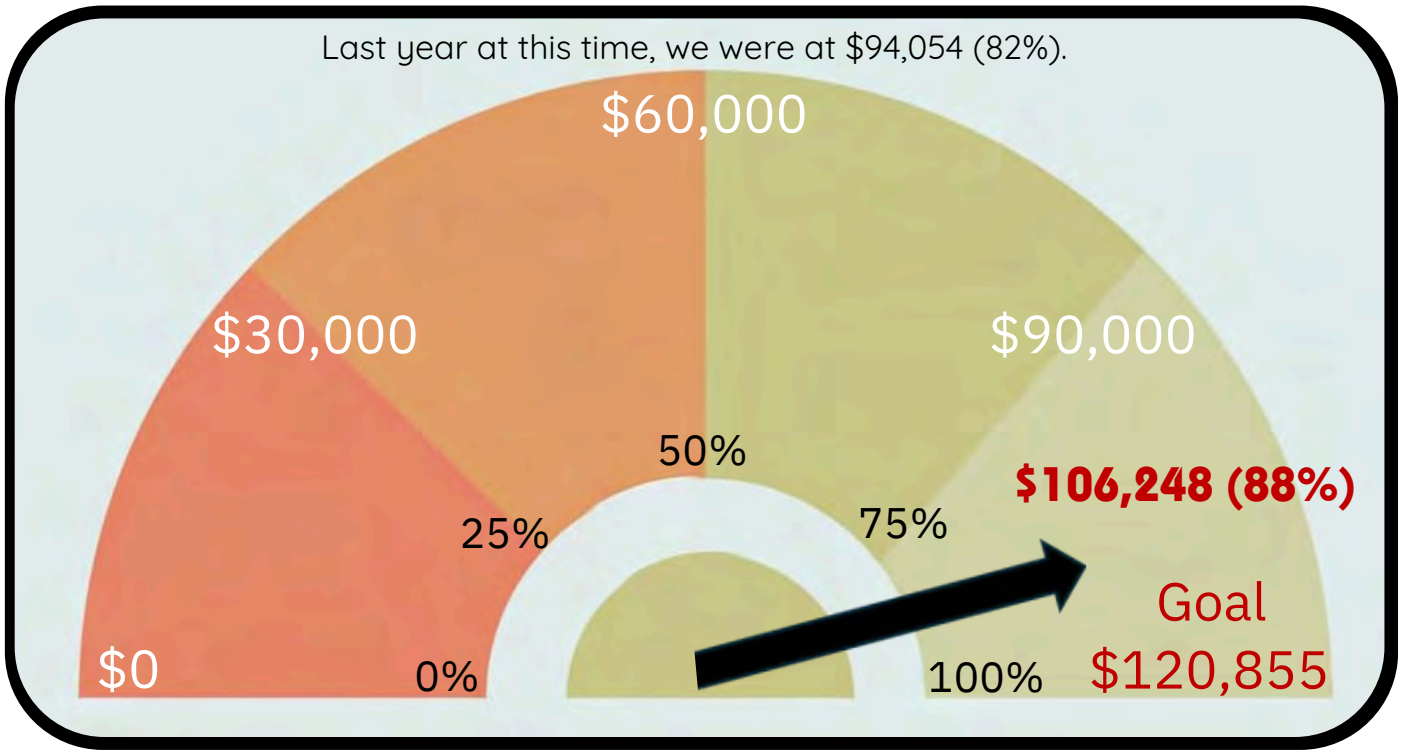
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We are almost there! Only 12% to go!!

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

We will have a collection for the CMA next weekend, November 21 & 22!





We pray for our Service Members

We honor and remember the following men and women for their service, dedication, and sacrifice. Lord, hold our troops in Your loving care. Protect and bless them and their families for their selfless service. We give thanks for all veterans and pray for those currently serving at home and abroad .

United States Army

Monaghan, Justin — Private Second Class
O'Neill, Aidan — Second Lieutenant
Smith, David — Private First Class
Valentin, Steven — Private First Class
Williams, Cara — Private First Class
Bahnke, Hunter-First Lieutenant

United States Marine Corps

Abbatiello, Michael — Lance Corporal
Berkemeyer, Evan — Lance Corporal
Brady, Sean — Private First Class
Casey, Sean — Sergeant
Cestare, Joseph — Sergeant
Deshler II, Kevin W. — Corporal
Montemarano, Quentin — Sergeant
Pastore, Thomas — Major
Toscanini, Kyle — Private First Class
Walther, Christopher — Second Lieutenant

United States Navy

Casey, Andrew R. — Engineman Third Class
Esposito Jr., Christopher J. — Machinist's Mate Nuclear First Class Montoya Rivera, Angel Gabriel — Electronics Technician Seaman Nolan Jr., Jeremiah — Electronics Technician Second Class Paduana, Michael — Seaman
Pisano, Benedict-Seaman
Raeihle, Christian — Seaman
Ruggiero, Ralph J. — Lieutenant
Taylor III, Thomas — Seaman
Walsh, Jack Patrick — Seaman
Racioppi, Dominick—Seabee EO-2

United States Air Force

Auciello, Anthony — Staff Sergeant
Casey, Andrew R. — Technical Sergeant
Giese, David — Technical Sergeant
Hayes, Brenden M. — Airman First Class
Hermes, Jason — Technical Sergeant
Hermes, Sabrina — Technical Sergeant
Kerstiens, Claudia — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Joseph—Airman First Class
Kerstiens, Kyle — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Ryan — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Timothy — Technical Sergeant
McCauley II, William E. — Staff Sergeant
McGrath, Claire — First Lieutenant
Pfister, James — Airman First Class
Rosato, Jared T. — Senior Airman
Traina, Peter A. — Airman First Class

United States Coast Guard

Bernath, Brendan J. — Boatswain's Mate Third Class
Donohue, Keith — Captain



If you would like a loved one to be remembered in our Military Prayer List, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or email rectory@sjecm.org. We will lift their intentions to God, asking for protection, strength, and peace for all who serve and their families.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the many blessings bestowed upon our nation. Guide our country in truth, justice, freedom, and peace.

We entrust to Your loving care all who serve in our Armed Forces. Protect and strengthen them, grant them courage and wisdom, and bring them safely home to their loved ones.

We remember with gratitude those who have given their lives in service to our country. Welcome them into Your eternal Kingdom and comfort their families with the hope of the Resurrection.

Help us to cherish our freedoms, uphold the dignity of every person, and serve one another with faith and charity.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace and Patroness of the United States, bless our nation with unity, wisdom, and lasting peace. Guide our leaders and strengthen our trust in You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

We Pray for the Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Rachel Tekula
Joseph Artale

We Pray for the Sick

May the Lord grant them comfort, strength, and healing.

Mark Havens
James Patrick Lapham

Bill Hasper
Frank Paterno
Carole DeSomma

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

Altar Bread & Wine Intentions

For the month of November, the altar bread and wine are offered for the repose of the soul of:

Pasqualino Procopio

The Scared Heart Candle

This week, the Sacred Heart Candle will be lit for:

Michael M. Singer

Prayer and Remembrance

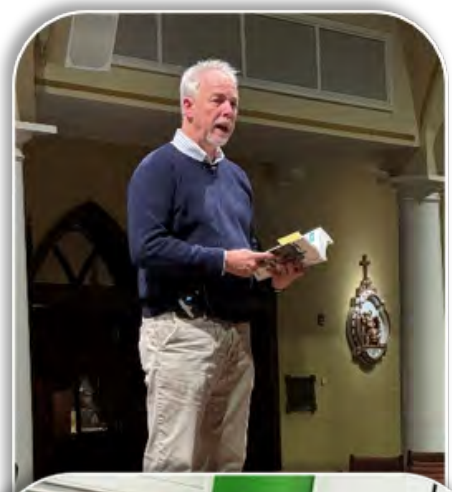
At SJE, we offer parishioners many ways to remember loved ones or honor someone living through the offering of votive and altar candles, as well as altar bread and wine. These offerings create a visible sign of prayer and devotion while supporting the life of our parish.

Votive candles illuminate the beautiful statues throughout our church, including the **Blessed Mother**, **St. Joseph**, **St. Teresa**, **St. Gerard Majella**, and the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. As these candles burn, they bring light to our sacred space and invite quiet reflection, inspiring deeper moments of prayer and trust in God. Both votive candles and altar candles may be offered for $25 per week. Altar bread and wine may be offered for $250 per month. The names of those remembered or honored through these offerings will be listed in the parish bulletin during the month.

To make an offering, please visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email rectory@sjecm.org. May these candles be a sign of hope, remembrance, and prayer for all who gather in our church.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/faithformation@sjecm.org
mpirraglia@sjecm.org
Office Hours: By Appointment Only





We were blessed to have Deacon Michael Hoonhout speak to our Level 8 students about vocations and discernment recently. Our Level 7 students learned how to use their "Breakthrough" Youth Bibles and the many features that are inside to help them learn about Scripture and their faith!



2026-27 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, November 17 at 7:15 PM in the Church

Be sure students bring their breakthrough Bibles!

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

NEXT SESSION

Monday, November 16 at 7:15 PM in the Church

Be sure students bring their breakthrough Bibles!



"FAMILY OF FAITH"

(Grades 1-6)

NEXT SESSIONS

Parent/Student Event

Attend ONE of the following sessions with your child/children:

Tuesday, 12/1 OR Thursday, 12/3
at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church

**On Tuesday, Dec. 1, join us for our parish Tree lighting at 6:15 PM on the lawn between the convent and rectory!*



Sunday, November 22nd

Come make a...

Family Advent Wreath



St. John the Evangelist Family Life Ministry will sponsor our fourth annual Family-Advent Wreath-making Event. This is a WONDERFUL family event! All families are invited to experience a joyful afternoon filled with faith, fellowship and fun. Each family will get to make an Advent wreath to take home and use during the Advent season.

We will meet in the auditorium at 11:15, after the 10:00 am Mass. All of the materials needed to make the Advent wreaths will be provided. Bring a pair of small pruning shears if you can.



A donation of $25 per family is suggested to offset the cost of the materials.

PRE-REGISTRATION is required to ensure that we have enough supplies. Spots are limited, please register **BEFORE November 13th** Please use the QR Code or use the link on the parish website SJEcm.org



All Parish Families are Welcome!

If you have any questions, please email FamilyLife@sjecm.org

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120
Email: socialministry@SJEcm.org

THRIFT SHOP



Open to the public on Wednesdays from 9 AM—12 PM. Proceeds from our sales support St. John's outreach programs. Please visit the shop to support our efforts and pick up a gift or something special for yourself! Are you looking to donate jewelry? If so, donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought directly into the shop on Monday or Tuesday mornings. Costume jewelry is most welcome too!

ERNIE'S PLACE

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

Thank You



Thank you to the students of OLQA for their generous donations of blankets, canned goods and cereal benefitting our Street Ministry and Ernie's Place! We are always so appreciative of their kindness towards helping others.

We are grateful for the response to our outreach initiatives helping families in need this Thanksgiving! If you are dropping off a Thanksgiving basket or would still like to contribute one, we are accepting basket donations this Thursday, 11/19 in the Parish Center Auditorium between 5-6 PM.

STREET MINISTRY



Every Thursday our Street Ministry van goes out, serving the poor in our community with a hot meal, basic essentials and more.

Volunteers also gather on Wednesday mornings to organize all the clothing, shoes and toiletry donations that are given out with the food.

Donation request, spotlight item of the month:

Gently Used Sweatshirts

Currently, we only have size small sweatshirts in our Street Ministry sorting closet. As the fall evenings grow colder, we give out many sweatshirts on Thursday evenings. We are in need of sizes medium, large, and extra-large for men and women. Please place any donations in the bin located in Fellowship Hall inside the main entrance in Church. Thank you for the many new sock donations we have been receiving! We are grateful as we continue to help those in need with food and clothing.



Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.
-St.Teresa of Avila






Our Parish Christmas Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 1st, at 6:15 PM

Join us for our Parish Christmas Tree Lighting on the lawn between the Convent and the Parish Office/Rectory! Come celebrate the joy of the season as we light our parish tree! **Do you love to sing?** We'd love to hear your voice as we come together for some festive Christmas caroling! Whether you sing along or simply enjoy the music, everyone is welcome. Warm up with a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy some delicious Advent treats.

We hope to see you there!






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 1st, you are invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each other. Please limit the size of your photo (perhaps no larger than 4 x 6) so that there is room for everyone who wishes to participate. You may place the picture in a small frame. Please remember to write your name and phone number on the back of the picture. Pictures may be dropped off at the rectory or at the sacristy.

We ask that you pick up your picture no later than Wednesday, November 25th.

Book of the Names of the Dead



Beginning November 1st, a special book will be placed inside Our Lady's Chapel for members of our parish community to write down the names of loved ones who have died. The names in this book will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.





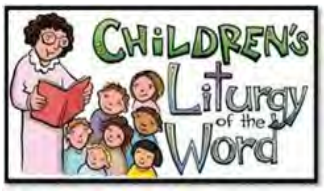



As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we invite our parish family to come together in gratitude for the many blessings God has given us.
THANKSGIVING
Mass
9:00AM THURSDAY*
NOVEMBER 26th
Parishioners are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for Ernie's Place or our Street Ministry as a way of sharing those blessings with others in our community.
We will also ask God's blessing upon the food that will be shared around our Thanksgiving tables with family and friends.
Let us give thanks, share our blessings, and remember those in need this Thanksgiving.
*Please note: This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

Our Family Ministries are looking for enthusiastic adult volunteers who would like to share their gifts and help build a vibrant parish community. Whether you enjoy working with children, planning events, or simp- ly lending a helping hand, there is a place for you!

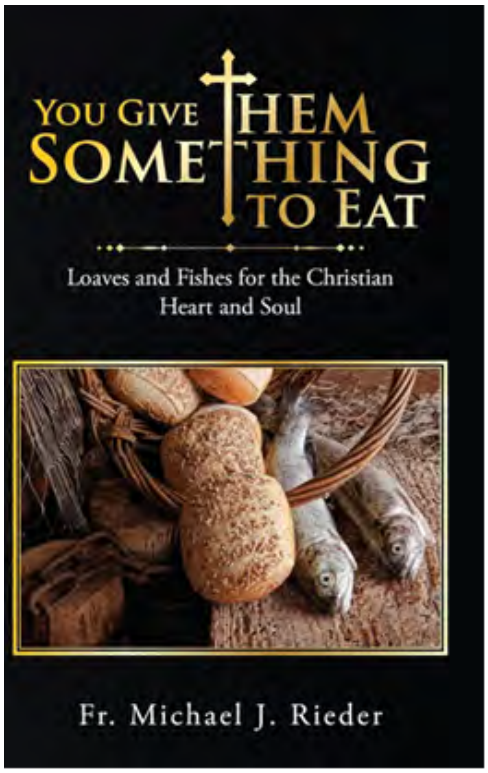
Children's Liturgy of the Word



Help our youngest parishioners grow in their faith during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed as Readers, Homilists, Shepherds, and Heralds. If you're curious about the ministry, come visit a session and see what it's all about!

Family Life Ministry

If you enjoy bringing people together, this is the ministry for you! From seasonal celebrations to family activities and special parish events, our Family Life Ministry helps create meaningful experiences for all ages. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, and there's always room for new ideas and helping hands. If you would like more information or are ready to get involved, please email **familylife@SJEcm.org**. We'd love to welcome you to the team!



Available at Barnes and Noble, Bookshop.org, Amazon and St. Joseph Parish Ronkonkoma (all proceeds go to St. Joseph Parish, Ronkonkoma).

In this book **You Give Them Something to Eat: Loaves and Fishes for the Christian Heart and Soul,** Fr. Mike shares a lifetime of stories gathered from the most unexpected places: the quiet after Communion at mass in jail, a burned-out Brooklyn neighborhood where a nun saw heaven, parish life, high school hallways, mission trips through Latin America, interfaith pilgrimages, and countless moments where grace arrived without warning.

Your heart is hungry. These stories are the feast. Let your heart and soul join in the feast.

These reflections will help you:

- Recognize the sacred hiding in your everyday encounters
- Rediscover the joy, humor, and grace woven through your own faith journey
- Remember that when you give what little you have, God multiplies it beyond anything you imagined



November 15, 2026

Leave Your Mark on 100 Years of Faith, Education & Tradition!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Centennial Legacy Garden

Celebrate a century of Catholic education by becoming part of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Centennial Legacy Garden! Whether you're an alumnus, parent, grandparent, parishioner, or friend of OLQA, a personalized commemorative brick is a meaningful way to honor a loved one, celebrate your family's connection to our school, remember a favorite teacher, or leave your own lasting legacy.
Be part of our history and help pave the way for future generations!
The garden will be dedicated during our Centennial Year in 2027!

A Lasting Tribute. A Special Memory. A Legacy Forever.

For a donation of $200, personalize a 6" x 9" Legacy Brick to honor a loved one, celebrate a graduating class, recognize a beloved Sister of Charity, priest, teacher, or staff member, or commemorate your family's connection to our school. Your brick will become a permanent part of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Centennial Legacy Garden, preserving special memories and leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come!

Personalize Your Legacy Brick!

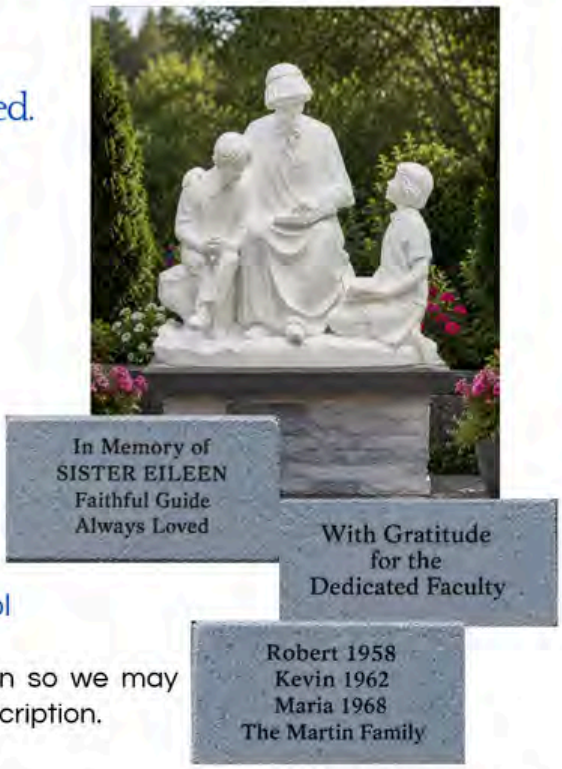
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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make checks payable to: Our Lady Queen of Apostles School

Please include a contact name and phone number with your submission so we may reach you if we have any questions regarding your Legacy Brick order or inscription.

Contact Name: _____

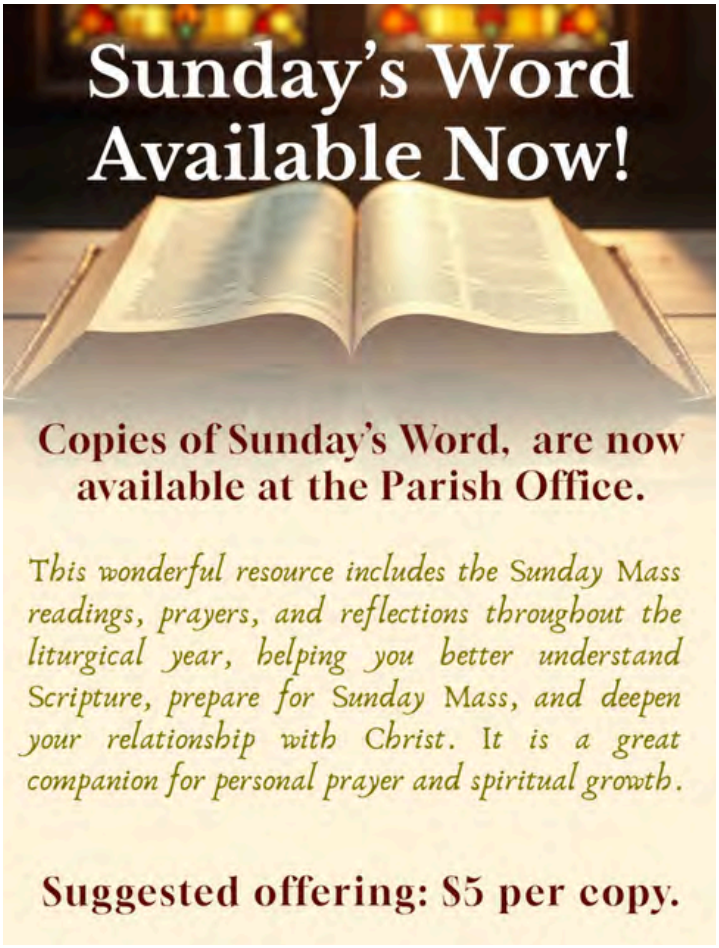
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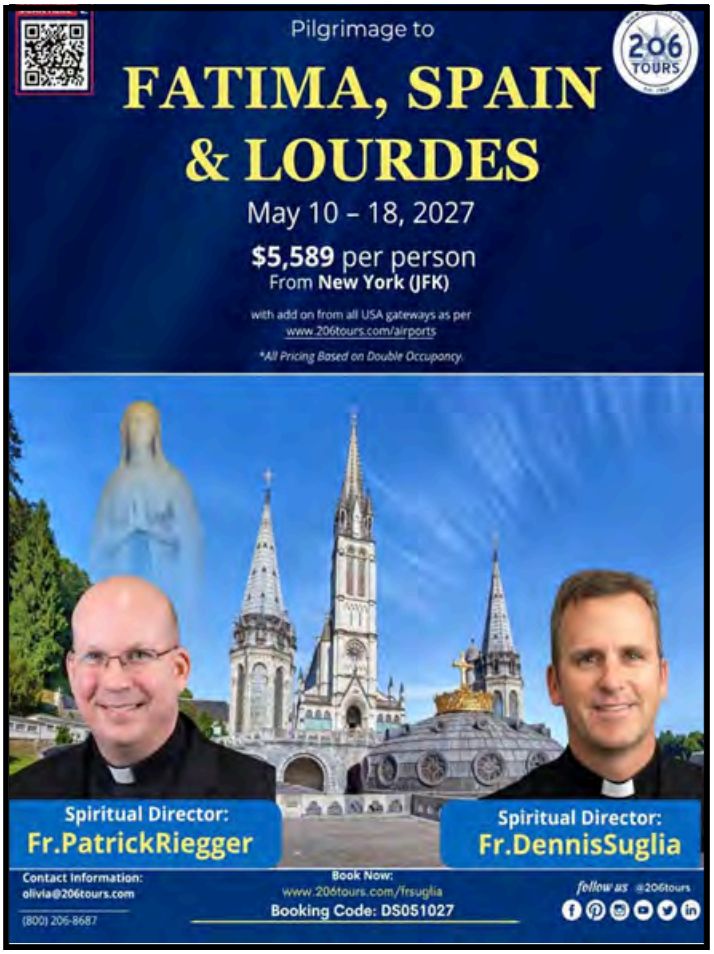
COMPLETE YOUR BRICK ENGRAVING ONLINE

For your convenience, you may complete your commemorative brick engraving form and payment online. Simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera to submit your brick inscription and payment.

Thank you for becoming a lasting part of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Centennial Legacy Garden.


Queen of All Hearts Council 4126
BLACK FRIDAY FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER
Supporting James Patrick "JP" Lapham
NOVEMBER 27TH
$20 Admission - Doors Open at 2pm
Half time buffet - snacks - soft drinks included- BYOB.
*Admission ticket includes a chance to win Big Screen TV
Join us for a day of football, fellowship, and fundraising as we come together to support JP Lapham, the son of a fellow Knight of Columbus, as he continues his recovery from a motorcycle accident.
Come cheer on your favorite team while helping support JP and his family!
Football Pool
50/50 Drawing
Raffles
FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION
CALL FRANK 516-639-6245
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MORICHES COMMUNITY CENTER
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Women's Group...

Our Women's Group meets every other Monday from 10:00–11:30 AM, September through June, in the Convent on Ocean Avenue.

Newcomers are always welcome at any time. All that is needed is a desire to grow in our faith and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Our books for this year are:

- Beautiful Holiness by Kathleen Beckmann
- Back to Virtue by Peter Kreeft

These books complement each other, helping us recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the importance of praying for virtue.

A suggested offering of $25 is appreciated to help offset the cost of the books. However, no one should ever feel unable to participate because of the offering. Sharing is always optional—we're simply happy you've chosen to be with us.

2026 Meeting Dates
November 23, December 7, 21
God bless you, Carol & Anita (Moderators)
For more information, please call 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,
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Grief is the price of love.

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$10 donation for the workbook



A Message from Monsignor Walden...



"Remember who you are!" What does that mean? Actually that question began a talk I went to this past Monday for senior priests by a brother priest. That line is used in the Broadway Show "The Lion King" where Simba, the young lion who lost his way, sees a vision of his father who had died in a pool. Having lost his courage and way, his father Mufasa reminded him of who he truly was and all that he was created to be, the successor to his father as king. Taking the wisdom of his father to heart, Simba went back to the lion pride and became a wonderful successor to his father. He became who he was.

We find many challenges in life and, even more, much joy when we seek to be all we have created to be - God's beloved sons and daughters. Being fearful or halfhearted in the commitments we make in life eventually diminishes and ultimately extinguishes the joy, hope, and peace we are so capable of enriching one another with. Being a halfhearted husband, wife, brother, sister, friend, employee, priest, mechanic, doctor, or whatever other personal commitment we make leaves us restless, defensive, disappointed, and disappointing. It is only by opening our hearts to God's wisdom and love and sharing the wisdom and love we all have in our hearts that our lives and our world become places of wonder, hope, and true peace. Jesus always remembered who He was. He went from being born of the Virgin Mary, to walking on water, to raising the dead, to healing the sick, to multiplying loaves and fish, to preaching and being good news, to being rejected and brutally put to death on a cross. But He always knew who He was and what He came to do for us, through us, and with us. He rose from death, injustice, and rejection and came back to continue His presence in our lives. He knew who He was and He knows all we are capable of when we embrace Him and allow Him to embrace us.

The key is to embrace who we are and where we are in our lives at every moment. How could we ever think that we don't need Jesus and His love, mercy, truth, and presence everyday of our lives as we interact personally, locally, nationally, and world wide? Are we not capable of destroying the world we live in with the weapons of mass destruction we have invented? The key is to see the light and truth of all we have been created to be with God's loving presence and wisdom, and our love and concern for one another. Jesus does far more than tells us to "remember who we are." He is with us whenever and wherever we turn to Him, enabling us to be far more than we could ever imagine. Our God is the creator of the world we live in and showers us with His Holy Spirit of love, mercy, wisdom, and wonder.

I offer the joyful words of wonder and joy of the Blessed Virgin Mary for your personal prayer and reflection.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation,
he has shown the strength of His arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted us the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise He made to our father's,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Safe Environment Updates & VIRTUS Training

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
1:30–3:30 PM • The Barn
St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches

All SJE volunteers and employees are required to complete VIRTUS training and undergo a background check. If you still need to complete your training, please register for our upcoming session!



Visit www.virtus.org, select "First-Time Registrant," and begin the registration process. Choose "Rockville Centre, NY – Safe Environment (Diocese)" and follow the prompts to register for the November 18 session at St. John's. If you already have an account, please use your existing login.

Reminders for Volunteers & Employees
Please wear your SJE identification badge while serving in ministry and check your email regularly for monthly VIRTUS updates, including your spam or junk folder.

Pastoral Intervention Team
To report allegations of sexual abuse, call (516) 594-9063 or email childprotection@drvc.org. If your call is not answered directly, please leave a message for the Intervention Team to return as soon as possible. All appropriate steps will be taken to protect the reputation and privacy of those involved. For more information, visit www.drvc.org.

Comunidad Hispano...

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra parroquia los invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en español todos los sábados a las 7:30 p. m. en la iglesia.
Los invitamos también a participar en nuestro Grupo de Oración todos los viernes a las 7:30 p. m. en la capilla del convento parroquial, para compartir la Palabra de Dios y crecer en la fe a través de la oración.

Ministerio de Bautismo: Acogiendo a las familias y creciendo en la fe

El Ministerio de Bautismo de nuestra parroquia acoge y acompaña a las familias mientras se preparan para que sus hijos reciban el Sacramento del Bautismo. Deseamos que cada familia se sienta como en casa en San Juan Evangelista y plenamente preparada para este sacramento lleno de alegría que transforma la vida.
Nuestro programa de preparación ofrece un acompañamiento personal que ayuda a los padres a comprender el significado del Bautismo, experimentar el amor transformador de Dios en los sacramentos y asumir su responsabilidad de cultivar la fe de sus hijos.
Cómo comenzar
Visite el sitio web de la parroquia, haga clic en el ícono de Bautismo y complete el formulario de consulta en línea. Un miembro del Ministerio de Bautismo se comunicará con usted para darle la bienvenida a su familia y explicarle el proceso de preparación, que incluye:

- Asistir a una clase presencial de preparación para el Bautismo.
- Completar un breve curso de videos en línea.
- Entregar la documentación requerida.

Durante la clase presencial se proporcionarán los detalles sobre el curso en línea y la documentación necesaria. **No se podrá programar una fecha para el Bautismo hasta que se haya entregado toda la documentación requerida y se hayan cumplido todos los requisitos de preparación.**

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 PM los martes. Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.
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Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to call before you come and visit.







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Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 16th, 2026

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
7-8 PM Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

Tuesday, November 17th, 2026

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

Wednesday, November 18th, 2026

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous – BMR
9 AM- 12 PM Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacramen - SC
7 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19th, 2026

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

Friday, November 20th, 2026

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

Saturday, November 21st, 2026

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

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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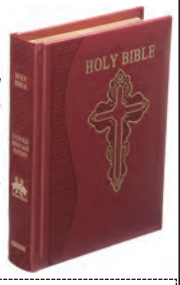
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