

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice ~ Psalm 98



November 16, 2025

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OUR PARISH MISSION

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

-Mission Statement

Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 2:45 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel
(Convent) - Monday through Friday
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, November 22nd

5:00 PM - Fr. Francis

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, November 23rd

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Charlince

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

*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

Katie Waller

Director of Operations

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Angela Werner

Director of Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

OLQA

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Regional Catholic School (on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033 (ext. 201)

www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller, Principal

dwaller@olqany.org

Office Hours

Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

Confession Schedule

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.

Sunday, November 23rd

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 19th.** 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 clapham@sjecm.org

A Message from the Director of Religious Education...

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." ~Luke 21:19

"Confirmation is NOT graduation from Church!"

On November 7, we were blessed to have 131 young people from our parish receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, with Bishop John O. Barres celebrating the Sacrament. In preparation, students attended sessions this Fall where one of the main themes was the quote above—**CONFIRMATION IS NOT GRADUATION FROM CHURCH!** It's just the beginning!

We congratulate our Confirmandi and pray that they will persevere in faith, as they now have been fully initiated into the life of the Church. And there are a lot of reasons to hope that they will! I—along with their volunteer small group leaders—have watched these young people grow and mature over the last two-and-a-half years. Listening to their conversations in small group, seeing their prayerfulness during our Eucharistic Adoration and Confession nights, and witnessing their generosity in doing simple acts of service all are signs of hope in the midst of a world that, at times, can remind us more of the frightening descriptions we hear in today's Gospel.

At first glance, St. Luke's account may seem like a bit of a "downer." Jesus speaks of wars, earthquakes, famines, plagues—all things we know have occurred and are happening even in our lifetime. He also predicts the persecution and betrayal those who follow Him often experience, to various degrees. It's heavy! But we need to also hear Jesus' words of encouragement:

"Do not be deceived..." - Be careful how much trust we place in worldly figures—prayerful discernment is key.

"Do not be terrified..." - Jesus assures us God's justice will prevail and to trust in Him.

"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking..." - If we stay rooted in prayer and relationship with God, He will inspire and lead us. (Sometimes it's about just getting out of God's way!)

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." - By coming to Mass and praying daily, keeping the Commandments and serving others with a generous heart, we keep ourselves open to God, Who gives us the grace to persevere.

Speaking of perseverance, in St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he chastises this particular Christian community for not persevering in the faith he modeled for them. Unfortunately, sometimes a verse from this passage is used broadly against those struggling with food insecurity. But if we look at the context of the passage, we find that St. Paul is calling the people to be more community-minded. The Thessalonians became complacent because they believed Jesus' second coming and the end of the world would happen immediately. Their misguided faith was leading not just to complacency, but to being "disorderly" and "not keeping busy but minding the business of others." St. Paul's point is that we all should be contributing to our communities as much as we are able—which may look different depending on each person's ability and need—and to refrain from gossip and judgment. In heeding St. Paul's words, we persevere in faith, hope and charity.

Perseverance in faith is what we hope to foster through our Faith Formation program. By keeping the faith active and connecting to our daily lives, our program encourages families and young people to make the faith and their relationship with God the center of their lives in real and practical ways.

This month, we were blessed to have Deacon Ed and Fr. Francis speak to our Grades 1-6 families about the

Sacrament of Baptism, and families were given a small bottle of Holy Water to take home. We instructed families on how to use the Holy Water at home to bless themselves—as a Sacramental, we know it is a sign of God's grace and reminder of our Baptism, when we first became part of God's family.

Our Level 7 students participated in a service project night earlier this month, making wash kits and folding clothes for our Street Ministry, as well as making the Advent Giving Tree ornaments that will be up soon to support our Street Ministry. Special thanks to the Parish Social Ministry Director Heather Crayne and her team of volunteers who helped organize that night!

In Level 8, students learned about the Corporal Works of Mercy and are participating in the "Soles4Souls" project, which provides shoes to individuals lacking proper footwear. Students will donate new or gently-used shoes and sneakers to help this initiative. A big thank you to Aimee Mattiolo, and her daughter Delaney, who were our guest speakers for the evening.

Our Confirmation liturgies were a beautiful experience, in large part thanks to our Faith Formation staff and volunteers, our music ministry, and our priests and pastoral team.

Special thanks to all for a wonderful celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation!



-Michelle Pirraglia

CONFIRMATIONS 2025!

Congratulations to our 131 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, November 7. Bishop John Barres celebrated both liturgies.

Ariana Abarca
Gavin Acevedo
Brian Roberto Alvarez Majano
Ava Asendorf
Justin Baas
Marilyn Banegas
Ava Barton
Jonathan Beardsley
Kayleigh Beckenhaupt
KristiLynn Borsetti
Joseph P. Brandi
Amelia Bravo
Caleb Bravo
Shay Brennan
Abigail Cancellire
Tyler Capra
Olivia Caruana
Brinn Cavanagh
Kristen Clare
Sophia Corelli
Kate Riley de Blasi
Emma DelGiudice
Brian Denis
Alexander DeWitt
Christian Doskoez
Lauren Doyle
Ryder Drummond
Adrian Duran Collado
Hayden Duswalt
Addison Earl
Charles Edwards
Jake Farley
William Faulk
Aydan Fernandez
Joseph Ferraro-Nickel
Robert Field
Brooke Filosa
Scarlet Flynn
Justin Fricchione
Trevor Gallaway
Rachel Gasparik
Anthony Geyer
Jaxson Green
Aiden Griego

Arianna Griego
Angel Guiracocha Narvaez
Natalie Hayton
Emily Hernandez
Ashlan Higgins
Christopher Hollywood, Jr.
Jameson Horton
Denny Huerta Bravo
Reagan Hughes
Nicholas Iannaccone
Kaylee Jacobellis
Jillian Juers
Adrianna King
Ava Koncelik
Addison Kramer
Noelle Kroll
Michael Kummer
Logan LaGatta
Michael Lally
Jack Lawrence
Cecilia Leavy
Kateri Leavy
Eliseo Leiva
Valeria Lennon
Allison Lewis
Kendall Litchhult
Dominic Longo
Andrea Lopez Parra
Dakota Maresca
Savannah Maresca
Emanuel Marrero
John Michael Martinez
Stephanie Merchan Inamagua
Karly Meyer
Riley Meyer
Ava Monter
Madison Morey
Fiore Mucerino
Kayle Munguia
Joseph Murray
Cadin O'Donoghue
Emma O'Leary
Diana Ortez
Henry Ortiz

Angelina Osman
Arielle Paredes-Tolliver
Colm Parsons
Cara Pelo
George P Perez
James Perna
Victoria Pesci
Dominick Piciullo
Michael Piciullo
Matthew Pisano
Hannah Poach
Richard Quito
Alexa Quizhpi
Emily Ramsamooj Lopez
Erin Redding
Ava Reehil
Kamryn Rego
Sean Richardson
Maricia Robinette
Emily Rodrigues
Adi Rojo Rojo
Saylee Ruth
Jace Saccente
Grady Salvatore
Jayden Sarmiento
Ella Schopp
Kenneth Schulze
Christopher Scognamillo
Alexander Sinchi
Kyle J Smith
Anthony Spatz
Maciej Srodon
Daniel Stewart
Theresa Talmage
Liam Taylor
Holden Tenety
Xiomara Tuza
Avery Versacci
Lilyanna Webster
Robert Werthner
Alex Yat
Abigail Zozzaro
Kevin Zurita Chacon

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Masses for the Week...



This week, our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** at www.usccb.org/cchd.



On behalf of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA (AMS), thank you to all those who contributed to the National Collection for the AMS last week. Thank you for supporting the men and women, and their families, from our own parish and diocese who serve and protect this great nation, and who defend the freedoms we hold dear. Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and military chaplaincy.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$808,952	45	\$17,977
2024	\$803,946	45	\$17,865

2025

Please help us reach our goal!

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission



As of 11/4/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	241	247
Total Pledged to date	\$92,664	\$98,612
Avg. Gift\$	\$385	\$400
Percent of Goal	81%	85.7%

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!

Saturday, November 15th Weekday

8:00 AM Manuel and Helen Cordeiro

5:00 PM Victoria O'Neill

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, November 16th Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM William Hope

10:00 AM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

12:00 Noon Paul Mussi

6:00 PM Karl Glaser

Monday, November 17th Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 AM William Hope

12:00 Noon Georgia Mazzacco

Tuesday, November 18th Weekday

7:00 AM Robert Young

12:00 PM Lucy Mass

Wednesday, November 19th Weekday

7:00 AM Desmond Cook

12:00 Noon Christopher Bowman

Thursday, November 20th Weekday

7:00 AM William Hope

12:00 Noon John Tomossonie

Friday, November 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Paul Mussi

12:00 Noon John Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

Saturday, November 22nd Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 AM Vicky Goebels

5:00 PM Robert J. Bramanti

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, November 23rd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 AM William Hope

10:00 AM Ferdinand and Evelyn Giese

12:00 Noon Cecilia Giustino

6:00 PM Anna Luongo

2025

Every Gift Counts!

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*

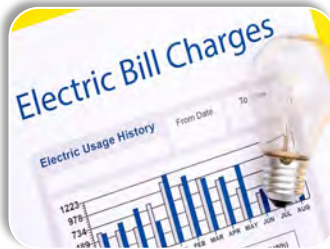


A gift of \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.



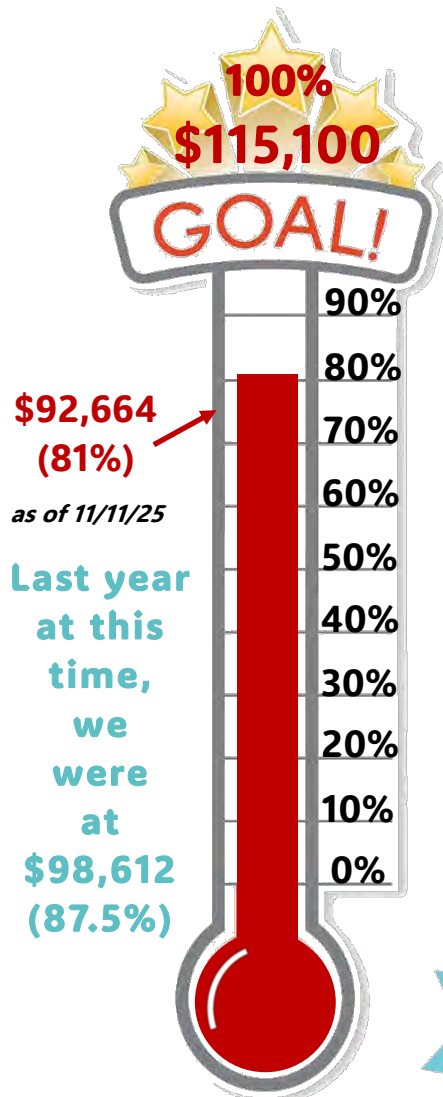
A gift of \$1,000 may help support a Seminarian's education.

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



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

Please help us reach our goal!



We have reached 81% of our goal, with just six weeks to go! Please help if you can!

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



SCAN TO DONATE





Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Cassandra Davis + David DeRhodo
Joanne Cavalieri

*"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	Michael Redmond
Ray Galpin	Alessandra Veloso Valentim
Miguel Rivera	Daniel Treadwell
Eileen & Chuck DeRicco	Rev. Matthew Considine
Michael Campanello	Margaret Frost
Bill Hasper	Douglas Ashley
Joseph Martino	Valentino Liuzzi
Baby Isabelle Reyes	Liz Harrington
Mark Havens	Patricia Farrell

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

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

Our Military

US Marine Corps

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

US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello
SSGT David Giese
A1C Brenden M. Hayes
SSGT Jason M Hermes
SSGT Kyle Kerstiens
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
SrA Jared T. Rosato
LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza
SSGT William E. McCauley II
1st Lt. Claire McGrath
A1C James Pfister

US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello
MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr
STGCS Brian Holzmacher
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero
SR Thomas Taylor III
SR Jack Patrick Walsh
SR Michael Paduana
EM3 Andrew R. Casey

US Army

SGT Sean Casey
PVT Joseph Cestare
SPC Michael Garcia Jr
PVT Anthony Koch
CPL Aidan O'Neill
PFC David Smith
Steven Valentin
PFC Francis J. Amalifitano
PVT Cara Williams

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.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Susan Kagel

Mass Intentions

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

Altar Bread and Wine

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

An offering of \$250 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.**

St. John the Evangelist...

THANKSGIVING

Mass

*Our entire parish
family joins together
to give thanks to God
for the many
blessings in our lives.*

9:00AM THURSDAY*
NOVEMBER 27th

At this liturgy, we...

Give thanks to God for his many blessings in our lives.
Invite parishioners to bring non-perishable food items
for Ernie's Place or for Street Ministry.
Seek God's blessing upon the food we will use for our
Thanksgiving meals.



*Please bring something from your
Thanksgiving table to be blessed.*

*Please note: This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving

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.

SAVE THE DATE...

Parish Christmas
Tree Lighting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH



SJE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



SJE Men's Group

MEN'S DAY RETREAT

Pilgrims of Hope

with

Fr. Francis Lasrado

**SATURDAY
December 6th**

10-5pm

SJE Parish Auditorium

\$20 free will offering is
respectfully requested

For more information or to register, please contact
The Parish Office 631-878-0009 or email
rectory@sjecm.org

Parish Social Ministry



Community Meal

This month our Community Meal will be held on **November 17th** at 6 PM in the Parish Auditorium. If you know of any individual or family in need, please invite them to join us for a delicious, home-cooked, sit-down meal!



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!

- * Salt
- * Syrup
- * Ketchup
- * Hot Sauce
- * Drink Boxes
- * Salad dressing
- * Canned chicken
- * Jar Pasta Sauce
- * Small bags of flour
- * Bags of Black & Red Beans
- * Individually wrapped snacks
- * 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!

- ◆ Gloves
- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Single Razors
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Face/Wash cloths
- ◆ Travel Size Shampoo
- ◆ Travel Size Body Lotion
- ◆ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Gently used coats (see donation box in fellowship hall)



*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.*

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SJE Parish Social Ministry

Advent Giving Tree



Our parish Parish Social Ministry is asking for your help during Advent with our annual *Giving Tree* that will benefit the Street Ministry and Ernie's Place. As we have done in the past, we will have trees at the doors of the church. Please take one or more paper ornaments from them which will list a needed item. These items should be returned UNWRAPPED to the fellowship area of the church or to the rectory office.

We ask that all unwrapped gifts be returned on or before **12/14**.

If you have any questions please call the PSM Office
631.878.0009 ext 120

Men's Prayer Group...



CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 9 AM** in the Convent. Join as us as we learn to follow the example of St. Joseph and grow in our faith, reflect on the Gospel and have coffee. For more information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

Bereavement Support...

Grieving is a natural process each of us goes through after the death of a loved one. While no one can take away our sadness, others can help by listening and caring. Sharing our feelings with others who have experienced the death of a loved one help many people begin the healing process.

*Grief never ends but it changes.
It is a passage, not a place to stay.
It is not a sign of weakness,
nor a lack of faith.
Grief is the price of love.*

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon

First floor meeting room in the Barn.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at

631.878.0009 or via email at

Rectory@sjecm.org

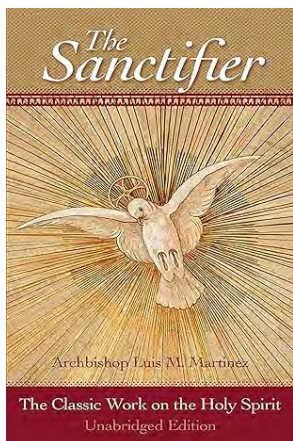
\$10 donation for the workbook.

Women's Group...

Our Women's Group will begin again on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 10 AM to 11:30 AM. We welcome newcomers anytime to join our group. All meetings are open, come when you can. There are no rules, just **desire** for growth in Jesus and fellowship.

We're still reading *The Sanctifier* by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez. Part I is about True Devotion to the Holy Spirit. Part II: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Part III: The Fruit of the Spirit. Part IV: The Beatitudes.

As we read, we come to understand through our sharing, that the Holy Spirit is working in our daily lives & we're right where we're supposed to be on our journey. We're growing a little at a time. We all have the same feelings, doubts, fears, lack of knowledge, we're imperfect & we come to accept that. We're sisters in Jesus cheering each other on. If you're uncomfortable to share, you don't have to. We're just happy that you choose to be with us.



There is no charge for the books, all meetings are on Mondays, 10-11:30 AM, which gives you time to attend 12:00 mass if you wish. We're in the white house meeting room (convent), between the school & the rectory (blue house).

God Bless you, Carol & Anita (Moderators)

For info call 631-878-0009

2025: November 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)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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What we've been up to in Faith Formation!



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, November 17 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

Remember to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles
and a donation of a roll of toilet paper for our
Parish Social Ministry!

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Class Session:

Tuesday, November 18 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

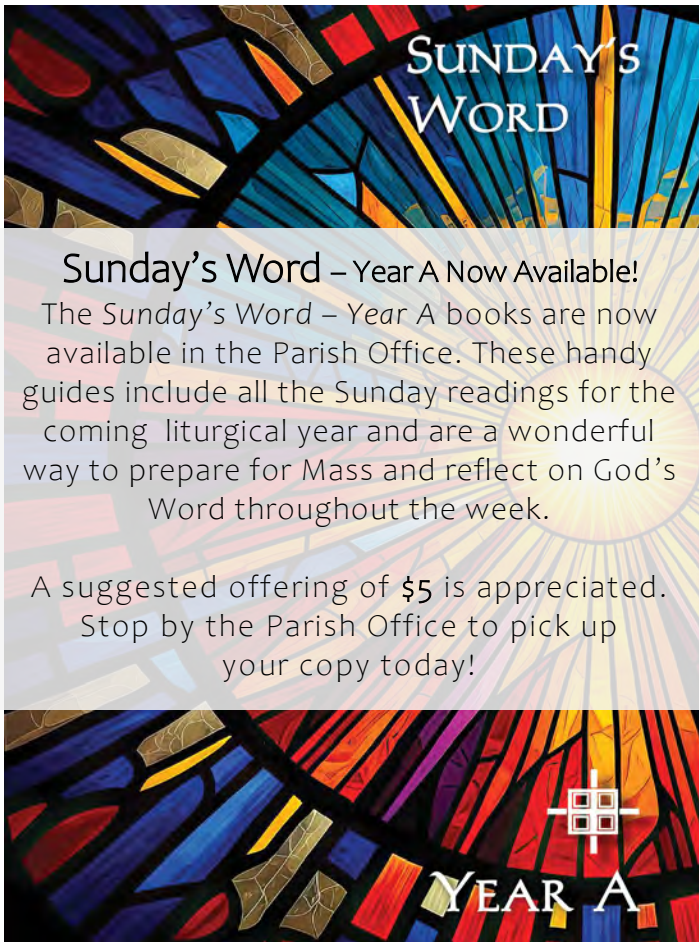
Remember to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles
***December 9** is our Advent Family Prayer Service,
a Parent/ Student Event



Next Sessions:

- **Tuesday, December 2 & Thursday, December 4**
at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church (attend one).
- **Grade Level 3 Mass - Sunday, 11/16 at 10 AM.**
Please bring your completed activity sheet (which will be
given out at the November sessions) and hand it in at the
Main Lobby when you enter the church!

Our Parish Tree Lighting will take place on **Thursday, 12/4** after our Family of Faith 5 PM session. The Tree Lighting will begin at 6:15 PM on the Convent Lawn. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided!



SUNDAY'S WORD

Sunday's Word – Year A Now Available!
The Sunday's Word – Year A books are now available in the Parish Office. These handy guides include all the Sunday readings for the coming liturgical year and are a wonderful way to prepare for Mass and reflect on God's Word throughout the week.

A suggested offering of \$5 is appreciated.
Stop by the Parish Office to pick up your copy today!

YEAR A



Knights of Columbus

BINGO Night

Every Friday
Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.
Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.
\$3000 IN PRIZES
SJE Parish Auditorium



Save the date

The Choral Society of the Moriches, Inc.
Invites you to the 86th Season of

GF Handel's

The Messiah

DECEMBER 14 AT 3 PM



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.

A Message from Monsignor Walden...



Last weekend, I was with my family in Greenport. As we were driving through the town the Christmas lights were already put up and lit on the main street. The next big day nationally is Thanksgiving and then the joy of preparing for Christmas in our personal and family lives. As I continue to read a brief reflection from Pope Benedict XVI every day, this thought puts ourselves personally, and the Church in our world today, in perspective: "Without God, the world cannot be bright." Yes, the Christmas lights and decorations dress up our visible surroundings, but the true light that brings joy and hope comes through the presence of Jesus in our lives everyday. Not only is He present to us when we pray and receive Him in the Sacraments, He is also present through us.

As much as there is darkness in our world caused by disagreements, distrust, injustice, apathy, and a feeling of powerlessness, there is also hope and light through the good things we say, do, and think everyday. On a national, international, local, and even personal level, there is anger, disappointment, and tension. In the Gospel for today's Mass (Luke 21:5-19), Jesus presents a very challenging picture to say the least. He speaks of the coming of wars and insurrection and, even more, the persecution and rejection of those who believe in Him. But He does not speak these words to prepare us for darkness and division, but to open our minds and hearts to the power of His presence in our minds and hearts. It is wonderful at Christmas to receive cards and open gifts. They light up our outlook, not just confirming past joys but inviting us to see the power of the divine love of Jesus in our lives. The key is to be nourished, uplifted, and an instrument of His love. As much as "without God the world cannot be bright", His presence in the core of who we are brightens all those whose lives we touch. Living our faith everyday does not mean we walk around with a halo over our heads, but that our presence is challenging, encouraging, and life giving. As much as Jesus speaks about us being rejected, He experienced the darkness and injustice of the cross. But even there, He never stopped loving and offering the path to hope, peace, and the fullness of life.

We live in what we consider modern times. Yes, we have many advances in science and technology that bring many conveniences. But how we use the advances in science and technology determines whether or not they bring us together or build the walls thicker between us. The way we speak and act with one another personally, locally, nationally, and internationally determines whether or not the world we live in will be bright and life-giving, or dark and life draining. The last words of Jesus in today's Gospel are, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." The more we see our faith as a pure gift and embrace it, the brighter God's loving presence in our world.

I offer Psalm 23 for your prayerful reflection.

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.*

*He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.*

*You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.*

*Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.*

Psalm Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in the waters of Baptism; you anoint us with oil, and call us to salvation at your table. Dispel the terrors of death and the darkness of error. Lead your people along safe paths, that they may rest securely in you and live for ever in your Father's house.

Comunidad Hispano...

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

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

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

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

Requisitos:

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

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia.

Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

CASAMIENTO:

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

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 PM los martes. Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.
espanol@sjecm.org

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

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

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

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

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM
auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

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

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8th

This feast is a holy day of obligation.

Mass times in the church:

7:00 AM

12 Noon

7:30 PM



PILGRIMS OF HOPE



2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

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.

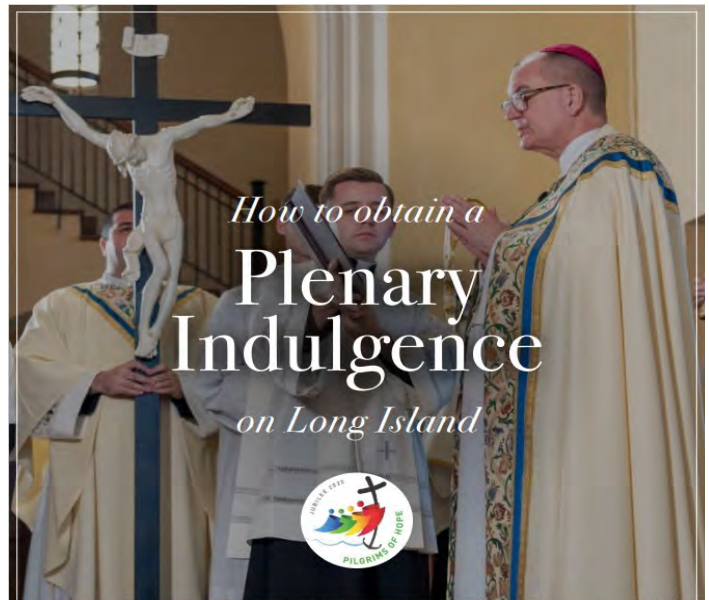
May your grace transform us into
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

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

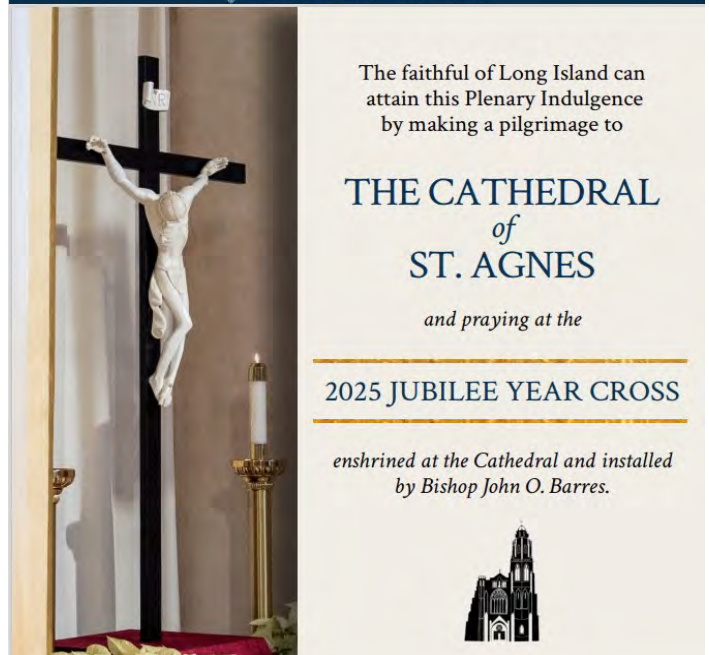
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



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Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope

- 1 Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- 2 Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- 3 Be spiritually detached from sin
- 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



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

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

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

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 17th, 2025

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

Tuesday, November 18th, 2025

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

Wednesday, November 19th, 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, November 20th, 2025

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

Friday, November 21st, 2025

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

Saturday, November 22nd, 2025

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

Sunday, November 23rd, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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