

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



November 17, 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are my inheritance, O Lord. ~ Psalm 16



November 17, 2024

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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 23rd

5:00 PM - Fr. Abin

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, November 24th

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

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

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses
Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &
7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)
Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM
Confessions will take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor

Reverend Abin Panicker

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno

Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele

Parish Assistant

John Pettorino

Deacon

Michael Hoonhout

Deacon

Ed Grieb

Deacon

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller

Director of Operations

Mass Schedule

OLQA

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School**

(on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033

www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller

Principal

dwaller@olqany.org (ext. 201)

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House

Monday - Thursday:

9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Friday - Saturday

9 AM - 2 PM

We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.

Confession Schedule

A message from the Director of Faith Formation...

There is not much “ordinary” in the readings for this last Sunday in Ordinary Time! We hear about end times and the promise of eternal life, which connects to the intentions of the Church this month. During November, we remember and pray in a special way for all souls who have died, especially our loved ones who have passed away. The readings this week should give us hope that eventually we will be reunited in love with those we have lost, and we should continue to pray for them (and ask them to pray for us!).

The readings also speak about Wisdom - a gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us see the world around us as God sees it. Wisdom often grows with experience (and prayer!) and helps us to keep our focus on living the Gospel whether we are at peace or facing adversity. I often think of the Serenity prayer: “God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

In the Office of Faith Formation, Bishop Barres came to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 138 students last week! Congratulations to all our newly Confirmed, as well as their family and friends! We are especially grateful to our small group leaders who walked this faith journey with them for the last two-and-a-half years in our Confirmation program!

For our students still preparing for Confirmation in Levels 7 & 8, our students had hands-on learning about service and the Corporal works of Mercy this month.



In Level 7, students put faith to action by helping our Parish Social Ministry! Students put together wash kits and folded/sorted clothing for our Street Ministry, created our Advent Giving Tree ornaments and stuffed our Thanksgiving donation bags with lists of items needed for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. (If you didn't get a bag after Mass last week, be sure to grab one today!) Special thanks to PSM Coordinator Heather Crayne, who spoke to our students about the importance of service in our faith, and to her PSM Team of volunteers who, with Heather, helped set up and coordinate the night.



Our Level 8 students learned about the Corporal Works of Mercy. We were blessed to have two guest speakers - Parish Social Ministry volunteers Aimee Mattiolo and her daughter, Delaney - who shared about the many ways we can live out the Corporal Works of Mercy at SJE and beyond. Students brought donations of shoes for the Soles4Souls initiative, which turns unwanted shoes and clothing into opportunity by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to good use - providing relief, creating jobs and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty.



In our “Family of Faith” program for Grades 1-6, families came together to learn about the Old Testament Patriarchs, as well as Grace (God's life in us!) and how we are all made in the image and likeness of God. **A big thank you to all of our staff and volunteers** who make these sessions so enriching, experiential and engaging!

If you have any questions, please contact us at faithformation@sjecm.org. We look forward to walking with our families in this exciting new year of Faith Formation!

~Michelle Pirraglia

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, November 16th Weekday

5:00 PM Anthony Iritano

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, November 17th Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Harold Clark

10:00 AM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

12:00 Noon Lorraine Moje

6:00 PM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

Monday, November 18th Weekday

7:00 AM Patricia Cuff

12:00 Noon Gloria Spada

Tuesday, November 19th Weekday

7:00 AM Christopher Bowman

12:00 Noon Special Intention-Joan Murphy

Wednesday, November 20th Weekday

7:00 AM Richard Sulz

12:00 PM Albert Vigliotta

Thursday, November 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Frank Creamer

12:00 Noon Michael Capozzola

Friday, November 22nd Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 AM Goncalo Rego

12:00 Noon Ferdinand and Evelyn Giese

Saturday, November 23rd Weekday

8:00 AM Daniel Mannix

5:00 PM Robert Salomone

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, November 24th Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 AM Jared McGuinness

10:00 AM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

12:00 Noon Patricia Casey

6:00 PM James Sr. and James Jr. Lockwood



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.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$803,946	45	\$17,865
2023	\$758,075	45	\$16,846

We're so close to reaching our CMA goal. Please make your pledge today! Every little bit helps!

2024
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL
DIocese of Knoxville Council

*Revitalizing our Faith -
Renewed by the Eucharist*



As of 11/12/2024	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	247	278
Total Pledged to date	\$98,612	\$97,664
Avg. Gift	\$399	\$351
Percent of Goal	86%	85%

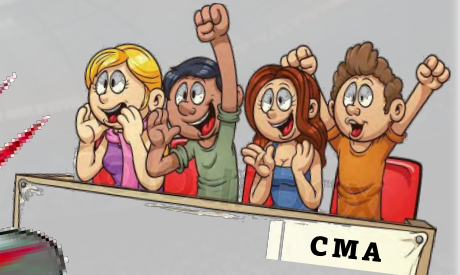
Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! We receive back 20% of whatever is raised below the goal. If we go above the goal, we also receive 80% of all monies that are raised above the goal! Please help us go above the goal!



St. John the Evangelist RCC 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal



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

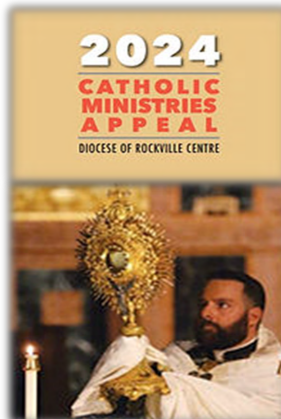


Please help us meet our goal.

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

ONLY 6 WEEKS TO GO!

We appreciate your support! www.catholicministriesappeal.org



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

Scan to Give:



Text to Give: 516-271-3338



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



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Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Paul Donohue + Christopher W. McCormick
Christine Burke

*"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

Christopher Peck + Carole De Somma
Nicole Iorio + Gloria Rosato
Margaret Lyle + Patricia Barry

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

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

Our Military

US Marine Corps

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

US 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

US Navy

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Air Force

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

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones



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

Anthony James Sessa

Mass Intentions

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

Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the
course of that month.
An offering of \$150 is requested.

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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

*SJE offers a number of ways to remember loved ones, or honor someone living.
To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to rectory@sjecm.org*

SJE Parish Social Ministry



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Christmas Gift Card Collection

Once again, to better empower parents, and offer them more time to shop, we will be providing Gift Cards with the THANKSGIVING MEAL for those families that are in need.

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

Need:

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

Requests:

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

* Stop & Shop * Lidl * King Kullen *

Drop-off Locations:

Non-perishable food can be left at
Ernie's Place in the bin, or in
Fellowship Hall in the Church.

By Sunday, November 17th

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



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



"Bearers of gratitude make the world a better place."

- Pope Francis

As we all begin to prepare for Thanksgiving and we express our gratitude for God's blessings upon us, let us remember those who are struggling to put food on their families' table each day, let alone a special holiday meal.



Our local PSM work diligently to ensure that families who are in need can bring their families together to be nourished every day and on a special day like Thanksgiving, by offering baskets of food and turkey. PSM are also a source of comfort and spiritual strength.

Parish Social Ministry Outreach encompasses a variety of ways in reaching out to those in need, the marginalized and so many others through different programs and services available throughout the year. In addition, this ministry provides information and guidance on issues of social justice guided by Catholic Teachings.

The Director of the Parish Outreach, Katie Spellman, shared how her work allows her to grow in her faith.

"Working in Parish Social Ministry has taken my faith outside of the Church. It's an opportunity for me to dig deeper into faith and think of the humble servant. It's a gift for me to work here – it feeds my soul."

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

Parish: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

EMAIL: _____

Pledge \$ _____

Down Payment \$ _____

Balance \$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Month of Remembrance...

Sunday's Word 2025...

The 2025 Sunday's Word books have arrived!

Sunday's Word is for use in conjunction with a hymnal and service book or other music resource, and is intended for those who wish to pre-read the scriptures of the day as a preparation for the celebration, who have difficulty hearing, or who feel the need to read the text as it is proclaimed for full comprehension. The Eucharistic Prayers are also included. It contains the assembly's responsorial psalm refrain for each Sunday and major feast. Sunday's Word also contains the Order of Mass.



The weekday section includes the entrance antiphon, Psalm response, gospel verse, and communion antiphon for all feasts, memorials, and weekdays of the year. In addition, the Order of Mass texts (including both the Nicene Creed and the Apostle's Creed) are printed on the inside front cover for convenience.

A donation of \$5.00

is requested but not required.

They can be picked up at the rectory office.

Altar of Remembrance

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

We ask that you pick up your picture no later than Wednesday, November 27th.

Book of the Names of the Dead



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



Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament
at
St. John the Evangelist

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

*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.

Faith Formation





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God Bless Our Confirmandi 2024



Andrew Acevedo
Jose Aguilar
Matthew Amalfitano
Ava Anderson
Ashley Andresen
Amy Arias Minchala
Matthew Bahr
Avarie Baryk
Logan Becker
Ritamaria Bellofatto
Emily Benson
Jack Bielski
Lukas Bjorneby
Vincenzo Boccabella
Brandon Booker
Christiana Buchko
Ian Buckley
Justin Buestan Borja
Amy Buestan
Brennen Callan
Joseph Caltagirone, III
Ryan Calvo
Adamaris Aracely Camey Perez
Mia Carbone
Katherine Castro Barrera
Kevin Castro Barrera
Amy Castro
Chace Castro
Ethan Chernis
Jordan Clementz
Jordan Condemaíta Iza
Christopher Congema
Finnley Coonan
Adrianna D'Antuono
Grace DeRosa

Nora Devaux
Delilah DiPalo
Chloe Ditta
Lilianna Dugan
Delaney Dunn
Collin Durgan
Brooke Elliott
Shawn Elliott
Hayley Encarnacion Allende
Jareth Encarnacion Allende
London Evans
Gaetano Favuzza
Antonio Ferraro
Blake Festinger
Dylan Flores Molina
Brittany Galdamez Carbajal
Ethan Garcia
Isabelle Gonzalez
Isabelle Grucci-Petersen
Allison Gubelman
Rachel Hall
Patrick Hart
Dylan Herrera
Raegan Higgins
Dario Illiano
Francis Javitz
Sarah Juan
Jameson Juers
Conor Junk
Kayla Kelly
Madison Koch
Vincent LaGatta
Nicholas Lawrence
Aidan Luck

Elizabeth Luperena
Arianna Lynch
Ava Lynch
Brayden Manion
Elsie Martin
Stephanie Martinez
Carly Maxwell
Ryan Meadows
Daniela Medrano Gonzalez
Logan Mennuti
Lily Messina
Jayson Metzler
Abbigail Milano
Camilla Munoz
Joseph Nizza
Jack O'Brien
Colin O'Connor
Alexis O'Leary
Lauren O'Leary
Luis Ortiz Rivas
Eduardo Ortiz Máximo
Leilani Otto
Bradley Pacheco
Juan Pacheco, Jr.
Michael Paída Minchala
Norah Pajan
Brian Parra Cuzco
Brianna Pecoraro
Julia Pendzick
Andrew Peralta Santos
Leslie Perez
Dominick Pesce
Sophia Poitras
Owen Pollock

Damaris Portillo Zhunio
Aidan Pressgrove
Connor Ragimierski
Emilio Ramos Argueta
Sean Redding
Jenidbel Rodriguez Diaz
Rebecca Rogers
Kieran Ryan
Jacob Saavedra-Cedeño
Mary Salazar Bueno
Mia Salvaggio
Jack Sattler
Damian Schmidt
Julie Schmidt
Michael Scuria
Gabriel Sikora
Erin Simon
Chris Sinchi-Narvaez
Nickolas Skowron
James Solano Meneses
Jinelle Solares
Nathaniel Soto
Lia Taylor
Nolan Tenety
Alex Theodoropoulos
Kaleigh Thomas
Alexander Vaz
Simona Volpe
Anthony Vona
Madyn Warsaw
Chloe Webb
Alexa Wittmann
Ethan Zahn
David Zlatniski, Jr.
Lillian Zuhoski

Congratulations to our 138 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, November 8. Bishop John Barres celebrated both liturgies.

2024 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 Session:

Tuesday, November 19th at 7:15 PM in the Church

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Session:

Monday, November 18th at 7:15 PM in the Church

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

Tuesday, December 3rd or Thursday, December 5th at 5:00 PM or 7:00 PM in the Church

The Office of Family Life Ministry

		Family Life Ministry Veteran's Day Service Project in the Church	<i>A word of great gratitude to all who donated to our collection for our deployed military men and women!</i>
	11/17 11/24 during the 10:00 Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Auditorium	<i>Children in Grades Pre K-5 are invited to the auditorium after the Opening Prayer of the 10:00 Mass. They listen to the readings and the gospel read to them at their level. An interactive homily helps the children understand the meaning of the scriptures. Children return to Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.</i>
	11/17 after the 10:00 Mass	Family Life Ministry Sandwich Sunday in the School Cafeteria	<i>Come with your family or a friend and make sandwiches to feed the hungry. Bring a loaf of bread, PB & J or cold cuts! We have everything else you need We even have some extra sandwich-making supplies too!</i>
	11/20 7:00 PM	Moms on the Journey in the Upper Room of The Barn	<i>All moms are welcome! This month we will be supporting our Parish Social Ministry by helping out with the Thanksgiving Outreach Project! Come and enjoy the company of other busy moms who want to grow in their faith, have some fun, and serve those in need!</i>
	11/24 after the 10:00 Mass	Family Advent Wreath-Making in the Auditorium	<i>Come make an Advent Wreath to use in your home as you pray your way through the beautiful season of Advent! All supplies are provided. ***Pre- registration is required. See the full page ad in the bulletin for the QR code.</i>
	11/28 9:00 AM Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving Family Mass in the Church	<i>Come and start your Thanksgiving celebration at the Table of the Lord. Bring something that you will serve at your Thanksgiving meal and have it blessed after Mass.</i>
	EVERY DAY	WHEREVER YOU ARE ALL DAY LONG	PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER!

Come make a Family Advent Wreath Next Sunday November 24th

St. John the Evangelist Family Life Ministry will sponsor our third 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 \$20 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 on or **BEFORE** November 20th. Please use the QR Code on the left, or use the link on the parish website SJECm.org

All Parish Families are Welcome!

If you have any questions, email clapham@sjecm.org

Parish Social Ministry

Ernie's Place Shopping List

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

- Jelly
- Apple Sauce
- Pancake Mix
- Tomato Sauce
- Pancake Syrup
- Mac & Cheese
- Raman Noodles
- Shelf-stable Milk



Street Ministry Shopping List

Below is a list of items that are needed for Street Ministry. These items can be left at the doors of the church.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THURSDAY NIGHTS...

We urgently need your help on Thursday nights for the **Street Ministry Van Runs!** Volunteers meet at the convent at **6:30 PM** and go out into the community to provide hot meals and clothing to those in desperate need. If you can spare just one hour each week, your assistance would make a tremendous difference. Every bit of help counts! **Interested in Helping?** Please call the Parish Social Ministry office at **631-878-0009 x120**.

Thank you for considering this vital opportunity to serve!

Street Ministry

Join Our Street Ministry Team!

Are you a talented cook? A social butterfly who loves engaging with others? Or do you prefer working behind the scenes? If you enjoy folding clothes and organizing, we would love for you to use the wonderful gifts God has given you to serve those in need in our local community!

Our Street Ministry is a vibrant community of volunteers dedicated to providing hot meals and clothing to individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless or unable to access other support services. Whether you're interested in working in our donation room, cooking hot meals, preparing PB&J sandwiches, or joining our van runs, there's a place and a role for everyone!

If you're ready to get started or want more information, please contact Victoria Paparatto at streetministry@sjecm.org.



We are so very thankful for a group of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly every week to maintain our Thrift Shop. They give of their time to accept and sort the many donations we receive, providing a much-needed resource to those in our community in need of clothing, shoes and household goods. We are grateful for all they do!

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THANKSGIVING *Mass*

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

**9:00AM THURSDAY *
NOVEMBER 28th**

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

A Message from Msgr. Walden...



This is the next to the last Sunday in the current Church year. Next Sunday we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King to begin the last week of the current Church year and then on the following Sunday begin a new church year with the first Sunday of Advent. As we come to the end of this Church year we are reminded that our life is a journey and will also one day come to an end in this world. That is not meant to scare us but to put the way we live our lives in perspective. Yes, we live in the present and have hopes, dreams, and work for the future in this world, but to be totally honest with ourselves and to give us hope, guidance, and encouragement, the readings today speak of the end of life in very hopeful, straightforward, and inspiring words.

We use the image of a journey to look at our lives. In the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion, the Scarecrow, and the Tin Man followed the Yellow Brick Road to find the answer to their dreams. In a sense we are on the road to heaven. It is not paved with yellow bricks but with the mercy, love, and goodness of God's love. There is no toll but there are all too many exit ramps to lead us astray. One of the most important observations to recognize is that the road to heaven is paved with the mercy and forgiveness of God. We have all said or done things we regret and have confessed these sins and failures. But what has God's mercy really done for us? Yes, it has reconciled us to Him, but to understand and live in the light of that forgiveness, we have to forgive those who have hurt or offended us. Most times that is easy because the people we are closest to give us life in so many ways. Our disagreements, harsh words, and the silent treatment are overcome when we look at the gift they are to us and the gift we are to them. God sees the gift we are to Him, but do we see the gift He is to us? To live in the light of God's mercy and to travel the road to heaven is to be illuminated and guided by not only God's forgiveness and mercy, but also the light of our forgiveness of one another.

As the second reading at Mass today (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18) tells us, "Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin." At times it is hard to comprehend God's forgiveness because we have trouble letting go of disappointment, spite, revenge, and getting even. Thank God, as the letter to the Hebrews tells us today: "Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God.... Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin."

A good way to begin a new Church year is to allow God to lift us up with His loving mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. When I go, I am lifted up with hope and inner peace, the hope and inner peace we so need and are so capable of sharing with those we have hurt and who have hurt us. We live in a very angry, tense, and competitive society. We are not competitors, but companions, and God's children on our way to the fullness of His merciful, joyful presence. How blessed we are and what a blessing we are when we walk the highway to heaven with one another in this light! The more sincere and trusting we are, the brighter the light of God's love that guides us.

We are blessed in this parish to have the opportunity for confession after each weekday mass, Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to just before the 5:00 o'clock mass, and Sunday afternoon at 5:30. It is such a blessing for me as a priest to be part of this healing, life giving sacrament.

I offer the life giving, healing words that forgive our sins in this Sacrament of Healing:

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

The penitent answers: Amen.



SJE Men's Group

MEN'S DAY RETREAT

Fr. Jerry DiSpigno with

SATURDAY
December 7th
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
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All Saints Day Mass

On November 1, All Saints Day, Msgr. Walden (joined by Fr. Patrick) celebrated Mass for our school.



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 after the session.



Halloween Fun!



Knights of Columbus

Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

Gratitude

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of 132 children's coats to SJE Parish Social Ministry. This wonderful gift will ensure that many children in our community stay warm during the winter months.

Additionally, we want to acknowledge the tremendous success of the recent food drive organized by the Knights of Columbus, which collected over 1,900 pounds of food and raised more than \$700 in cash. The Council also generously donated \$750 in King Kullen gift cards to our Parish Social Ministry, providing essential support to those in need. Your commitment to serving our community truly makes a difference in the lives of many.

It was also a wonderful sight to see the Knights marching in the Veterans Day Parade, honoring those who have served our country. Your participation not only shows your dedication to service but also brings our community together in gratitude.

Thank you for your unwavering generosity and commitment to our community!



If you are interested in learning more about all the many different ways the Knights help our parish or are interested in becoming a member, please go to the website for Queen of All Hearts Council KofC4126.com

Women's Group...



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

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

The book we'll read together is "**The Sanctifier**" by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, explaining in detail how the workings of the gifts of The Holy Spirit bring us into holiness. It's usually in the sharing part of what we're reading that gives us clearer understanding of the subject especially because it relates to our lives at the present moment. We're living the lessons which is comforting when we're in pain, we have a lot of laughs too. We're there for each other! The book will be provided, and a free will offering can be made for the book.

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

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

February 3rd & 17th, March 3rd, 17th, & 31st, April 14th & 28th,

May 12th & 19th*, June 2nd, 16th & 30th.

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

Men's Prayer Group...



CALLING ALL MEN!

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

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.

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.

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.



Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista



“Si somos portadores de gratitud el mundo se vuelve mejor”
Papa Francisco

Al comenzar nuestras preparaciones para el Día de Acción de Gracias, cuando expresamos nuestra gratitud a Dios por las bendiciones que nos concede, no olvidemos a quienes tienen grandes dificultades para alimentar a sus familias cada día, y les resulta aún más difícil planear una cena festiva.



Nuestra oficina de Alcance Social Parroquial (PSM por sus siglas en inglés) trabaja con esmero para que familias necesitadas puedan alimentarse todos los días, y para la celebración del Día de Acción De Gracias les entrega canastas con víveres y un pavo. La oficina PSM es además un lugar donde pueden encontrar consuelo y fuerza espiritual.

La Oficina de Alcance Social ofrece a la población más necesitada una variedad de servicios, estos servicios están disponibles durante todo el año. Además, guiada por las enseñanzas católicas, esta oficina brinda información y orientación sobre temas de justicia social.

Katie Spellman, directora de la Oficina de Alcance Social, comparte con nosotros cómo su labor le ayuda a aumentar su fe.

“El trabajar en la Oficina de Alcance Social ha hecho que mi fe vaya más allá de los confines de la iglesia. Es mi oportunidad de tocar mi fe más profundamente y recordar al humilde sirviente. Para mí es un gusto trabajar aquí -porque es alimento para mi alma.”

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- November 24th Catholic Education
- December 1st Parish Improvements
- December 8th Immaculate Conception
- December 8th Religious Retirement Fund
- December 25th Christmas Gift

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
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Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 18th, 2024

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

Tuesday, November 19th, 2024

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

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

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

Thursday, November 21st, 2024

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

Friday, November 22nd, 2024

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

Saturday, November 23rd, 2024

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

Sunday, November 24th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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