

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



November 19, 2023

*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

"You are children of the light"

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6



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**Monday - Thursday:**  
**9 AM - 8 PM**  
Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish speaking support.  
**Friday - Saturday**  
**9 AM - 2 PM**  
*We ask that you call before  
visiting any parish offices.*

Mass Schedule

# OUR PARISH MISSION

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

-Mission Statement

## Church Hours

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

## Next Weekend’s Schedule

### Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden  
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 26<sup>th</sup>

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

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

## We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday- Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses  
Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &  
7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

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

## *A Message from Deacon Michael...*

Did you know that the modern word, talent, meaning “a special ability, a knack or endowed aptitude” derives from this Sunday’s Gospel? In this parable Jesus describes a master who gives different amounts of talents to three of his servants. Only in the parable, talent refers to a very special coin. It may seem at first that the master in the parable is not very generous, for he entrusts to the first servant only five talents, the second one receives three, and the third servant only one. In actuality, however, the master was incredibly magnanimous, for a talent was the most valuable of all coins in the ancient world. One talent was worth the total wages owed to a worker for twenty years of labor, and so even the servant who received but one talent was entrusted with the equivalent of hundreds of thousands of dollars.



**The first and second servants**, obeying their master’s command, invest the money and make him a very tidy profit. The third servant did not mispend the money entrusted to him; he was blameworthy but not because he did something evil like spend the money on himself. His fault was not doing something good and positive: by failing to grow what was given him. Sometimes we can think that all God wants from us is not to do wrong. ‘If I never do anything really wicked, then I should be able to go to heaven.’ The same kind of thinking is at work if we reduce Lent to just giving something up rather than making the effort to grow in virtue and charity. Or perhaps you may remember when you were a teenager asking, “How far can I go before it is a sin?” Of course, what we should ask ourselves is: “How can I use what God has given me to help others and glorify God?”

**Though the third servant was given less than the first two**, still because of the enormous value of even one talent, his master was showing great confidence in him by giving him a marvelous opportunity to grow great wealth. The servant, however, acted out of fear, afraid of the risk that always comes with opportunity, and chose to bury the gift to prevent any loss. In the end, the loss he feared happened anyway, for the master took back his gift. In the end the servant’s fear guaranteed only one thing: that he could never be a profitable servant. This parable reminds us that in the divine judgment which awaits us at the end of our lives we will have to give an account of the good use we made of the talents and opportunities God entrusted to us. But it also shows why the command Jesus repeated to his disciples more than any other was, “Do not be afraid.” Because fear is simply not profitable. Fear betrays a lack of trust in God, which quite frankly is insulting to God.

**Jesus’ parable today** is asking us to reflect upon how well we are using the talents and gifts God has entrusted to us to be profitable towards others. Just as investing money requires giving it to another where it will be used to grow a business, so too do our talents have to be put in service for others to increase the good in the world. A talent not used to help another is a buried and unprofitable talent. Do we have confidence that God knew what He was doing when He gave each of us specific set of talents? Do we make excuses when an opportunity presents itself for us to be of service, thinking ‘let somebody else with more talent than me do it’? You are the only person in the world who can use and grow the talents you’ve been given. Let us be mindful that God expects us to spend our time, talents and treasure for good in the world, and let us trust that God is with us so that the fear of failure never prevents us from hearing at the end life our God say to us, “Well done, my good and faithful servant! Come, share your master’s joy!”

# Preparing for the Week

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

5:00 PM John Robert Klaus IV  
 7:30 PM *Spanish* People of the Parish

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

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

## Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*

7:00 AM Bridget Harkin  
 12:00 PM Bernard and Ann Marie Wall

## Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 AM Anna DiCioccio  
 12 Noon Christopher Bowman

## Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> *Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00 AM George A. Fioto  
 12 Noon Ferdinand and Evelyn Giese

## Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> *Weekday (Thanksgiving Day)*

7:00 AM No Mass  
 9:00 AM People of the Parish  
 12 Noon No Mass

## Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> *Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

7:00 AM Sean Patrick Hunter  
 12 Noon Kristin Bigora

## Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*

8:00 AM Trudi Norton  
 5:00 PM Anthony and Anna Catanzano  
 7:30 PM *Spanish* Douglas Sanmartin

## Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:00 AM John Timothy Delaney  
 10:00 AM Liz DellaRatta  
 12 Noon Katy Dyer  
 6:00 PM Charles Peters



All Parish Offices will be CLOSED  
 November 23rd & 24th

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Week January 1, 2023 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$773,419	45	\$17,187
2022	\$682,546	45	\$15,168

**2023**  
**CATHOLIC**  
**MINISTRIES**  
**APPEAL**  
OFFICE OF PARISH LIFE

*One Family - Journeying together in  
 Compassion, Participation and Mission.*



	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	278	274
Total Pledged to date	\$97,665	\$102,778
Avg. Gift	\$351	\$376
Percent of Goal	85 %	89 %

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

# 2023

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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*One Family - Journeying together in Communion, Participation and Mission*

# PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

Parish Goal is \$115,100

**\$17,435 TO GO!**



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

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

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

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



*Fr. Louis Cona*

## From the Desk of Msgr. Walden

I am always struck with hope and amazement

when I read this verse from the Song of Songs 8:7: “Deep waters cannot quench love, nor floods sweep it away. Were one to offer all he owns to purchase love, he would be roundly mocked.” Love is a gift that we experience the moment we are conceived in the womb and is experienced when we come out of the womb and are embraced by our parents. The beautiful passage from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 offers such a clear, concise, simple explanation. Is this love restricted to our personal relationships with family and friends? It is the love that all people and nations need to find peace, harmony, and mutual concern and respect.

In the **Matthew 22:15-21** we hear Jesus telling those challenging Him to “give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” Our challenge is to give to everyone what belongs to God because we are the children of God created by Him in His image and redeemed, forgiven, and loved by Him. We are observers of much chaos in our world today. Those in political and military positions seem to be bringing us to the verge of war and moral destruction. How will the war between Israel and Hamas be settled? How many innocent people will die? How many hearts will be broken? How much destruction and death will cause suffering in the war between Russia and Ukraine. Are the two world wars of the last century going to be repeated? May we all hope and pray for a just, fair, and God-centered solution.

Then there is the **moral chaos** in our nation that keeps growing and growing with the technology of cell phones and the internet: pornography. In an article I read in the Wall Street Journal it said that “as much as 90% of online pornography features verbal, physical, sexual violence toward woman.” It also said that “the leading online pornography site, Pornhub, was founded in 2007 before the first iPhone dropped. By 2009, the site was already receiving millions of monthly unique visitors. In November 2022, Pornhub was visited 10.2 billion times, making it the fourth most popular destination on the web, and 97% of that traffic came from mobile devices.” Do the laws of Caesar defend this in the name of “free speech”? Is that healthy for the moral fiber of our nation, especially for our children who have easy access to these sites? The old maxim is still true: when you play with fire you get burned.

The **other divisive issue is abortion**. We decry that over 1300 people were killed by Hamas at the beginning of their invasion and the casualties continue to mount. Yet our “Caesar” defends, promotes, and even subsidizes abortion to the tune of over 520,000 a year, and an average of over 1400 a day. How can we expect to find peace around the world when we are destroying the most innocent among us, all in the name of choice? We are capable of virtue and sin because we have free will. Only goodness, love, and God’s truth illumines the path to peace and sheds the light of hope and inspiration. Every man for himself or herself leads to tension, division, and chaos.

The **miracle needed today** is in our hearts, fueled by God’s wisdom, love, and mercy. Jesus paid a huge price to love us and invite us to accept that love. He entered human history in a dismal, tense time as Israel was occupied and ruled by ruthless, self serving people. He rose to show us the way to peace in our hearts and peace in our world.

**Dare we believe** and embrace Him everyday of our lives? There will be no instant cure, but Jesus and His cross, death, and resurrection show us the way to peace. When we give ourselves to God, before Caesar and everyone and everything else, hope illumines the darkness. I invite you to pray for an end to abortion in your prayers everyday as I do. Last year, when I was with people in front of Planned Parenthood in Smithtown praying for an end to abortion, a car drove by and the person opened the window and shouted: “Get a life!” Ironically, that was what we were praying for, the lives of those threatened and ended by Planned Parenthood. Peace in our nation and in our world will never become a reality as long as we sacrifice the most innocent and vulnerable among us.

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**: “If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

**Love is patient**, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

**When I was a child**, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

*St. John the Evangelist...*

# THANKS GIVING

## Mass

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

**9:00AM THURSDAY\*  
NOVEMBER 23**

*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

# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Alan Raymond Barr + Thomas Semkow +  
Antoinette Donohue

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

## Pray for the Sick

Samantha Byalik, Marion Visca,  
Kenneth Danielsson, Joseph Oppici and  
Joseph Stillitano

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

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

## Our Military

### US Army

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

### US Air Force

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

### US Marine Corps

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

### US Navy

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

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue  
If you wish to place someone on the Military prayer list,  
please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or  
e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

*In Memory of Daniel Filippone*

This week, the St. Joseph Candle will be lit:

*In Memory of Paul Mussi*

This week, the Altar Candles will be lit:

*In Memory of Thomas J. Spellman*

This week, the Blessed Mother Candle will be lit:

*In Memory of Rosemary Curtin*

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit:

*In Memory of Barbara Tanoff*

This week, the St. Theresa Candle will be lit:

*In Memory of Patti Pirozzi*

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

### Mass Intentions

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

### Altar Bread and Wine

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

### Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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

Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.

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



# Month of Remembrance

## Altar of Remembrance



During the month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died. This year, we will be preparing a special Altar of Remembrance in the Seton Chapel. *Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, you are invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each other.* Please limit the size of your photo (perhaps no larger than 4 x 6) so that there is room for everyone who wishes to participate. You may place the picture in a small frame. Please remember to write your name and phone number on the back of the picture. Pictures may be dropped off at the rectory or at the sacristy. *We ask that you pick up your picture no later than Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.*

## Book of the Names of the Dead

Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

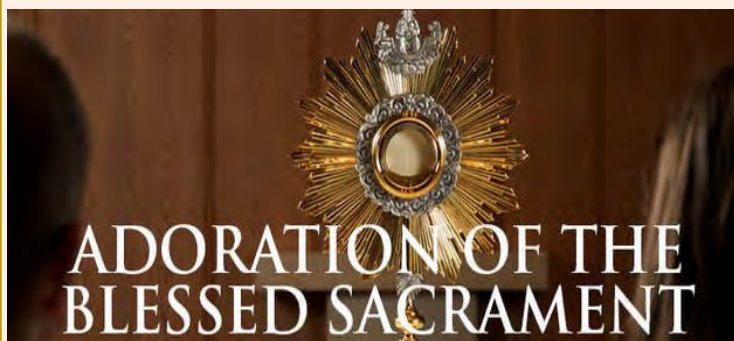
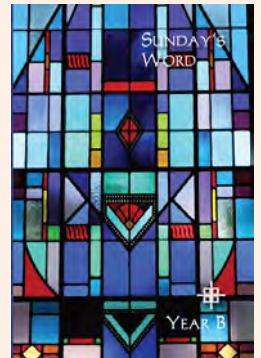
## Sunday's Word 2024

The 2024 Sunday's Word books have arrived ...

**A donation of \$5.00 is requested but not required.**

These books contain all of the Sunday readings as well as the psalm and antiphons for Daily Mass.

icked up at the rectory office.



Monday - Friday

3:00 - 7:00 PM

Seton Chapel,  
in the Convent

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

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you can be present for a specific hour, email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

# Faith Formation

## May God Bless Our Confirmandi

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Carly Barnabee  
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Sabrina Bautista Gavilanes  
Ralph Betner  
Tyler Betner  
Ayden Biamonte  
Payton Anthony Bianco  
Avery Breheny  
Tyler Brown  
Anthony Bruno  
Yazmyn Caceres  
Vincent Cafiso  
Charlotte Campbell  
Darren Cangelosi  
Nate Cangelosi  
Michelle Carrillo  
Aidan Caruana  
Kamryn Cascone  
Vanessa Casse  
Joseph Costanza  
Liam Cressy  
Lilyana Cupolo-Bangel  
Michael Curtin, III  
Rocco Daly  
Matthew Danielsen  
Charles Dechiaro  
Lia Deshler  
Brendan Dunn  
Delaney Ehrhart  
Jack Elliott  
Sienna Farley  
Blake Fiori  
Kaylee Fox  
Shirley Galindo-Jeronimo  
Gabriel Garcia  
Thomas Gargiulo  
Mason Gatchalian

Ava Golden  
Brandon Gomez  
Joseph Green, Jr.  
Gia Grella  
Jordyn Hall  
Alexandra Hamilton  
Michael Hayes  
Daniel Helmke  
Emilie Hiller  
Keegan Holm  
Michael Huisman  
Steven H. Inzerillo  
Gavin Javetski  
Hunter Johnson  
Mackenzie King  
Peyton King  
Madison Klammer  
Dylan Kleine  
Sophie Krzywda  
Sarah Langdon  
Andrew Lewis  
Madeline Litchhult  
Ava Maler  
Isabella Manfredonia  
Paige Mannese  
Andrea Martinez Julian  
Olivia Marx  
Julia Masino  
Lila McCarthy  
Logan McGregor  
Ashlyn Mendez Zhinin  
Sofia Miguel  
Vincent Milano  
Matteo Monter  
Mia Morris  
Ryan Murtha  
Anthony Narvaez  
Lauren Nolan  
Ryan O'Donoghue  
Michael O'Neill  
Liam Ogeka  
Zuleyka Ortega Castro  
Nolan Parsons  
Abigail Paulson

Madalyn Pesci  
Charles Peters  
Aubree Poach  
Sadie Poach  
Antonio Poggi  
Brian Reehil, Jr.  
Priscila Ribeiro  
Brielle Rini  
Giavanna Rogers  
Jhesson Rojo  
Gavin Roswell  
Jonathan Sarmiento  
Katherine Sattler  
Sophia Savarese  
Ryann Scott  
John Sharkey  
Emily Sinacori  
Joseph Sinacori, Jr.  
Christopher Spatz  
Ella Stetson  
Stevie Suruy Tocay  
Adam Szczepanik  
Ava Szczepanik  
Matthew Taiani  
Brooke Taylor  
James P Taylor  
Cillian Tennant  
Lilyana Tepper  
Isabella Thomas  
Javier Tituana  
Joanna Umanzor  
Christian Versacci  
Noelis Villalta Garcia  
Robert Vintimilla  
Ethan Walker  
Brooklynn Werthner  
Jaiden White  
Joseph Whitfield  
Rylie Wiegand  
Cameron Wolters  
Mackenzie Wood  
Julia Zozzaro



# Family Ministry

## It was a Super Sandwich Sunday!



A great big thanks to all who helped out at Sandwich Sunday last week. We made over 200 sandwiches for Lighthouse Mission! It was absolutely WONDERFUL to see so many families come to help. Our next Sandwich Sunday is Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in the school cafeteria! Please come and live the true spirit of Advent by taking some of our precious time to help those in need.



## Moms on the Journey



Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM in the Upper Room of the Barn. All Moms are welcome!



## St. John's Parish Tree Lighting

The Parish Tree Lighting will be held on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM on the lawn between the Convent and the Parish Office / Rectory. Come watch as we light our newly planted Douglas Fir, sing some carols, and enjoy a nice cup of hot chocolate and some Advent treats! If you would like to help string the lights (before the 5<sup>th</sup>) or help with the set-up / clean-up of the hospitality that evening please contact the Office of Family Ministry at [Clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:Clapham@sjecm.org). Hope to see you there!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

The Arm of  
**ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE**  
is visiting the United States and is coming to  
THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTER

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need.



**DATE:** Monday, November 27, 2023

**CHURCH:** St. Jude Roman Catholic Church

**ADDRESS:** 89 Overlook Drive - Mastic Beach, New York 11951 (631) 281-5743

**VENERATION BEGINS:** 1:00 PM

**SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE:** 7:00 PM

**VENERATION ENDS:** 10:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR OTHER LOCATIONS



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VISIT [www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com](http://www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com) FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

## Bereavement Support Group...

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

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

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

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

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

**FACILITATORS:** Maureen Hamey & Loretta Gallagher

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

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

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

## Street Ministry

### CLOSET CLEAN OUT !!

St. John's Street Ministry is in **DESPERATE** need of men's jeans, sweatshirts, and coats - all sizes.

Donations can be left in Fellowship Hall of the Church.



Thank you for your support of  
Our Outreach Ministry

# Knights of Columbus Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



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

The graphic features a yellow background with several bingo balls (blue with number 4, red with number 5, yellow with number 1, green with number 2) and lottery cards scattered around the central text. A pencil is also visible near the bottom right.

## Christmas Wreath Sale

Queen of All Hearts, Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Wreaths after Masses the Weekend of November 25th & 26th.

The cost of the wreathes is \$30. Monies raised to benefit the Mission Middle School at OLQA.



Knights of Columbus held a food drive on 11/4 in front of King Kullen and collected over 1700 pounds of food for Ernie's place!



TOTUS TUUS

SJE Men's Group

# MEN'S DAY RETREAT

"Encounter With Christ"

with

*Fr. Jerry DiSpigno*

SATURDAY  
December 2nd  
10-5pm

\$20 free will offering is  
respectfully requested

Parish Auditorium

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

# Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Español los Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia.

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

## MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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

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

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

### Requisitos:

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

### Matrimonios:

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

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

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

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

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

## DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

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

Jueves 15 h. a las 4 PM.

## TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9 a 12 h.

## COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 PM

auditorio de la escuela

## MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

19:15 (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

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

## Safe Environment Updates...

All **volunteers** and employees at SJE are **required** to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the VIRTUS classes by visiting [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) or clicking here:

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

### REMINDERS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

All **SJE employees and volunteers must** wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your "spam" or "Junk" folder.)

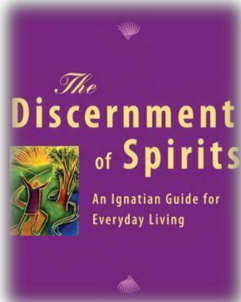
### PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

The dedicated telephone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse (516-694-9063) continues to be available. If the caller does not reach someone directly, messages can be left on an answering machine connected to the phone. Those messages will be retrieved by a member of the Intervention Team and returned as soon as possible. All appropriate steps will be taken to protect the reputation and privacy of those involved. For more information on the Charter for the Protection of Children / Young People, please visit [drvc.org](http://drvc.org).



## Women's Group...

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Men's Prayer Group...



### CALLING ALL MEN!

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

## Ernie's Place

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

### Pantry Shopping List

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Ketchup
- Spaghetti
- Bag lentils
- Peanut butter
- Can red beans
- Bag red beans
- Ramen noodles



# COFFEE with JESUS

## Advent Zoom Webinars

### Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings in December:

**December 1, 8, 15, 22**

Online Advent Reflections

### on Scripture Readings

with the special emphasis  
on Mary, Joseph and Jesus.



Great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind and heart,  
in preparation for Christmas.

To register,  
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850  
or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the  
ZOOM Webinar information prior to each session  
of this Advent series.



\$10



St. John the Evangelist  
125th Anniversary

# Keepsake Christmas Ornament

On sale this weekend,  
November 18th & 19th,  
after each Mass.

Get yours before supplies run out!

Also available in the parish office, during office hours.

## SJE Thrift Shop

OPEN  
Wednesdays  
9 AM to 12 Noon



Watch  
live & on  
demand.



[www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org)

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Queen of All Hearts - Knights of Columbus



# BLACK FRIDAY FOOTBALL

## NOVEMBER 24TH



**\$10 Admission - Doors Open at 2pm**  
**Half time buffet - snacks - soft drinks - BYOB**

Moriches Community Center  
313 Frowein Road, Center Moriches

**\$10 pool to win Big Screen TV**

Winner need not be present.

FOR INFORMATION CALL  
JIM 631-838-0271 OR  
GEORGE 631-786-1459

**OPEN TO ALL, BRING THE FAMILY & FRIENDS!**  
**50/50 - POOLS & RAFFLES**

# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous– BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament– SC
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open—Ernie’s Place
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous-Men only- BMR

## Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous– BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament– SC
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous– BMR
- 7 PM Divine Will—Front Mtg Rm-Auditorium

## Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

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

## Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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

## Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

## Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

## Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous– BMR

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



### Important DRVC Information...

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese’s bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page:  
<https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

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

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



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time "Give your heart to your spouse."

Proverbs 31:10-12: "When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls, Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life." Give your heart to your spouse. Give your spouse good things. Love your spouse always. Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

*January 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY*

*February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 631-486-8607 or <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

### Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Worldwide Marriage Encounter está patrocinando una variedad de experiencias matrimoniales en persona y virtuales, algunas los fines de semana y otras los siete días de la semana. Las parejas explorarán su relación entre ellos, Dios y la Iglesia. El registro es limitado y se requiere una tarifa de solicitud de \$100. Para más información o para aplicar, llame al Felipe y Rosa Ruano Teléfono 203-979-6109 o [renuevatumatrimonio.org](http://renuevatumatrimonio.org).

The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

WWME is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.