

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



November 24, 2024

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty ~ Psalm 93



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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 30<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Abin

6:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

\*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](http://www.olqany.org)

**Dawn Waller**

Principal

[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto: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 Coordinator of Family Ministries...

*Submitted with humility and love by Carolyn Lapham*



When Fr. Patrick asked me to write the “page 3 letter” for this Sunday, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, I readily accepted his invitation. I love this feast and so I thought writing about it would be easy. Then I sat down to write. I prayed...waiting for Divine Inspiration. I waited some more and still nothing. I asked myself what my fellow parishioners would want to read? I waited. Nothing was coming...no inspiration...no brainstorm...not even a drizzle. I couldn't figure out why God wasn't answering my prayers for a direction in which to go. With the deadline for the bulletin quickly approaching, I decided to turn to one of my favorite resources, Fr. Mike Schmitz. For those of you who do not know Fr. Mike, he is an American Catholic priest, author, public speaker, podcaster and Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota. As I searched his endless repertoire of articles, homilies, and podcasts about Christ the King, I was drawn to one in particular. It was entitled, The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, The King of

the Universe. A God You Can't Control”. I listened carefully to Fr. Mike and it turned out that what I thought was an independent act of desperation, was actually God's answer to my prayer. This message was exactly what God wanted me to hear...hopefully it's what He wants you to hear too!

The reflection below is taken in large part from Fr. Mike Schmitz's homily given on 11/20/2022. You can find the complete homily on You Tube (<https://youtu.be/S5G01hqunA0?si=03wsWARDEheh1ynz>).

The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is a relatively “new” feast. It was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in response to what was happening in the world. In the 1920's there was the rise of atheism, the rise of communism, the rise of socialism. There were turbulent regime changes in Russia, Mexico and parts of Europe. During that time Mexico was a country that was 90% Catholic, **active** Catholics. Politicians rose to power in Mexico who made the practice of the Catholic faith illegal. Overnight churches, convents, seminaries and schools were shut down. The Catholic church and its faithful were being threatened, as was civilization itself. Pope Pius XI saw the human heart losing its sense of self. Amidst these upheavals, in his encyclical, Pope Pius XI argued that “men must look for the peace of Christ in the kingdom of Christ.” And so this solemn feast was inserted into the liturgical calendar. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church year.

In this homily, Fr. Mike reminds us of the truth that prompted Pope Pius XI to act. No authority, nor government, gives us our worth. A good authority upholds your worth. A bad authority violates it. But there is only ONE who has absolute claim on your life, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Accordingly, all other authorities are limited. If we know this as Catholics, then it is our response to this truth that has to be examined. He points out that there are two typical responses to fear. Fear lies to us and drives us to either **seize control** or to **cede control**. At first glance, ceding control, or surrendering may be viewed as weakness...as giving up. But to whom we relinquish control is the key.

We have a King...a King on a cross. But why is He on the cross? He is on the cross to let us know, that while He is the King of the Universe and although he has dominion over all, He doesn't dominate. And although He is a God we can't control, He **is** a God we can trust. So, on this Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, perhaps we can take a minute to do a little soul searching and ask ourselves these questions:

- ◇ When faced with fear and uncertainty, will I **choose to be obedient** to God or to will I try to control things myself?
- ◇ In every circumstance, will I **surrender** to my King? Will I submit to **His will** for my situation? My struggle? My relationship? My decision?
- ◇ Will I give my King access to my **whole** self?
- ◇ Will I let Jesus Christ be the Lord of **my** Life...the King of **my** universe?

Here in the United States, we are permitted to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us come to mass with gratitude for all that we have. As we stand side by side every Sunday, let's listen to His word, give Him the glory, humbly accept His mercy and love; and pray for the grace to trust and to surrender. It's crazy, but the King of the Universe wants to give **us** His heart. How will we respond?

## Masses for the Week...

### Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Weekday

5:00 PM Robert Salomone

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

### Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Goncalo Rego

12:00 Noon Antoinette Stabile

### Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Liz DellaRatta

12:00 Noon Virginia Dunn

### Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Elizabeth Gasparro

12:00 PM Richard Meyer

### Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM (only) The People of the Parish

### Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM James R. Faulkner

12:00 Noon Edward Belvezzi

### Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> Saint Andrew, Apostle

8:00 AM Paula Rubino

5:00 PM Barbara Tanoff

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Rev. John Corcoran

10:00 AM Ruth Ramos

12:00 Noon Mary and William Lebold

6:00 PM Robert Fives



### PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$821,318	46	\$17,855
2023	\$775,349	46	\$16,855

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

**2024**  
CATHOLIC  
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APPEAL  
DIocese of Knoxville Council

*Revitalizing our Faith -  
Renewed by the Eucharist*



As of 11/19/2024	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	255	291
Total Pledged to date	\$106,836	\$99,967
Avg. Gift	\$419	\$344
Percent of Goal	93%	87%

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!

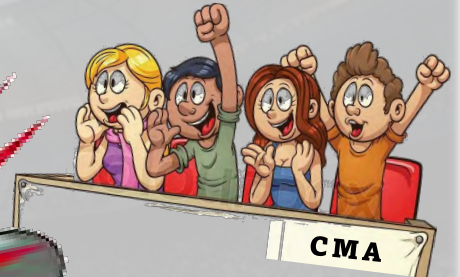




# St. John the Evangelist RCC 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal



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

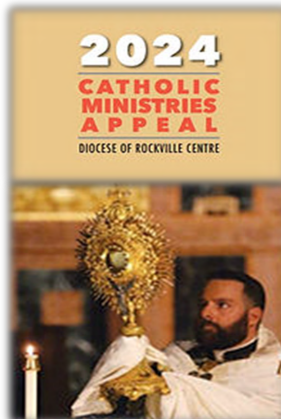


**\*Please help us meet our goal.\***

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

**ONLY 5 WEEKS TO GO!**

*We appreciate your support! [www.catholicministriesappeal.org](http://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.**





***"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.**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Down Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



St. John the Evangelist...

November 24, 2024

# 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





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# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Theresa Albano + Anthony Chiamonte  
Carol Marie Borgi + Charles Pisano  
Walter Casey + Marie Elaine Casey  
Anne Molter

“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

Carole De Somma + Nicole Iorio  
Gloria Rosato + Gerri Planz  
Margaret Lyle + Patricia Barry  
Barbara Mulholland

“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).



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

*Anthony James Sessa*

This week, the Altar Candles will be lit in memory of:

*Barbara Tanoff*

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



## Queen of All Hearts Council 4126



# Christmas Wreath Sale



\$30 each

Saturday, November 30th and  
Sunday, December 1st after Masses.

All proceeds go to support Our Lady Queen of Apostles



[www.kofc4126.com](http://www.kofc4126.com)





## 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 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 27<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.



*Adoration*  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
at  
St. John the Evangelist

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

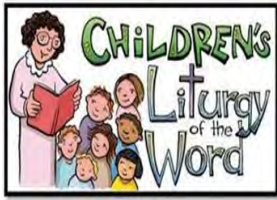
On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM.

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



# The Office of Family Life Ministry



Once again our Children's Liturgy of the Word program brought the scriptures to life for our parish children. With our DRE, Michelle Pirraglia, as our guest homilist, the children talked about "being ready" for Jesus when He comes again. The children demonstrated tremendous insight into what "being ready" looks like for us as Catholics.

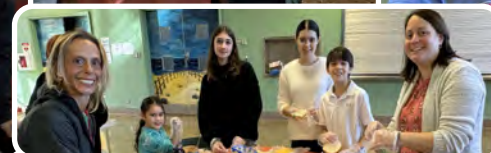


## Sandwich Sunday

Last Sunday our SJE Families were joined by some of our Level 7 Faith Formation students to make sandwiches for those in need.

**We made 640 sandwiches!**

We are certainly living out the corporal works of mercy at SJE! Our next Sandwich Sunday is December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 Mass. All are Welcome!







*Give the gift of a Catholic education this Christmas season!*



★ Since 2005, more than \$34 million in scholarships provided

★ Approximately 25,000 students served

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*"We are sincerely grateful, humbled and excited to commence this Catholic education journey with my daughter. Our hopes for her would not be possible if it were not for this award!"*

*~ THF 24-25 Scholarship Recipient*

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## Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

**Contact Us!**

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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!





# Faith Formation

At our "Family of Faith" sessions this month, families learned about how we are made in the image and likeness of God and that God is promise keeper. The Old Testament Patriarchs paid us a visit (thanks to the dads who volunteered to get dressed up and let us know about their Bible figure!). Students had to decide which Old Testament patriarch each one was representing. Our youth volunteers acted out skits to help students understand how we are to be the image of God in the world. Special thanks to all our presenters and youth and adult volunteers who made the night a fun and faith-filled experience!



## 2024 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website. ([sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org), click on "Faith Formation")

### LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Next Session:

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM in the Church ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER SERVICE. This is a parent/student event. Please remember to bring the item from your Giving Tree Ornament to this session.

### LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Session:

Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM in the Church ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER SERVICE. This is a parent/student event. Please remember to bring the item from your Giving Tree Ornament to this session.

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

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM or 7:00 PM in the Church (Come to the Parish Tree Lighting between sessions on Tuesday, 12/5 on the Convent Lawn! The event will begin at 6:15 PM. There will be refreshments and caroling!).





# SJE Christmas Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 3rd  
at 6:15 PM

The Parish Tree Lighting  
will be held on the lawn  
between the Convent and  
the Parish Office/ Rectory.  
Come watch as we light  
our parish tree, sing some  
carols, and enjoy a nice cup  
of hot chocolate and some  
Advent treats!

Hope to see you there!



# 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



Our Street Ministry sorting closet volunteers have been very busy organizing, folding and sorting all of the many clothing and toiletry donations we receive. The items get loaded onto our Street Ministry van and go right to those in need in our community every Thursday night. These amazing volunteers work very hard every week, we are so grateful for them! Thank you all!



## 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](mailto:streetministry@sjecm.org).

### 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!





Queen of All Hearts - Knights of Columbus



# BLACK FRIDAY FOOTBALL

## NOVEMBER 29TH

**\$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**

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## A Message from Msgr. Walden...



There are many different kinds of power in the world we live in. There is solar power, wind power, electric power, and gasoline power. There is also the power of human beings to produce inventions that make our lives fuller and richer. We no longer depend on wind power to cross oceans but fly over them in airplanes. Horses have long been replaced by the cars in our driveways. And it seems like almost everyday there is something else we can do with our computers and electronic devices that will make our lives easier, more informative, and more enriched.

Today we come to the last Sunday of the current Church year and we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel for today's Mass (John 18:33-37) we see Pilate asking Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" In other words, what kind of power do you have? The power of Jesus is not the power to rule the world or nations politically or regally, but the power to offer us the way to the fullness of life in this world and eternal life when we die. He did not come to conquer, overwhelm, or keep us line, but to open our minds and hearts to the Way, Truth, and Life that He is, and invites us to experience with Him and one another. His is the power to love when there is rejection, to open way to reconciliation with Him and one another. His is the power to love in the face of utter, brutal, and complete rejection. Defeating evil cannot happen with victory that destroys the loser, but with humble reconciliation based on a desire to be generous in apologizing and generous in granting forgiveness. In a book I am using in my morning prayer time, there is this observation about St. Paul: "He loved to the point of being unreasonable." That could be thought as we contemplate the passion and death of Jesus. Up to His last breath He spoke only words of forgiveness, love, and mercy. As fruitless and futile His suffering on the cross seemed to those who crucified Him and to those who were His followers and close friends, the love and mercy of Jesus on the cross is the love and mercy we all need in our lives, both as those who sin against others and sin against God Himself.

The power of Christ the King is the love that never stops hoping, never stops forgiving, and never stops seeking to embrace us. We are not His subjects, but as we hear Jesus say in Matthew 12:50: "For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother." The will of our Heavenly Father is that we open our minds and hearts to the one He loves and who seeks us bring us into their life. Our power is not to convert the world and defeat evil but the power of being generous, kind, thoughtful, merciful, and attentive with the love in our hearts everyday of our

lives. Ours is the power to enrich and bring light to whoever we are with and in whatever we are doing. The question to us is not, "Are you the King of the Jews?" The question to ponder is: Do I trust Jesus to be my Way, Truth, and Life? Do my words, thoughts, and actions reveal that answer to myself and those I am with everyday of my life? "For whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4-5) "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." (John 10:14)

*I offer these words from Psalm 33 and its prayer:*

Let all the earth fear the Lord  
all who live in the world revere him.  
He spoke; and it came to be.  
He commanded; it sprang into being.  
He frustrates the designs of the nations,  
he defeats the plans of the peoples.  
His own designs shall stand for ever,  
the plans of his heart from age to age.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own.  
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,  
he sees all the children of men.  
From the place where he dwells he gazes  
on all the dwellers on the earth;  
he who shapes the hearts of them all;  
and considers all their deeds.  
A king is not saved by his army,  
nor a warrior preserved by his strength.  
A vain hope for safety is the horse;  
despite its power it cannot save.  
The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.  
Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
In him do our hearts find joy.  
We trust in his holy name.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. Glory...

*Psalm Prayer: Nourish your people, Lord, for we  
hunger for your word. Rescue us from the death of sin  
and fill us with your mercy, that we may share  
your presence and the joy of all the saints.*





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



## 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:** December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>,

February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>,

May 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>\*, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto: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.*





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 p.m. los martes.

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

[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 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!

## Bringing God's Gift of Healing to the World...

*Are you ready to be Healed, Equipped & Sent on an Isaiah 61 Mission to Heal the World in Front of You...?*

**Saturday, December 7th 12:30 - 10pm EST**

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743

Every member of the Church is given supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit that equips us to share in Christ's mission. Hosted by Father Liam McDonald and the parish of St. Therese of Lisieux, the inspiring Dr. Healy will guide you through Sacred Scripture, and the richness of Catholic teaching on the healing work of Jesus and how we can experience it in our own lives.

**Admission of \$125** includes uplifting praise and worship music, afternoon sessions on Healing Ministry, book signing, and dinner, followed by a Healing Service led by Dr. Healy. Reduced rate for clergy; opportunity to make donations at different levels for those otherwise unable to attend.

Dr. Mary Healy is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and a best-selling author and international speaker. She is a general editor of the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture and author of two of its volumes, The Gospel of Mark and Hebrews. Her other books include The Spiritual Gifts Handbook and Healing.

Dr. Healy serves the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian unity as a member of the Pentecostal-Catholic International Dialogue. She is one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is a consultant to the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacrament.





## 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Parish Offices Close at Noon)

- 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Parish Offices Closed)

- 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Parish Offices Closed)

- 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
- NO BINGO FRIDAY 11/29/24**

## Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

## Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mtg. Room  
BUR - Barn Upper Room  
SC - Seton Chapel