



# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

November 23, 2025

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord ~ Psalm 122





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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 29<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Francis

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Jerry

6:00 PM - Fr. Charlince

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

## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**  
Pastor

**Reverend Charlince Vendredy**  
Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden**  
Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Francis Lasrado**  
Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**  
Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**  
Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**  
Deacon

**Michael Hoonhout**  
Deacon

**Ed Grieb**  
Deacon

**Katie Waller**  
Director of Operations

**Carolyn Lapham**  
Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Heather Crayne**  
Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Angela Werner**  
Director of Music Ministry

## Mass Schedule

## OLQA

### Our Lady Queen of Apostles

**Regional Catholic School** (on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033 (ext. 201)

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

**Dawn Waller**, Principal  
[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller@olqany.org)

## Office Hours

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**Monday:** 9 AM - 7:30 PM

**Tuesday:** 9 AM - 7:30 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

**Wednesday:** 9 AM - 4:00 PM

**Thursday:** 9 AM - 7:30 PM

**Friday:** 9 AM - 2 PM

**Saturday:** 9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

## Confession Schedule

We celebrate the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &

7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

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

# A Message from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...

## *Feast of Christ the King (Luke 23:35-43)*

### *The Importance and Relevance of Today's Feast*

**For us to fully understand** the importance and the significance of today's feast, one has to understand the origins of today's feast, which was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. With the rise of dictatorships and monarchs all around the world and with an increase of worldly power and agendas, Pope Pius saw the urgency and the necessity of instituting this glorious feast of Christ the King at the end of the liturgical year. He wanted the world to redirect their attention to the end-times, the Day of Judgment. He wanted to redirect the world's attention back to Christ, our Sovereign King and Ruler.

**During the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century**, so many people were turning elsewhere for truth and understanding. The world as a whole was losing its way. There was a disregard for human life and Christian values. People were more focused on worldly assets and worldly power than they were in seeking Christ in their lives. Many were placing their trust in people and things that only gave them a false sense of hope and belonging in the end.

**Today marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of this glorious feast. And yet, after a hundred years we still see the need and relevance behind today's feast of Christ the King because it is so easy for us as a world and as individuals to lose our way. There is more technology at our disposal than there was a hundred years ago. We have cars, televisions, computers, cell phones and so much more that can easily pull our attention away from the Lord. Just the increase in technology, violence and lack of respect for humanity and for one's faith and religion are enough to wake us up.

**We see today's feast** as an important reminder of turning our attention back to the Lord, who alone is all truthful and powerful. Today's feast is as relevant for us today as it was one hundred years ago because the world is always finding new ways to draw our attention away from the Lord. There is so much going on in our world and lives today that makes it difficult for us to stay connected to Jesus. It is never easy to enter more deeply into the mysteries of God with so much noise and chaos in our world today. There is a hunger for truth and holiness, yet at the same time, there is so much division that separates us and that distracts us from doing what is right and just before God. It is so hard to stay focused and connected to the Lord in prayer and reflection with everything going on around us.

**It is clear in today's gospel** that true power is power that draws us closer to God. We see that power coming from the cross that brought salvation to humanity. "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." What powerful words coming from the King of the Jews and the King of the Universe. Instead of condemning the one being crucified next to Him, Jesus responds with mercy and love because He sees into this man's heart. He sees his desire for change. His encounter with Jesus on this first Good Friday changed him. All he wanted was to remain with Jesus forever. His encounter with Jesus during their crucifixion increased his awareness

and understanding of Jesus' Kingship and the power behind His Kingdom. He knew in his heart that Jesus' Kingship and Kingdom superseded all other earthly kingdoms and kingships.

**Today's feast** invites us to a change of heart. It invites us to grow in our appreciation and understanding of who Jesus is. Today's feast invites us to redirect our attention back to the Lord who is the fulfillment of all of our hopes and longings. It reminds us that Jesus is the one who is in command. It reminds us that Jesus is Lord and Ruler of the Universe who is in total control and who is all powerful. Jesus shows us in today's gospel that it is love and mercy that has the power to transform hearts. It is mercy and kindness that brings us and others closer to God, not wealth or worldly power, but the Lord Himself. It is the Lord who can lead us into paradise, not society with all of its riches and powers. It is only Jesus Himself who can heal our broken hearts.

**Today's feast** reminds us that our allegiance should be to Christ and to Christ alone, not towards some worldly figure or politician because we all belong to Christ at baptism. We are now part of God's family. Today's feast reminds us how important it is to stay connected to Jesus who has the words of everlasting life. We are reminded once again that it is Jesus who frees us and restores us back to wholeness. It is Jesus who loves us and who shows us the way to paradise. It is the power behind His Kingship and Kingdom that redeems us and sets us free. It is the power of His Word that is spoken from the cross that draws humanity closer to God and deeper into the mysteries of life.

**Since today's feast** marks the conclusion of another liturgical year, what a perfect time for us to examine our lives! How close are we to Jesus? Where do we invest most of our time and energy as we go about our daily lives? How connected are we to Jesus today? Do we spend more time listening to worldly figures and politicians than we do listening to the Lord? There is no question that we have so much to attend to each day. But how much time do we spend with Jesus? If we believe that He is the King of the Universe and Ruler of the World who will judge us accordingly on the last day, then how come we spend more time pleasing others instead of God? Why do we focus so much time and energy on worldly events and agendas when, in the end, it all comes down to Jesus who can heal us and save us?

**Next weekend**, we begin a new Season of Advent. A season of restored hope. It is a new season filled with new hope and new joy in the Lord. It is a time to recall God's great promise for humanity. Advent reminds us of a better future with God. It reminds us that we are pilgrims on a journey searching for truth and understanding in our world. Advent marks a new beginning in our lives. It is the beginning of a new liturgical year that invites us to look to Christ more often knowing of our great treasure in heaven, life without end!



*Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!*

# Masses for the Week...

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

8:00 AM Vicky Goebels  
 5:00 PM Robert J. Bramanti  
 7:30 PM *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 King of the Universe**

8:00 AM William Hope  
 10:00 AM Ferdinand and Evelyn Giese  
 12:00 Noon Cecilia Giustino  
 6:00 PM Anna Luongo

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

7:00 AM Antonina Spaeth  
 12:00 Noon John Tomossoni

**Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

7:00 AM Special Intention - Fr. Patrick Riegger  
 12:00 PM Barbara Tanoff

**Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

7:00 AM Patricia Cuff  
 12:00 Noon Liz DellaRatta

**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> Weekday (Thanksgiving)**

9:00 AM People of the Parish (Blessing of the Food)

**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

7:00 AM Antoinette Oliveri  
 12:00 Noon Frank Maresca

**Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

8:00 AM Special Intention - Greco & Lamaruggine Families  
 5:00 PM William and Michael Cantillo  
 7:30 PM *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM John Fitzpatrick  
 10:00 AM Barbara Tanoff  
 12:00 Noon Special Intention - Joan Murphy  
 6:00 PM Kevin McCormack

The clergy and staff of St. John the Evangelist would like to wish you all a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!



We offer our sincerest congratulations to Seminarian Patrick O'Brien, a parishioner here at St. John the

Evangelist who was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Brennan along with three of his classmates on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at Saint Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, NY. Deacon Patrick will be ordained to the priesthood in June 2026 by Bishop Barres. Please continue to keep Deacon Patrick in your thoughts and prayers as he prepares to receive the gift of priesthood.

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$831,015	46	\$18,066
2024	\$821,318	46	\$17,855

# 2025

**Please help us reach our goal!**

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE-CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist  
 Sent on Mission*



As of 11/18/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	246	255
Total Pledged to date	\$94,054	\$106,836
Avg. Gift\$	\$382	\$419
Percent of Goal	82%	93%

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...*

# THANKSGIVING

# Mass

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

9:00AM THURSDAY\*  
NOVEMBER 27th

At this liturgy, we...

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



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

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



# 2025

## Every Gift Counts!

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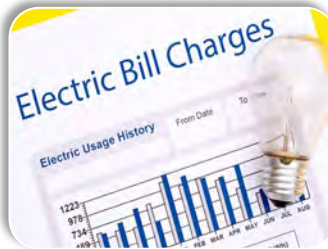


**A gift of \$25** may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.



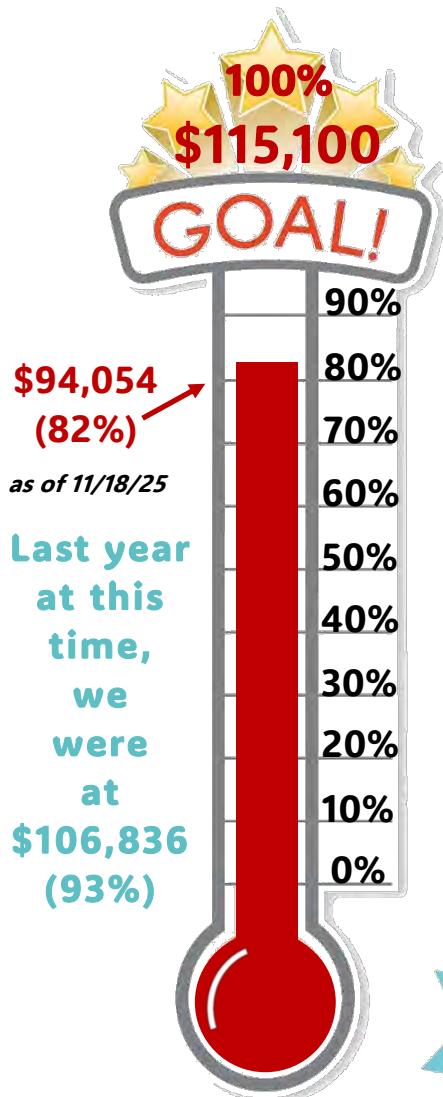
**A gift of \$1,000** may help support a Seminarian's education.

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



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

## Please help us reach our goal!



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

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



**SCAN TO DONATE**





## 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 26<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 – Year A Now Available!

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

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



SAVE THE DATE...

Parish Christmas  
Tree Lighting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH



SJE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

## Our Military

**Joan Humphrey + James Pasciutti**

“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

<b>Ray Galpin</b>	<b>Michael Redmond</b>
<b>Jennifer Deschler</b>	<b>Alessandra Veloso Valentim</b>
<b>Eileen &amp; Chuck DeRicco</b>	<b>Daniel Treadwell</b>
<b>Michael Campanello</b>	<b>Rev. Matthew Considine</b>
<b>Bill Hasper</b>	<b>Margaret Frost</b>
<b>Joseph Martino</b>	<b>Millie McDonald</b>
<b>Baby Isabelle Reyes</b>	<b>Valentino Liuzzi</b>
<b>Mark Havens</b>	<b>Patricia Farrell</b>
<b>Marianne DiGangi</b>	<b>Suzan Fitzpatrick</b>
<b>Michael Lankau</b>	<b>Tony Lupo</b>

“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).

### US Marine Corps

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

### US Air Force

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

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).

### US Navy

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

### US Army

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

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

*Susan Kagel*

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 \$250 is requested.**

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

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

### Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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





Queen of All Hearts Council 4126



# *Christmas Wreath Sale*

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**\$30 each**

**The weekend of November 29th & 30th  
outside the church, after Masses.**

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



Please fill out the form below and let us know how you can help! It can be dropped in the basket at Church, brought to the rectory office or emailed to [Christmas@SJEcm.org](mailto:Christmas@SJEcm.org)  
NO LATER than SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th.

Name: .....

Phone : .....

Email : .....

- ☐ YES! We/I can stuff a stocking for Christmas!
- ☐ YES! We/I can help contact families via phone with pick up times. This would be done on your own time the week of December 8th.
- ☐ YES! We are in need of Spanish speakers to assist with calling our families the week of December 8th.

If you have any questions, please call the social ministry office at 631-878-0009 ext 120 or email [Christmas@SJECm.org](mailto:Christmas@SJECm.org)

Thank you so much for all of your support this  
Christmas in giving to those in need!





# STUFF A STOCKING FOR CHRISTMAS!

This year, Ernie's Place is once again providing complete Christmas meals to those in need. To make the holiday extra special for the families we serve, outreach at parish social ministry would like your help with a new treat: stuff a Christmas stocking for a family!

It's easy to get involved and a great activity for the whole family during the Advent Season!

## How to Help

- Pick up a Christmas stocking
- Stuff it with whatever treats and useful items you'd like.
- Drop it off at the parish auditorium on Thursday, 12/11 between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM

## Stocking Stuffer Ideas

Christmas Candy  
Deck of playing cards  
Snacks  
Pack of tissues  
Crayons  
Small games  
Be as creative as you wish!



Thank you for helping us bring extra  
cheer to families this Christmas!





# Parish Social Ministry



In response to recent hard times facing those in need, outreach at St. John's has been blessed with an outpouring of generosity from the local community to our Street Ministry and our food pantry, Ernie's Place. We'd like to thank the following organizations for their donations:

*Helping Makes U Happy*  
*Starbright Children's Center, Center Moriches*  
*Center Moriches SD National Honor Society*  
*Center Moriches High School Football Team*  
*Moriches Community Center*  
*East Moriches SD National Junior Honor Society*

**THANK YOU! We are grateful for your support!**



## THRIFT SHOP

Our Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday from 9 AM-12 PM. All are welcome to shop! The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish outreach programs to help those in need in our local community.

Donations are greatly appreciated in the green bins in the school parking lot in front of our shop anytime but especially on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9-11 AM!

## ERNIE'S PLACE

Ernie's Place Food Pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday's from 6:30-7:30 PM and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering to serve when we're open or to help re-stock and organize our pantry shelves, please call to join us!

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



## STREET MINISTRY

Our Street Ministry team provides food and clothes to those in need every Thursday night. There are lots of opportunities to get involved whether you like to cook, serve, help load our van or fold clothes. Please reach out for more information!

- ◆ Gloves
- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Single Razors
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Face/Wash cloths
- ◆ Travel Size Shampoo
- ◆ Travel Size Body Lotion
- ◆ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ◆ Women's new Underwear (S, M)
- ◆ Men's new Underwear & Socks (S, M, L, XL)
- ◆ Gently used men's & women's sneakers
- ◆ Gently used men's jeans in size 32, 34 and 36
- ◆ Gently used coats (see donation box in fellowship hall)



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



November 23, 2025

SJE Parish Social Ministry

# Advent Giving Tree



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

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

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



# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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Office Hours: By Appointment Only

*The Office of Faith Formation wishes  
all our parish families a Blessed and  
Happy Thanksgiving!*



## 2025 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 Class Session:**

**Monday, December 1 at 7:15 PM in the Church.**

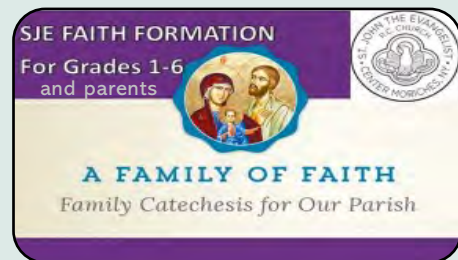
This is a Parent/Student event. Please bring the Advent Giving Tree Donation (unwrapped) to the service!

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

#### **Next Class Session:**

**Tuesday, December 9 at 7:15 PM in the Church.**

This is a Parent/Student event. Please bring the Advent Giving Tree Donation (unwrapped) to the service!



#### **Next Sessions:**

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

**Our Parish Tree Lighting will take place on Thursday, 12/4 between our Family of Faith 5 PM and 7 PM sessions.**

The Tree Lighting will begin at 6:15 PM on the Convent Lawn.

There will be some caroling, and hot chocolate and snacks will be provided.





Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School

**Contact Us!**

631-878-1033  
olqany.org  
Scan QR Code



# HAPPY THANKS GIVING

HAVE A BLESSED DAY





## Men's Prayer Group...



### CALLING ALL MEN!

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

## Bereavement Support...

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

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

**Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon**

First floor meeting room in the Barn.

**REGISTRATION:** Contact the **Rectory** at

631.878.0009 or via email at

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

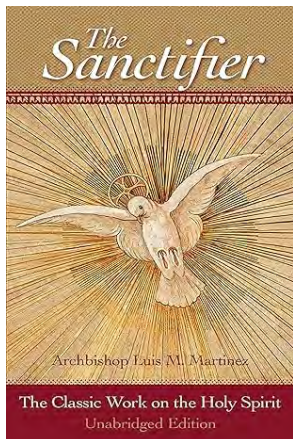
**\$10 donation** for the workbook.

## Women's Group...

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

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

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



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

*God Bless you, Carol & Anita (Moderators)*

*For info call 631-878-0009*

**2025:** December 1, 15

**2026:** January 5, 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23,  
April 13, 27, May 11, 18, June 1, 15, 29

(Summer break July, August, back in September)





SJE Men's Group

# MEN'S DAY RETREAT

*Pilgrims of Hope*

*with*

Fr. Francis Lasrado

**SATURDAY  
December 6th**

**10-5pm**

**SJE Parish Auditorium**

\$20 free will offering is  
respectfully requested

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



# A Message from Monsignor Walden...



The word power can be seen in almost countless ways in our world and in our lives. We worry about the power of hurricanes and tornadoes, the power of nature that we cannot control. There is political power that is pushed into our faces everyday in the news. But today, this Sunday, we celebrate the ultimate meaning and use of power, the power of Jesus Christ the King. We don't so much refer to Him as a king, but that term can help us focus on the personal power we all have as human beings created in the image and likeness of God. The Gospel for today's Mass (Luke 23:35-43) gives the account of Jesus dying on the cross assuring the "good thief" whose simple prayer ("Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom") is answered with these powerful words: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." In spite of the injustice and unbelievable pain and injustice of the cross, Jesus looked beyond Himself with the power of divine love. It is that love that we all so sorely need in our lives and to share personally with all whose lives we touch. It might seem naive to say, but it is exactly the love every person who walks the face of the earth needs to experience, imitate, and share.

We all have power to give life and enrich one another and, sadly, the power to drain life and divide ourselves from one another. We have the power to love or to hate, to get involved or to stand on the sidelines, to bring joy or tension, to bring peace or turmoil, to forgive or to get even, to be generous or selfish, to unite or to divide. Those options are there everyday. There is also the temptation not to get involved in seeking reconciliation or standing on the sidelines when opportunities to do good come our way. It is interesting that the Gospel given for today's Mass is from the Passion of Jesus in Luke's Gospel. Yet it is when Jesus seems so powerless and an innocent victim that He is most powerful. His desire is not to strike back with threats or words of damnation. His desire is to open our minds and hearts to God's love for us and His desire to be part of our lives and, even more, to have us be part of His life not only here in this world, but part of His life forever in heaven. Yes, we have to persevere in fighting evil and temptation. But what Jesus desires and wants us to do is to join with Him in living and being a source of divine love, mercy, truth, and life.

There is no personal script to refer to as we begin each day anew. Living in the light of God's love and mercy we can "jump in with both feet" with open, loving hearts that are grateful to have the opportunities that come our way everyday. No one was ever beyond Jesus' time, attention, concern, mercy or love. He offered them even to those who crucified Him: "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." Ironically the end of that verse says, "they divided his garments by casting lots." (Luke 23:34). Even in the face of indifference as well as rejection, Jesus was KING, working to establish the kingdom of God, which we are so blessed to be part of. May we live everyday as faithful, hopeful, and loving members of His kingdom.

I conclude with the preface for today's Mass, which introduces the Eucharistic Prayer where the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

*Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to  
give You thanks.*

*You anointed Jesus Christ, Your only Son,  
with the oil of gladness,  
as the eternal priest and universal king.  
As priest He offered His life  
on the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race by this  
one perfect sacrifice of peace.  
As king He claims dominion over all creation,  
that He may present to You, His almighty Father,  
an eternal and universal kingdom:  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.*

*And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven  
we proclaim Your glory and join in their  
unending hymn of praise:*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*



The parish extends sincere gratitude to all who participated in the *Holy Hour for Vocations* on November 14th. We also thank Fr. John Crozier for serving as our guest homilist and for his encouraging message. Let us continue to pray for holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life.





## Reduce your 2025 Taxes with a Charitable IRA Rollover!

Are you 70 1/2 or older with an IRA? Consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of up to \$108,000 in 2025 to your parish or other ministry. Satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and keep more of your hard-earned retirement savings out of your taxable income.

A QCD allows an IRA owner (and an IRA beneficiary) aged 70.5 or older to make charitable donations directly through their IRAs. IRA funds are transferred directly from the IRA to a qualified charitable organization. Most importantly, the funds withdrawn and transferred from the traditional IRA are not taxable. Normally, when a withdrawal is made from a traditional IRA, the withdrawal is considered a taxable event.

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

**VERY IMPORTANT!!** Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Charity. If you receive the money first, then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution

Beyond annual giving, an IRA Charitable Rollover can be a powerful tool for estate planning. Consider naming our organization as a beneficiary of your IRA, leaving a legacy of support that aligns with your values and lessening the tax burden on your heirs.

For more information on Qualified Charitable Distributions, please call Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257

*This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.*



Knights of Columbus

**BINGO**

*Night*

Every Friday  
Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.  
Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.

**\$3000 IN PRIZES**

SJE Parish Auditorium




Save the date

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

GF Handel's

**The Messiah**

DECEMBER 14 AT 3 PM



*Adoration*  
of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday from  
3:00 - 7:00 PM

+ Seton Chapel + In the Convent of  
St. John the Evangelist

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM. All are invited to pray for our Shepherds. Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

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



## Comunidad Hispano...

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

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

### MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

#### BAUTISMO:

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

#### Requisitos:

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

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia.

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

#### CASAMIENTO:

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

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

## The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

This feast is a holy day of obligation.

Mass times in the church:

7:00 AM

12 Noon

7:30 PM







## 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.

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# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (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
- 7 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

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

## Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

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

## Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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