

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

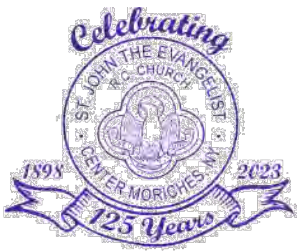


December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

“Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation”

Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14, R.v.8



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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, December 16th

5:00 PM - Fr. Felix

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 17th

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Fr. Felix

*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 Felix Akpabio

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

Carolyn Lapham

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Andrew McKeon

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Michelle Pirraglia

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Katie Waller

Director of Operations

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Regional Catholic School**

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Dawn Waller

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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.

Mass Schedule

Confession Schedule

A Message from the Coordinator of Family Ministry



How did your week of watchfulness go? Mine went really well! I definitely saw God's hand at work in so many places.

The first week of Advent called us to be vigilant...to be on guard...to be more attentive. We were invited to be more attentive to our relationship with Jesus...more in tune to the many ways that Jesus invites us to draw closer to Him. And as we draw closer, we become more vulnerable...we share more freely...we hold back less. And so the work of Advent began. Throughout these days, we become ever so aware that we need a Savior and ever so grateful that our Heavenly Father felt we were worth sending one. And as our eyes and hearts are opened, we see more clearly, more frequently, how Jesus is working in our lives through the scriptures, through those around us, and in the natural beauty of our world. Let us remain vigilant so we don't miss a single, divine love note.

This week, our work continues with the challenge to, "Prepare the way of the Lord." But how can a retired school teacher, a single mom, an accountant, a police officer, a nurse, a doctor, an engineer, a landscaper, a chef, an aging widower, a teenager, a retail store manager or an elementary school student and everybody else, "Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!"? How can we fill in every valley and make every mountain and hill low? What can we do to turn rugged land into a plain and rough country into a broad valley? Let's ponder that for a moment or two...or three.

Are we to pawn this job off on a civil engineering firm who can survey the land, adjust elevations and design straight roadways? I think not. As faith-filled, God-fearing Christians we don't have to contract with a company to get this project going. We need some quiet time and a willingness to take a good, long, honest look within our hearts and our lives to see where the bumpy roads are.

Perhaps we are stuck in the valley due to difficult circumstances that are beyond our control. How can we fill in that valley when others aren't willing to meet us halfway or we can't change the existing circumstances? We know that if we grab a shovel and start backfilling that valley with honesty, acceptance and hope, immediately we will have a partner helping us. One whose shovel is mightier than ours...one who can and will work harder and faster and with unfathomable determination to get us out of the valley. We can trust that if we want out...He will never leave us in the valley. That's just how The Savior is.

Perhaps it's not a valley, but a mountain or hill that is blocking the way; seemingly insurmountable obstacles that prevent us from moving forward. How can we make that mountain navigable? The tools to "make low the hill" may be well within our reach; but the choice to reach for them and start chipping away at the mountain is ours. Oh there they are...right in my toolbox! But these are the tools that you can get hurt with, especially if you're not careful. Sometimes we'd prefer not to even use them at all, rather than risk getting hurt! You know the tools that I'm talking about...authentic self-assessment...the willingness to see another perspective... admitting I'm wrong or afraid or unsure... asking for and offering forgiveness... and of course, there's that amazing tool...unconditional love. They're not easy tools to work with, but the Master welcomes and guides every apprentice who genuinely wants to learn how to use them well. He will work overtime to help you break down that barrier. That's what The Savior does.

But what about the rough and rugged land? How the heck can we turn that into a lush valley and a fruited plain? That might mean we have to grab the cultivator and the rototiller before we can scatter seed. But the cultivator of tenderness, acceptance and encouragement and the rototiller of understanding and patience can really do a great work with a hardened heart, especially when the hand of the Master guides that tiller over the roughest patches. And then when it's comes to sowing the seeds...the timing and follow-up care are critical. Good thing we have The Divine Sower to lead the way. He will work that rough land with you until the ground is fertile and ready to accept seed. He will sow seeds, even while you rest and water it, even if you forget. He's even more invested in making this part of your life fruitful, than you are. That's the commitment to you that the Savior has.

So dear friends, it's clear that we need The Savior. Let us continue the work of Advent, using the tools we have been generously given, leaning on the Master for guidance, assistance and timing. Let's not take a detour around the rough crooked roads, the deep valleys and the mountains. Let's do the work we need to do, to mend what is broken, make straight what has been twisted, get out of the valleys in which we have been stuck, and climb the heck out of those mountains that have frightened and paralyzed us. We know we won't go it alone and through the surrender of our wills and the entrusting of our hearts to Him... we will, in fact, be preparing the way of the Lord!

God bless you during this Advent season!

Carolyn



Preparing for the Week

Saturday, December 9th

5:00 PM Anthony Ricci
 7:30 PM *Spanish* People of the Parish

Sunday, December 10th *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM James Paulsen
 10:00 AM Katy Dyer
 12:00 Noon Dolores Madigan
 6:00 PM Edward Robert Hopkins

Monday, December 11th *Advent Weekday*

7:00 AM Ernest Vigliotta
 12:00 PM Rosa and Antonio Gucciardo

Tuesday, December 12th *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7:00 AM Marie Bellini
 12 Noon Patrick Mannix

Wednesday, December 13th *Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00 AM James Paulsen
 12 Noon Anne Mintel

Thursday, December 14th *St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

7:00 AM Richard Ackerman
 12 Noon Kristen Bigora

Friday, December 15th *Advent Weekday*

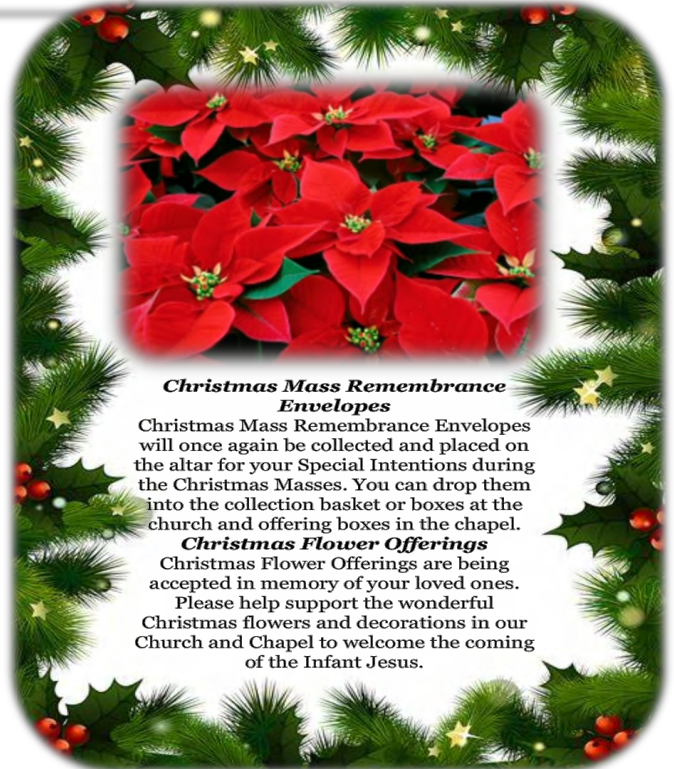
7:00 AM Raymond Reid
 12 Noon Michael Healy

Saturday, December 16th *Advent Weekday*

8:00 AM Harold Clark
 5:00 PM Anna Ostermeyer
 7:30 PM *Spanish* People of the Parish

Sunday, December 17th *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Timothy St. Claire
 10:00 AM Patrick Mannix
 12 Noon Catherine Sikora
 6:00 PM Vera Montalbano



Christmas Mass Remembrance Envelopes

Christmas Mass Remembrance Envelopes will once again be collected and placed on the altar for your Special Intentions during the Christmas Masses. You can drop them into the collection basket or boxes at the church and offering boxes in the chapel.

Christmas Flower Offerings

Christmas Flower Offerings are being accepted in memory of your loved ones. Please help support the wonderful Christmas flowers and decorations in our Church and Chapel to welcome the coming of the Infant Jesus.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2023 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$829,108	48	\$17,273
2022	\$731,956	48	\$15,249



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



	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	298	287
Total Pledged to date	\$101,478	\$107,593
Avg. Gift	\$340	\$375
Percent of Goal	88%	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 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
\$13,622 TO GO!



“Advent, then, is a time for overturning our perspectives ... for letting ourselves be surprised by the greatness of God’s mercy,” -Pope Francis

Pause and Reflect this Advent Season

During the Advent Season we are called to slow down during the frenetic season of shopping, visiting friends and family, baking, wrapping gifts and perhaps even studying for finals.



Are you still struggling to get a unique present for someone special? Consider a gift for all seasons – a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It’s a special gift that touches the lives of over 600,000 people by supporting programs that allow us to build of community of faith, hope and love in our diocese and beyond.

Have you tried Text-to-Give to make a donation! It’s fast and secure.

Go to the following link to find your parish’s keyword: bit.ly/3VFrMCE

**TEXT your parish’s Keyword To:
(516) 271-3338**

How does the **Catholic Ministries Appeal Care for God’s People?** It supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs, providing food and nutrition to more than 15,000 people.

From the Desk of Msgr. Walden

Christmas is now just two weeks away. For most of us, there are probably many things we want to do to prepare for that day. As much as it is about decorations, gifts, cards, and gatherings, even more, Christmas is about a true wonder and act of love on God's part - His entrance into our world and into our lives in the person of Jesus Christ. Two thousand twenty-three years later, we still celebrate His humble, loving entrance into our world. The key is to celebrate the wonder and amazement of God's desire to make us fully a part of His life and to thank Him for His presence in our personal lives.

One of the most beautiful, basic, and simple hopes expressed for what the Messiah would do when He came to save us was proclaimed in the first reading last Monday from Isaiah 2:1-5 where the prophet expressed the hope of every time and nation: "He shall judge between the nations and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again". Personally, we cannot stop the conflicts going on in our nation and in our world, but we can be instruments and lights of hope, love, and peace in all we say and do each day.

In Jesus, God humbly entered our world and preached and lived the words above from Isaiah. Never did He respond to violence with violence or harsh words, only with the love and hope we all seek in our lives. The only obstacle Jesus could not overcome was the reluctance of those who encountered and listened to Him to open their hearts to Him. When we put the "busyness" of our everyday lives and the constant call of our electronic devices to get our attention together, we can easily miss the wonder of what we celebrate at Christmas and, in reality, what we celebrate every Sunday at Mass and every day of our lives - God's love and presence to us. What hope we find when we give God our time, attention and heart. The book I quoted last week was "The Rabbi's Heartbeat" by Brennan Manning. His thoughts are founded on the idea of putting our heads on the chest of Jesus and listening to His heartbeat. His is the heart of indestructible love and mercy, and constant concern and hope. Daily prayer, Sunday Mass are our opportunities to be renewed, inspired, and enlivened by Him.

I **close** with the Prayer of Abandonment from Blessed Charles de Foucauld:

Father,

I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you.

I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul;

I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,

for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,

to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve,
and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.



Praying For and With One Another

Remember

The Souls in Purgatory

"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

Joseph Stillitano
Barbara La Vallee

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

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

Our Military

US Army

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

US Marine Corps

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

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.

US Navy

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Air Force

SSGT David Giese
SSGT Jason M Hermes
PFC Kyle Kerstiens
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
A1C Jared T. Rosato
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar Bread & Wine for the month of December has been donated:



In Memory of Deceased Members of the Ciolino and Hammond Families

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

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.



December

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Creche

Join us after the 10am Family Mass, to bless the Parish Creche



10th
10:00

The Messiah

SJE Parish Family will host...The Choral Society of the Moriches, Inc. invites you to the 84th Season of Handel's Messiah, in the church. Free entry with good will offering.



10th
3:00

Sandwich Sunday

Please come and live the true spirit of Advent by taking some of your precious time to help those in need. In the school cafeteria.



17th
11:00

Advent Confessions

The season of Advent is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the Lord! The sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at SJE on the following days and times. Confessions will be heard between 6:00pm & 9:00pm in the church.



18th
6:00

Lessons and Carols

Come lesson and join in to our Parish Choir at 7pm in the Church



20th
7:00

Church Decorating

Come help SJE Art & Environment Ministry decorate the church for Christmas. Wednesday, December 20th 1:00pm to 4:00pm.



As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Sometimes a white candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize that Jesus is with us. This can be referred to as the "Christ candle."

Each of the candles lit before Christmas represent an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent.

The First Week of Advent Represents: Hope

Candle Name: *the Prophecy Candle* Candle Color: **Purple**

Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church, it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent, we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

The Second Week of Advent Represents: Peace and Preparation

Candle Name: *the Bethlehem Candle* Candle Color: **Purple**

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

The Third Week of Advent Represents: Joy

Candle Name: *the Shepherd's Candle* Candle Color: **Pink**

This third candle is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.

The Fourth Week of Advent Represents: Love

Candle Name: *the Angel's Candle* Candle Color: **Purple**

During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week

Each day during the Fourth week of Advent, at the evening meal (or any time), light the first and second purple candles and the pink candle. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candles.

All make the sign of the cross: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Someone at table reads the Scripture assigned to the liturgy of the day (one or both of the readings may be used).

Go to www.usccb.org to find the readings of the day. Then the Leader continues:

Leader: **Lift up your hearts.**

All respond: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

The Leader prays: **God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

After the meal, the Leader says: **Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

All respond: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

December 10, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | 2 Pt 3:8-14 | Mk 1:1-8

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Can you hear it? The voice crying out in the desert? While John the Baptist was the one literally proclaiming, from the desert, the coming of the Lord, we should listen for echoes of his message today. John foretold that Jesus – the Father’s Incarnate Son – was on his way to redeem the world. Through Jesus’ passion and death, the gates of heaven were flung open so all who believe in him would have eternal life. This is the Good News he proclaimed then, and the Church proclaims today: *Christ has come! Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.* This is what we prepare for in Advent – to celebrate, on Christmas day, Christ’s coming into the world, and that he will one day return in glory. The Lord gives comfort to his people in his words, and in his presence to us in the Eucharist: “According to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” So, trust in the Lord, remain vigilant, and take heed of the voices that remind us to “prepare the way of the Lord.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each year, we are given the gift of Advent. It is a season that invites us to slow down, reflect on the gift of Jesus and prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Ironically, though, it happens at one of the most frenzied times of the year as we rush to keep up with cookie baking, tree decorating and merry-making. Advent is short – it includes four Sundays but can be three to four weeks long depending on the weekday upon which Christmas falls – and it sometimes doesn’t seem long enough to truly prepare our hearts. This year Advent is three weeks and a day – so we are close to reaching the midway point, which is a good time to ask ourselves: How tuned in are we to John the Baptist’s message? If we feel like we’re being carried along in a wave of consumerism, it’s not too late to make a course correction. We can step away from the fray and carve out time to enjoy the stillness of Advent and truly listen to the voice crying out in the desert.

SING *Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,*

One more seed is planted there:

Give up your strength the seed to nourish,

That in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the rose, is on the way.

“Prepare the
way of the Lord,
make straight
his paths.”

(Mk 1:3)

St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

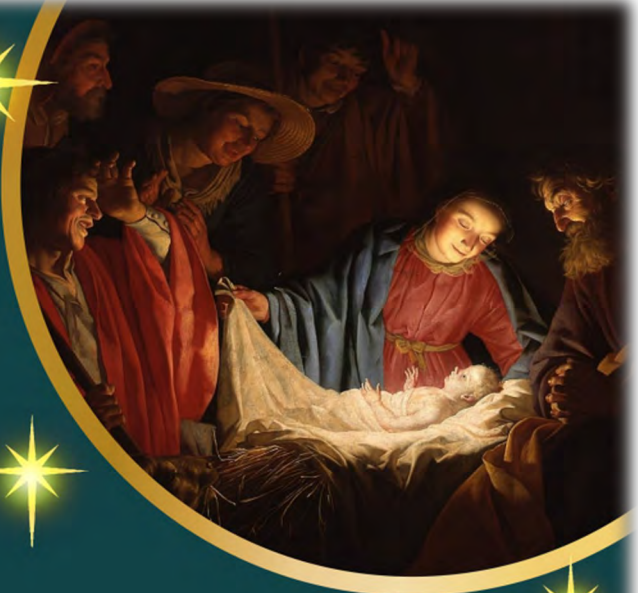
CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY DEC. 24TH

4:00 PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL (CHURCH & AUDITORIUM)
6:00 PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL
9:30 PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL (SPANISH)
12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY DEC. 25TH

8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM MASS
12 NOON MASS

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Christmas Confessions...

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Monday - Friday after the 7 a.m. & 12 noon Masses
Saturdays - after the 8 a.m. Mass, 4 - 4:45 p.m.
7 - 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)
Sundays—5:30 —5:45 p.m.

Advent Confession...

Monday, December 18th
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



-There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of Adoration. (Saint Pope John the XXIII)

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

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you can be present for a specific hour, email rectory@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

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.

Advent

Giving Tree

This year, Parish Social Ministry will continue our annual “*Advent Giving Tree*” that will benefit our *Street Ministry* and *Ernie’s Place*. Your donations at Christmas help us to manage the upcoming winter months.

We will have three trees this year, one at each exit of the church. Please take one or more paper ornaments from them, which will list a needed item. You can return these items UNWRAPPED to the fellowship area of the church or the rectory office.

We will be running the Giving Tree until the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Call 631-878-0009 ext. 119 for more info.

Parish Social Ministry Christmas Giving...

There are many ways you can help, together we can make a difference!

Donate Food: Leave non-perishable food in the bins in front of Ernie's Place or in the Fellowship Hall. \$25 gift card donations also welcome.

Sponsor a Family: Provide a meal for a neighbor. Have your family help their family. Email Christmas@SJEcm.org or call 631.878.0009 ext. 120 for details.

Put it all together: We will need your help on **Saturday, December 16th** with food sorting and distribution.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS, THE RECTORY OR VIA EMAIL TO CHRISTMAS@SJEcm.ORG NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12TH

Let us know how you can help.

Name: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Best Email: _____

Bilingual? Yes No Languages spoken: _____

SPONSOR A FAMILY

___ **YES!** We can help to Sponsor a Family for Christmas
Please circle family size you wish to support: 2 3 4 5 More than 5

HELP WITH CONTACTING OUR FAMILIES

___ **YES!** I can contact our families via phone to schedule pick up times.
This will be on your own time the week of **December 11th.**

HELP ON CAMPUS

___ **YES!** I can help with Thanksgiving Basket distribution on
___ **Saturday, December 16th** from 8:30 to 10 a.m.
___ **Saturday, December 16th** from 10:30 to 2 p.m.

Monetary donations always welcome.

"You pray for the hungry, then you feed them. That is how prayer works." ~ Pope Francis

Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5

faithformation@sjecm.org

mpirraglia@sjecm.org

Office Hours: By Appointment Only

During our "Family of Faith" (Grades 1-6) sessions this month, families learned about the Jesse Tree and participated in an Advent Family Prayer Service. Remembering that Advent focuses on Jesus as the light breaking through the darkness, we talked about ways we are called to shine the Light of Jesus in the world. Families were also given materials to complete their Jesse Tree at home.



Family of Faith - Next Sessions

(Parent/Student - Attend One):

Tuesday, January 9th or

Thursday, January 11th

at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church

Level 7: Next date

Monday, December 11 @ 7:15 PM, Church

Level 8: Next date

Tuesday, December 12 @ 7:15 PM, Church

For those of you who may not be aware,

Andrew McKeon informed the parish last month, that he will be resigning from his position as Director of Music Ministry effective December 13th. In the short time I have been here, I have enjoyed working with Andrew.

Andrew has a wonderful gift and is a very talented musician and is beloved by us all. I will always be grateful to Andrew for his kindness and enthusiasm and for his service and love towards our community. Please join me, once again in wishing Andrew all the best in his new endeavors with an organ restoration company. Perhaps we will see Andrew when he is in town and free from his new responsibilities! Andrew and his family have been and continue to be a vital part and gift to our parish family.

In gratitude,

Fr. Patrick





Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School

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See What We've Been Up To!

SPECIAL VISIT!

Our students had a chance to meet the newest priest at SJE, Monsignor Walden, who recently retired & is living in residence at the parish. Monsignor Walden, who has served as a priest for over 50 years, visited some of our classes yesterday to introduce himself & meet the students.



Season of Advent

Our students are entering into the Season of Advent with prayer and service activities, including our Advent food drive, where our students will help provide three local families with a Christmas meal.



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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

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

- Syrup
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Pineapple
- Grated Cheese
- Lasagna Noodles
- Brown Sugar (small bags)

Street Ministry

CLOSET CLEAN OUT !!
St. John's Street Ministry
 is in **DESPERATE** need of
MEN'S COATS - all sizes.
 Donations can be left in
 Fellowship Hall of the Church.



Thank you for your support of
Our Outreach Ministry

SJE Thrift Shop

OPEN
 Wednesdays
 9 AM to 12 Noon



St. John the Evangelist
125th Anniversary

\$10

Keepsake Christmas Ornament



Get yours before supplies run out!

Also available in the parish office, during office hours.

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

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 or clicking here:

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

Our next class will be held on December 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Barn.

REMINDERS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

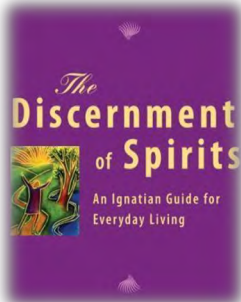
All SJE employees and volunteers **must** wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your "spam" or "Junk" folder.)

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.

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 need & want to learn to recognize Jesus' voice & grow closer to Him. At times we feel inadequate, wondering is this Jesus speaking, 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 & at times still are, so 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: December 4, 18, January 8, 22, February 5, March 4, 18, April 15, 29, May 13, 10, June 24 (summer break).

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...



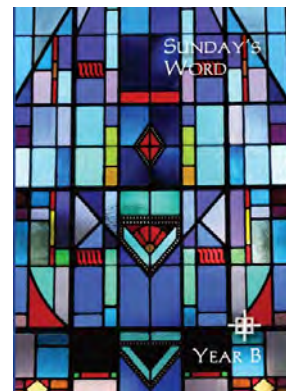
CALLING ALL MEN!

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.

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

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

Sunday's Word 2024



These books contain all of the Sunday readings as well as the psalm and antiphons for Daily Mass. They can be picked up at the rectory office.

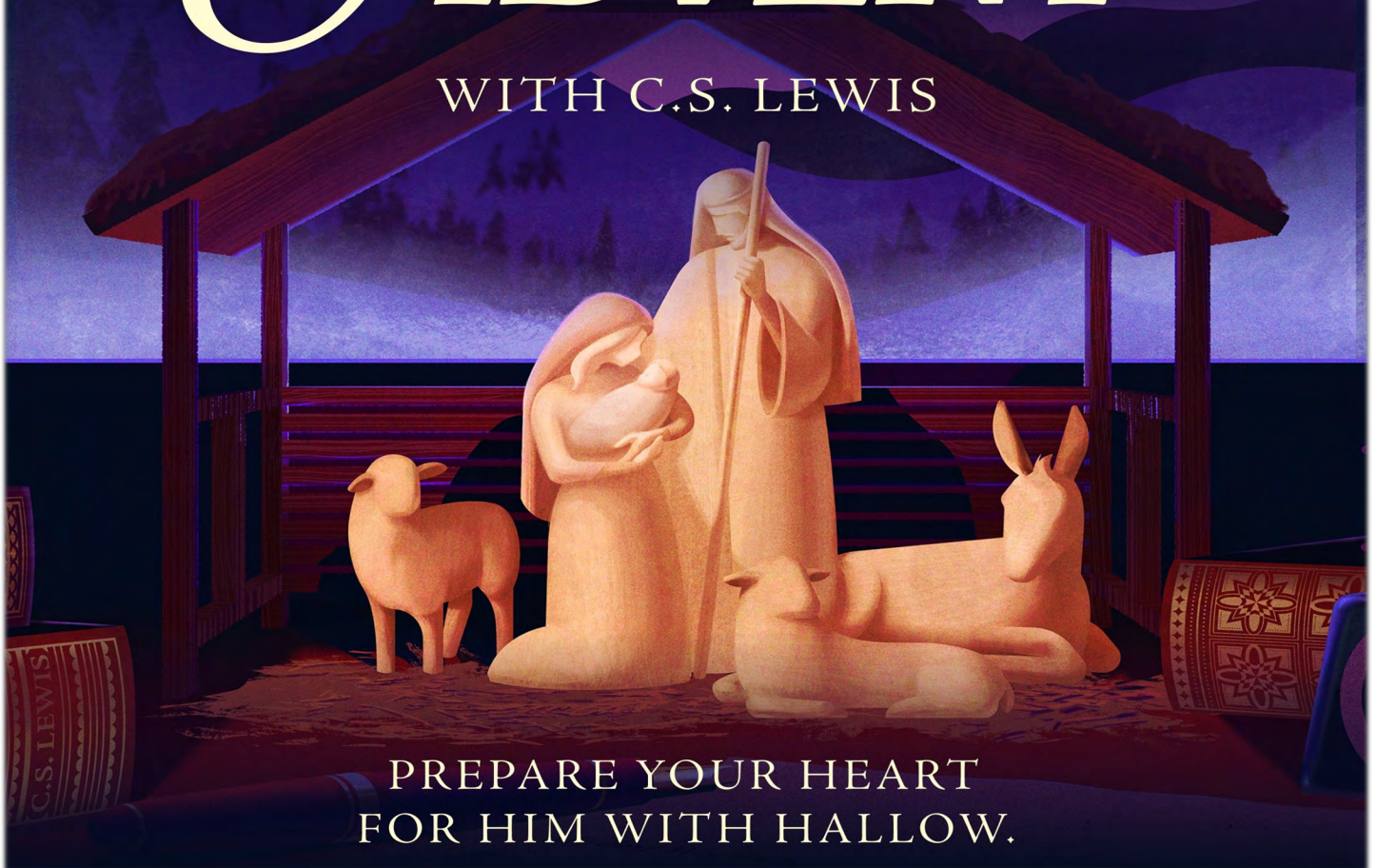
Journey with Hallow

[Click Here for more info...](#)

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WITH C.S. LEWIS



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FOR HIM WITH HALLOW.

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LIAM
NEESON

JONATHAN
ROUMIE

Bereavement Support Group...

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.

WHEN: Saturday mornings, through January 6, 2024

TIME: 10:30 AM 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 Harney & Loretta Gallagher

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or via email at 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.

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 11th, 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

7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

7 PM Narcotics Anonymous-Men only - BMR

Tuesday, December 12th, 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, December 13th, 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, December 14th, 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, December 15th, 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, December 16th, 2023

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

9 AM Men's Prayer Group - SC

10:30 AM Bereavement Group - BMR

Sunday, December 17th, 2023

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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