

# St. John the Evangelist

## Roman Catholic Church

*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



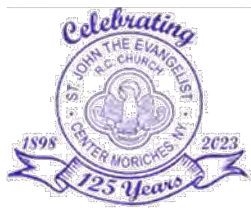
Second Sunday of Advent

December 4th, 2022

“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” - Mark 1:1-8



Second Sunday of Advent + December 4th, 2022



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## 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 pm—7:00 pm

## Next Weekend's Schedule:

### **Saturday, December 10th**

5:00 pm - Fr. Patrick

7:30 pm - Fr. Peter

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

### **Sunday, December 11th**

8:00 am - Fr. Felix

10:00 am - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Felix

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 a.m. + 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. +  
7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30—5:45 p.m.

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



## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**

*Pastor + [pastor@sjecm.org](mailto:pastor@sjecm.org)*

**Reverend Felix Akpabio**

*Parochial Vicar*

**John Pettorino**

*Deacon*

**Carolyn Lapham**

*Director of Family Ministries*

**Andrew McKeon**

*Director of Music Ministries*

**Michelle Pirraglia**

*Director of Faith Formation*

**Katie Spellman**

*Coordinator 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*

[dwall@olqany.org](mailto:dwall@olqany.org) (ext. 201)

## Office Hours

**Parish Office - Blue House**

**Monday—Thursday:**

**9 a.m.—8 p.m.**

**Tuesdays -**

*5-8pm Spanish speaking support.*

**Friday-Saturday**

**9 a.m.—2p.m.**

*We ask that you call before  
visiting any parish offices.*



# *A Message from Fr. Patrick...*

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

**I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving with your family.** This year my niece hosted Thanksgiving for our family. It is always wonderful when we get to spend time together as a family. For me, Thanksgiving is very special because it is a time for us to be extra grateful for the many blessings we have received from God, especially for the gift of Redemption; for the gift of our faith and our families; and for the gift of special friends. We are also grateful for the gift of freedom here in America so that we can enjoy these gifts freely with eternity and heaven in sight, and with Jesus close by our side!

**It is hard to believe that we have already entered into a new Season of Advent.** Advent gives us another opportunity to redirect our attention to the Lord. It helps us to draw our hearts closer to God. With our hearts and minds on the Lord, we will be better prepared to joyfully enter a new Christmas Season. In celebrating the birth of Jesus, we celebrate the gift of life eternal because Jesus came into our world to save us and set us free from darkness, and to restore us to new and everlasting life.

**For me, Advent is a very special time of the year** because it really prepares us for another Christmas celebration. It reminds us how important and how essential it is to keep Christ first in our lives because it is Jesus who enriches our lives and gives our lives purpose and meaning as we continue our journey of faith. It is Jesus who restores us to wholeness and who alone is the source of joy!

**Even though the world, for the most part, does not celebrate Advent,** does not mean that we must do the same. I always get a laugh when I see how much earlier Christmas is being celebrated each year. There was a cartoon I saw recently where Santa was laying on the ground and a big turkey standing next to him, with one foot on him, saying "wait your turn!" How true this is in our society today.

**The truth is our life is one long Season of Advent** because we never know the day nor the hour when the Lord will take us home for all of eternity. But because this season is so important for us in preparing ourselves for another Christmas Feast, as well as eternity itself, the Church designates four consecutive weeks during the year for us to prepare our hearts. In fact, we must always be prepared to encounter Christ who comes into our lives each day. It is Jesus who comes daily to fill us with His life and His blessings. It is Jesus who alone is the fulfillment of all of our hopes and longings!

**If this Christmas Season is going to be extra meaningful for us and our families,** then so must this new Season of Advent because Advent precedes and prepares us for Christmas, a season of joyful anticipation in the coming of the Lord who brings us new hope and glad tidings.



## Preparing for the Week

## Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 3rd, 2022

5:00 PM Anna Agnes Ostermeyer

7:30 PM Goncalo Rego

Sunday, December 4th, 2022

8:00 AM Katy Dyer

10:00 AM David Rodriguez

12:00 PM Ruth and Myron Ramus

6:00 PM Joshua Flannery

Monday, December 5th, 2022 + Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. John Malloy

12 Noon Jack Murphy

Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 + Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Special Intention-Father John Sureau

12 Noon John Sureau Sr.

7:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 7th, 2022 + Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. Barbara Hughes

12 Noon Jane Shiminski

Thursday, December 8th, 2022 + The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Daniel Francis McKenney

12 Noon Anthony Ricci

7:30 p.m. Deceased members of the Peters and Burke Families

Friday, December 9th, 2022 + Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Dennis Connolly

12 Noon Anthony Ricci

Saturday, December 10th, 2022 + Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Paglia Family

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 10th, 2022

5:00 p.m. Philip Weiman

7:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 11th, 2022

8:00 a.m. Katy Dyer

10:00 a.m. Kristen Bigora

12 Noon Ernest and Philomena Vigliotta

6:00 p.m. Dolores Madigan



## Masses

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (Vigil)

5 p.m. (Church)

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> –

7:00 a.m. + 12 Noon

+ 7:30 p.m. (Church-English)

The Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in observance of this holy day of obligation.

## 20 Catholic Ministries Appeal

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."

– Pope Francis

	2022	2021
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$107,300.00
Number of Donors	281	255
Total Pledged to date	\$105,843	97,114.33
Percent of Parish Goal	91.96%	90.51%





# CMA

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!**

**THE 2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY  
APPEAL HAS **LESS THAN ONE  
MONTH TO REACH OUR GOAL!!****

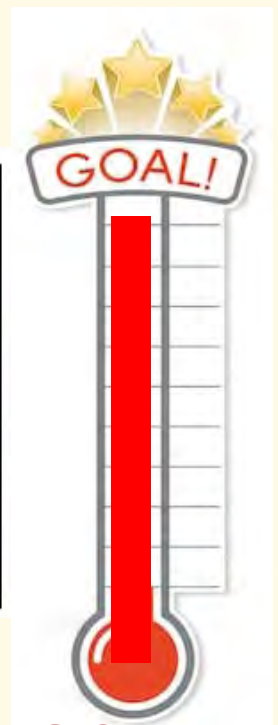
**UPDATE ON OUR GOAL!**  
**WE HAVE RAISED **\$105,843****  
**ONLY **\$9,257** TO GO!**

**WHEN WE REACH OUR GOAL IT BRINGS  
**\$22,000 IN REBATES** BACK TO OUR PARISH!**

**PLEASE HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!**



**8%**  
**TO GOAL!**



**WE HAVE REACHED 92% OF OUR GOAL!**



## Parish Social Ministry & Outreach...

Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus at all times.  
Please call to make an appointment.  
Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 to make an appointment

Sharing a word of great gratitude for the generosity of the parish community of St. Johns, the Rico Foundation, and our parishioners who sponsored a family, donated their time this past Saturday or made a financial contribution. For the past few weeks our parishioners have generously filled our SJE bags and the bin in front of Ernie's with the wish list items for Ernie's which enabled us to supply the traditional fixings for a Thanksgiving meal. Thanks to our ongoing partnership and support from the Rico Foundation, turkeys donated by the Foundation were the main course. Our Level 7 Faith Formation students packed the bags on Tuesday and our PSM staff & volunteers distributed the meals. We have so much to be thankful for! Together we were able to provide a delicious Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings for 139 families in our community who are struggling to put food on the table.



Please watch the bulletin for information about our Christmas program. Once again, we will be providing families and children in our community with a full Christmas meal and gift cards. We cannot be successful without the help of our parish community.



## Ernie's Place ~ SJE Food Pantry

We continue to have great need for food at **Ernie's**, please consider a donation, every can/bag donated truly makes a difference. Your food can be left in the brown bin in front of the pantry or in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

**Hot Chocolate**  
**Apple Juice**  
**Christmas Cookies**  
**Canned Mixed Vegetables**  
**Lasagna Noodles**  
**Pasta Sauce**  
**Canned fruit cocktail**  
**Boxed potatoes**  
**Bagged dried split peas**

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

# 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.

## Gift Cards for Christmas



This year, to better empower parents, we will be providing gift cards only for families in need.

We are requesting \$10.00 or \$25.00 gift cards to Kohl's, Walmart, TJ Maxx/Marshalls or Target. Please keep the cards in requested amounts.

Gift cards need to be returned before **December 7th**. You can drop them in the collection basket or drop them at the rectory office.



# Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5 +

Faith Formation Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>

Email: [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)

Office Hours: By Appointment Only  
(Monday-Thursday—BARN, Upstairs)

## *Catechist Service awards—Congratulations!*



Several of our Catechists were recently honored by our parish and the Diocese of Rockville Centre for their years of service in our Faith Formation program at SJE. Some of our volunteers came to the Catechetical Service Awards at the Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary on October 30, where Bishop Romero presided and presented them with their awards. Congratulations to all!



## **FAMILY OF FAITH (Grades 1-6):**



This month, we were blessed to welcome for our parent session Mr. Michael Hoonhout, who is a parishioner at SJE, a professor of seminarians in our diocese and is preparing to be ordained a Deacon this Spring. Carolyn Lapham, coordinator of Family Ministries, along with several of our “Family of Faith” volunteer team, provided the lesson for students. We also had Linda Filosa, leader of our Family Life Ministry, speak at all the sessions to encourage families to get involved in their many upcoming activities! Members of our Family Life Ministry were also hand to meet and greet families!

Our next parent/student sessions are **Thursday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 6 at 5PM & 7PM** in the Church! For resources to assist families with our

“Family of Faith” program, please visit our Faith Formation website: [sjecmff.blogspot.com](https://sjecmff.blogspot.com)



## **LEVEL 7:**

Our Level 7 students put their faith into action, focusing on our call to serve others during a special Parish Social Ministry session. Katie Spellman, coordinator of Parish Social Ministry, along with PSM volunteers, spoke with our students about the importance of reaching out to those in need in imitation of Christ and then organized students to put together the Thanksgiving Baskets for our parish Thanksgiving. **We look forward to seeing them again on November 29 at 7:15PM in the Church!**

## **LEVEL 8:**

Learning about the virtue of Gratitude as we get ready for Thanksgiving, our Level 8 students looked up Bible passages on this virtue and heard a witness about how gratitude should lead to serving others. **We look forward to seeing them again on November 28 at 7:15PM in the Church!**



## Family Ministry...

At St. John's, the Office of Family Ministry focuses on engaging parish families in fun activities, service projects and prayerful experiences. Please contact us at 631-878-0009 ext. 124 or email [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org)

We hope and pray that each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that these days have provided an opportunity to recount our many blessings and to reflect with gratitude for the countless ways that our Loving and Merciful God has guided us through the difficult times. As we begin the beautiful season of Advent, let us continue to pray for each other. May the Holy Spirit work in us and through us to prepare our hearts, our families and our communities to receive our Savior and King. May this Advent season be filled with simplicity and prayer, peace and joy for each and every one of us.

## MOMS ON THE JOURNEY

With the busy schedules that typically await moms between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we have decided to meet only once for November/December! All moms are welcome!

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Last Sunday many of our parish families came together to make Advent wreaths to use in their homes throughout the beautiful season of Advent. It was a wonderful event during which children of all ages, their parents and grandparents worked together to create uniquely beautiful Advent wreaths. Before our afternoon ended we had a simple prayer service to bless the wreaths. What a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent, preparing both our hearts and our homes for the coming of our Savior. A word of great thanks to all who participated, to Forge River Nursery for donating our greens and to the members of our Family Life Ministry who provided an awesome Advent experience for all!

## Family Advent Wreath...





Second Sunday of Advent + December 4th, 2022

THE CHORAL SOCIETY OF THE MORICHES, INC

*85<sup>th</sup> Season of*



G.F. HANDEL'S 

# Messiah



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 @ 7:30PM**

ST JUDE RC CHURCH, 89 OVERLOOK DRIVE, MASTIC BEACH, NY 11901

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 @ 3:00PM**

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST RC CHURCH, 25 OCEAN AVENUE, CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934

**DIRECTED BY MARTHA CAMPANILE**



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[MORICHESCHORAL.ORG](http://MORICHESCHORAL.ORG)

CHORAL SOCIETY  
OF THE  
**MORICHES**



# Advent...

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 second week of Advent, at the evening meal (or any time), light the first and second purple candles. 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](http://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.**



# St. John the Evangelist Parish



## *Did you know...*

The statue of the Blessed Mother, located in the front of the church, was donated in the early 1940's by Edith Masury Sturgis in memory of her grandson, Toby O'Connor, who died of leukemia shortly after joining the Army during World War II.

The statue was originally situated towards the northwest portion of the church property, but later relocated to its current location when the new church was constructed in 1999.

It has served as a backdrop for many photographs such as First Holy Communions, Saint John's School graduating classes, Confirmation pictures with the Bishop and certainly many other celebrations.





## COFFEE with JESUS

### Advent Reflections

From the comfort of your home,  
with a cup of coffee and ZOOM connection,  
join **Bishop Andrzej** at 10:00 am  
on Friday mornings during the Advent Season:

**December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2022**

for Advent Scripture Reflections

**...WORD made FLESH...**

This is a great opportunity to prepare and  
nourish your mind, spirit and heart  
in anticipation of Christmas.



To register for Coffee with Jesus

please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or

email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

Once you are registered, you will receive the  
ZOOM information prior to each session.

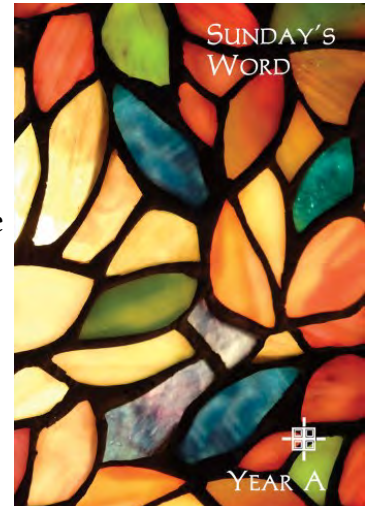


## Sunday's Word 2023

We are still waiting for the shipment to come  
in for the Sunday's Word...

**A free will offering of \$5.00 is requested but  
not required.**

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



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*Monday - Friday  
3PM - 7PM*

**THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION  
Thursday, December 8th  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**



***"Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus  
has been waiting for you for 20 centuries for this personal visit from  
you."***

**~ Saint Jose Maria Escriva**

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

## PRAYING *for* AND *with* ONE ANOTHER

### We Remember

*"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

**Lisa Forsythe + Patricia Williams +  
Maryann Gregory + Vivian Orofino +  
Joan Kennedy**

**We Pray  
Barbara Parent**

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

*Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. 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).*

### Praying for Our Military

#### US Army

PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith,  
SPC Jack Dyer, SPC Michael Garcia Jr.,  
SPC Daniel Sisco, SGT. Sean Casey, Steven Valentin

#### US Air Force

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

#### US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, CPL Aidan O'Neill,  
E-1 Christian Raeihle, Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado,  
PVT Charles O'Connor, SGT Quentin Montemarano,  
CPL Evan Berkemeyer, CPL Michael Abbatello

#### US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher,  
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr.,  
MMN2 Christopher J. Esposito Jr.

#### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue

*If you wish to place someone on the Military prayer list, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).*

### Remembering our Loved Ones

#### *Helping our Parish*

#### **Altar Bread and Wine -**

For the month an offering of \$150 is requested

**Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week**

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

*In memory of William P. LaVallee*

*This week, The Saint Theresa Candle has been lit:*

*In memory of Henriqueta Stoffel*

*This week, The Altar Candles have been lit:*

*In memory of Barbara Tanoff*

To remember a loved one through an offering to support altar candles and candles by the statues of the saints, please contact the Rectory Office at 631.878.0009 or email to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

### *Pictures & Memories...*

We are asking our parishioners to celebrate and participate with us by contributing any photos, documents, news clippings, etc. that relate to our parish history. Over the course of the next year we will be sharing our history in our bulletin, during **125th Anniversary** events and on Social Media.

**125th Anniversary** committee is looking for your pictures and memories of SJE!

Please email to [History@SJEcm.org](mailto:History@SJEcm.org). If you are unable to scan and email please stop by the rectory office and we will be happy to make a copy.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Kevin Both  
History Committee Chair





## Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

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

**Altar Bread and Wine:** Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.

**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.

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

## Readings for Next Sunday— Third Week of Advent

*Please look over these readings and consider these reflection questions before coming to Mass next Sunday.*

### First Reading + Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10

Isaiah said God would give signs to tell the Israelites of their delivery from slavery. What were these signs? What similar signs of God's loving presence are there in your life? And what about in the fields of medicine, social justice and climate change?

### Second Reading + James 5:7-10

What are some qualities that patience brings with it? What does impatience bring? St. James warns his community about complaining about one another. Is this a fault peculiar to James' community? How does it relate to patience?

### Gospel + Matthew 11:2-11

Does God always come into your life the way you expect? John the Baptist might have expected a mighty one and was confused by the gentle, healing Jesus. Was he called to conversion? Can Advent be a time of conversion for us to recognize new or different ways Jesus comes into our lives?

# Safe Environment Updates

## UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING DATES

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

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>

## REMINDERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

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

## PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

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

# *Knights of Columbus—Queen of All Hearts Council #4126*



Every Friday Night  
In the Parish Auditorium

\$3,000 in Prizes

Doors Open @ 6:30 pm  
Games Begin @ 7:30 pm



## 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>



# COMUNIDAD HISPANO DE SAN JUAN EVANGELISTA

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Espanol los Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia, y los Martes a las 7:30 p.m en La Capilla del Convento.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oracion, todos los Viernes a las 7:30 p.m. 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 p.m. los martes! Asegúrese de venir a visitarnos y permítanos servirle!

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

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

## Permitanos ayudarlo!

### DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 p.m. a las 7:30 p.m.

Jueves 3 p.m. a las 4 p.m.

### TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Barn

Miércoles de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.

### COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 p.m.

Auditorio de la escuela

Enero- 28 de febrero de 2022

### MINISTERIO DE LA CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 p.m. (aproximadamente)

Comidas sencillas y ropa disponible.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para aquellos que lo necesiten

**Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!**



Dios te salve,  
María, llena eres  
de gracia, el Señor  
es contigo.

Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.

Santa María, Madre de Dios,  
ruega por nosotros, pecadores,  
ahora y en la hora de nuestra  
muerte.

Amén



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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!

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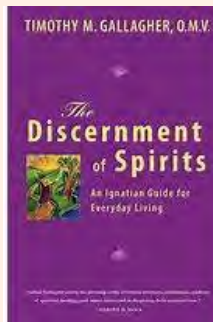
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### Women's Group...

How do I know if God is talking to me?  
How do I know if the thoughts or feelings I have are from God, myself or the enemy? Please join us as we study and share our experiences in learning the process of discerning--

*"What is God's Divine Will for me in this circumstance?"*



In this book Father Gallagher shares examples revealing how to apply the process of discernment in our daily lives. No matter where one is on her journey with the Lord, discernment is always helpful

We meet every other Monday

10am-11:30am in the convent (white house).

These are the days we will meet--

Dec 12, off for Christmas,

Jan 9, 23, Feb 6, 20, March 6, 20, Apr 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, June 12, 26.

To register please call rectory 631-878-0009

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, December 5th, 2022

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous- BMR
- 10:00 a.m. | Women's Group- SC
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- SC
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Food Pantry Open—Ernie's Place
- 7:00 p.m. | Holy Hour for Priests—SC
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous-Men only- BMR
- 7:30 p.m. | Spanish RCIA—RBUR

### Tuesday, December 6th, 2022

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous- BMR
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- SC
- 7:30 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous- BMR

### Wednesday, December 7th, 2022

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous- BMR
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon | Thrift Shop Open-Thrift Shop
- 10-11:30 a.m. | Bereavement Group-IHM Chapel Room
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- SC
- 6:00 p.m. | Choirs- Church
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR

### Thursday, December 8th, 2022 (Parish Office closed)

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous- BMR
- 3-4 p.m. | Food Pantry Open—Ernie's Place
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- SC (not today)
- 4:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary- BMR (not today)
- 7:00 p.m. | Street Ministry- Convent
- 7:30 p.m. | Al-Anon- BMR

### Friday, December 9th, 2022

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous- BMR
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- SC
- 7:30 p.m. | Bingo Night- Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous- BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Spanish Prayer Group- SC

### Saturday, December 10th, 2022

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous- BMR
- 9:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group- SC

### Sunday, December 11th, 2022

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous- BMR
- 10:30 a.m. | English RCIA- IHM Chapel Room
- 12:15 p.m. | CYO Games- Auditorium

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