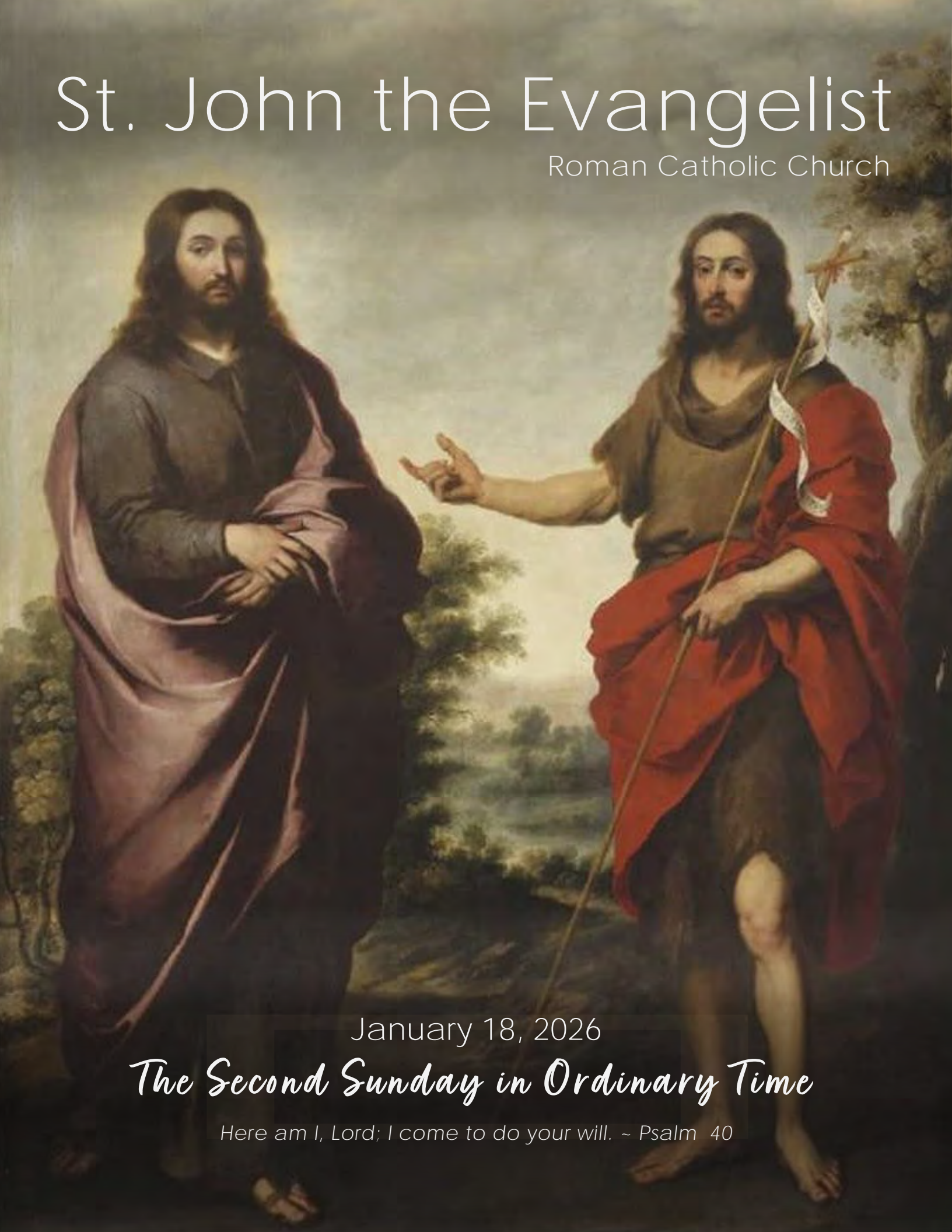


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



January 18, 2026

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. ~ Psalm 40



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25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, New York, 11934-3968
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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, January 24th

5:00 PM - Fr. Charlince
7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charlince
(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass
will be livestreamed. Videos remain
on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Sunday, January 25th

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

*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

Dawn Waller, Principal
dwaller@olqany.org

Office Hours

Office Hours

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 ...

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (John 1:29-34)

"Recognizing the Lord in our Midst"

As we enter a New Year together and a new Ordinary Time, John the Baptist draws our attention once again, as he did during this past Advent, directly to Jesus! Right from the beginning of his public ministry, he invites people to recognize the Lord among us as he did...to recognize His saving love behind the sacrifices He will make. He quickly identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God who will save us from our sins and bring us the fullness of salvation, life everlasting!

St. John the Baptist reminds the world at this time in all of Israel how Jesus will be the fulfillment of all of our hopes and longings! He is making known to all of Israel that Jesus is our hope and eternal joy. He wants to reassure us again, as he did back in Israel, that Jesus is one with God...God made flesh. Even though John the Baptist did not fully know Jesus, he knew enough to awaken the hearts of many. He knew his sole purpose and mission was to introduce Jesus to the world so that the world may know Him and come to recognize that He is God and Redeemer of the World. John knew enough that He was the Lord of Israel and the Lord of all ages. He wanted everyone to know that someone mightier than he was coming to save us and restore us to new life.

What a wonderful opportunity for all of us during this New Year to draw our attention back to Jesus! It is a wonderful time after a busy Christmas season to settle down a bit before a new Lent arrives. It is a wonderful time for us to grow in our awareness and appreciation of who Jesus is and to recognize His presence among us. This New Year invites us to turn our lives around and to journey with the Lord again. We are invited to behold the One who brings us true freedom and peace. This is a perfect opportunity to renew our personal relationship with the Lord and to encounter Him more regularly in our daily lives. We are reminded of how important it is to grow in God's grace as we begin this New Year together and to rely more on the goodness of the Lord who is truly among us.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us the blueprint we need to live our lives centered around the Lord. All he wants to do is to make Jesus known to all of Israel. He just wants to be faithful to God's calling and help others to do the same. His hope is that we might recognize the saving power and divine presence of the Lord in our lives as he did during his own life. He wants us to be aware that God is real and alive in Jesus.

With so much going on in our daily lives, it is not easy for us to stay focused on the Lord as John did. There is so much distracting us from staying close and connected to the Lord. There are so many expectations and demands placed upon us. But in the end, what matters is drawing closer to Jesus and living

in a full relationship with Him. Freedom lies in knowing that He alone refreshes our souls and renews us in His Spirit. What matters in the end is recognizing His Lordship overall. And the more we live simplified lives fully dedicated to God, as John the Baptist did, the more we will see and experience the Lord in our lives. The more we seek the Lord with open hearts, the more we will experience the peace and the joy that comes from Him! For Christians, this is what makes our faith complete — encountering the Lord more fully in our lives and growing in our relationship with Him. To say we know the Lord alone is not enough. It is not enough just to say our prayers and fulfill our religious obligations, as important as these are. One must also encounter the glory and the wonder of the Lord in order to fully experience God's grace and life within us.



PARISH UPDATE

Next weekend at the 10 AM Mass, we will kick off another Catholic Schools Week with the families and faculty who attend our Regional School, Our Lady Queen of Apostles. We are so blessed to have a Catholic school on our parish campus. In the 3 ½ years I have served here as pastor, I find it a joy working closely with our principal, Mrs. Dawn Waller, along with her staff and faculty. The children and their families help make OLQA a faith-filled experience.

The children have an opportunity to learn their academics in a safe faith-filled environment. It is a very welcoming environment where the children learn a lot about their faith while tending to their schoolwork and assignments. It is always fun to visit the children in their classroom and spend time with them and their teachers. Each morning, before the children and teachers head to their classrooms, either myself or one of my brother priests here at St. John's leads in prayer and a blessing.

Next weekend after the 10 AM Mass, the school and faculty will host an open house for all who are interested in providing their children with a good Catholic education. Everyone is invited to attend this open house in our school building to learn more about the school and faculty and all that OLQA has to offer our young children and families.

I also asked our Faith Formation Director, Ms. Michelle Pirraglia, to invite our fifth graders who currently attend our Faith Formation here at St. John's to come to the opening Mass to help promote Catholic School Education. What a wonderful opportunity for us to encourage a good Catholic education during this new Catholic School Week here in our parish. Thank you all for your ongoing support and prayers for Catholic Schools here on Long Island.

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, January 17th Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00 AM Bernard and Christine Loughlin

5:00 PM William Riegger

7:30 PM *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

Sunday, January 18th The 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Justin DeRosa

10:00 AM Myrna Stabile

12:00 Noon Maureen Gay

6:00 PM Barbara Gosnell

Monday, January 19th Weekday

7:00 AM Justine Cortes

12:00 Noon Special Intention-Rui Rego

Tuesday, January 20th Weekday

7:00 AM Louise Palumbo

12:00 PM Lucy Proto

Wednesday, January 21st Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 AM Wilma Pirro

12:00 Noon Derek Rera

Thursday, January 22nd Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:00 AM Anton Bahor

12:00 Noon Christopher Bowman

Friday, January 23rd Weekday

7:00 AM David Cruz

12:00 Noon Rita Jacino

Saturday, January 24th Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Salvatore Buscemi

5:00 PM Michael Albano

7:30 PM *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

Sunday, January 25th The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Rita Jacino

10:00 AM James Anthony Taylor

12:00 Noon Goncalo Rego

6:00 PM Special Intention-Kyle Stevens



We thank you for your generous

Christmas Appeal Offering!!

It's still not too late to make your donation! Please scan this QR code to make your donation today!



CHRISTMAS APPEAL	TOTAL GIVING
2025 as of 1/12/26	\$79,408
2024 year end final total	\$78,674

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$47,032	2	\$23,516
2025	\$45,381	2	\$22,691



As of 1/13/2026	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	268	272
Total Pledged to date	\$115,178	\$117,306
Avg. Gift	\$430	\$434
Percent of Goal	100%	101.9%

Supporting the CMAs helps to support SJL! 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!

2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist

Sent on Mission



We have reached
100% of our goal,
as the 2025 CMA
comes to a close!
Thank you all for
your generosity!!

100%


\$115,178

GOAL!



We Did It!

BECAUSE WE MET OUR GOAL, THE PARISH
WILL RECEIVE \$24,000 IN REBATES!!!



Sacrificial Giving

for the Support of My Parish

WEEKLY INCOME	\$1000	\$700	\$400	\$200	\$100
OFFERING	\$50	\$35	\$20	\$10	\$5

Name: _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Env. #: _____

WEEKLY SACRIFICE \$ _____

We have been notified by our envelope printing company that, due to unexpected machinery issues, some mailings may be delayed by up to two weeks. Their team is actively working to resolve the issue.

In the meantime, temporary blank envelopes are available at the doors of the church for anyone who may need them. You may also give online using the QR code below or by visiting the parish website.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.



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!





January 18, 2026

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

David Laguerra, Jr.

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

Pray for the Sick

Eileen & Chuck DeRicco

Michael Campanello

Bill Hasper

Baby Isabelle Reyes

Baby Leonardo Fulfree

Steve Poulos

Fr. Peter D'Abele

Michael Lankau

Daniel Treadwell

Valentino Liuzzi

Alessandra Veloso Valentim

Mark Havens

Patricia Melillo

Tommaso Campione

Suzan Fitzpatrick

Robert Maldonado

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 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
2nd LT Christopher Walther

US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello
MMN1 Christopher J Esposito Jr
STGCS Brian Holzmacher
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero
SA 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 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
A1C Peter A. Traina

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT 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.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

The Deceased of the Parish

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.

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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

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

To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to rectory@sjecm.org

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
IN CENTER MORICHES

Called to be a Family of Families



Open House

Sunday, January 25th

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Why OLQA?

- Faith-centered community rooted in Catholic values
- Individualized learning environment & dedicated teachers
- Students grow spiritually, socially, and academically



Come & See the
Catholic School Difference



631-878-1033



www.olqany.org

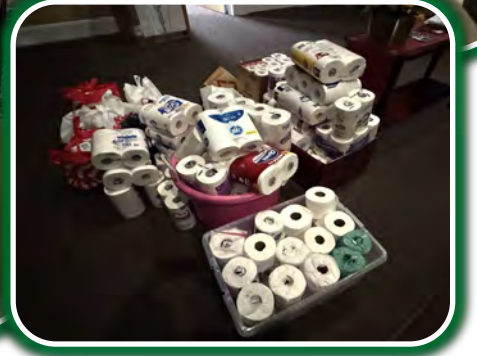


2 St Johns Place
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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Living out the Corporal Works of Mercy, our Level 7 and Level 8 students participated in our parish's Advent Giving Tree project and brought in a great amount of donations for our Street Ministry! Level 7 also helped replenish toilet paper for our Parish Social Ministry, while our Level 8 students donated new and gently used shoes to the "Soles4Souls" initiative, which provides shoes to individuals lacking proper footwear. Many thanks to our families in the Confirmation program for their generosity!



2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Next Class Session:

Monday, January 26 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

Please remember to bring your Breakthrough Bibles and your homework on the St. Carlo Acutis comic book! !

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Class Session:

Tuesday, January 27 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

Please remember to bring your Breakthrough Bibles!



Next Sessions:

- **Tuesday, February 3 & Thursday, February 5** at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church (attend one).

- **Grade Level 5 Mass: Sunday, January 25 at 10 AM**

Come as a family to your child's assigned grade level Mass in the Church, where they will receive a special blessing. Please bring your completed activity sheet (which was given out at the November sessions) and hand it in at the Main Lobby when you enter the church!

THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND *Change for Life*

By filling the Baby Bottle, you are directly supporting the life-changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of women and men who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy.



Your donation helps us provide the vital resources that enable us to celebrate the beauty of the lives that may have been touched and saved through the ministry of the Life Center of Long Island.

Baby Bottle Campaign Impact

The Baby Bottle Campaign is an integral part of the Life Center of Long Island's operation. It provides the necessary funding for the Center's vital services to the individuals in need of pregnancy support enabling us to celebrate the beauty of the lives that have been touched and saved through the ministry of the Life Center. The Baby Bottle Campaign also raises awareness throughout communities here on Long Island about the tremendous resources and educational programs available so families can make truly informed, empowered decisions and better choices for their family unit. And perhaps, most importantly, it reinforces our basic mission to support and defend the sanctity of life.

How Can You Help?

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!!

On **the weekend of January 24 & 25**, once again **St. John the Evangelist Parish** will be hosting a **Baby Bottle Fundraiser** to benefit the **Life Center of Long Island**. Last year, our parish raised almost \$13,000 for The Life Center.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Do you know that they provide:

- ⇒ Free pregnancy test kits
- ⇒ Free Sonogram
- ⇒ Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- ⇒ Medical care referrals
- ⇒ Male advocates available to speak with fathers
- ⇒ Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other baby needs

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle next week, fill it with your donations, and **return it the weekend of February 7 & 8**. Please make checks payable to the **Life Center of Long Island**.

More importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayer brings about something very powerful at the Life Center... *a change of a mother's heart!* We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip the consultants at the Life Center to say the right words a mother or a father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.



*Let us pray for the conversion of a
mother's heart to give the gift of life
to her preborn baby.*



OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Ministry Christmas Season Happenings!

On December 30th, many of our parish families came together for a day of family fun and fellowship. We watched the heartwarming movie, "Arthur Christmas" which revealed the succession of "Santa Claus," beginning with St. Nicholas and continuing through the present day Santa. The children watched as the story unfolded, revealing that the future Santa Claus would not be Santa's oldest son, but his youngest son Arthur, who clearly held the true meaning to Christmas in his heart. The children had a blast, the parents spent a fun day out with their kids and everyone enjoyed the famous SJE popcorn, a delicious pizza lunch and some Christmas cupcakes and candy canes to top off the festivities. A special thanks to the ladies of Family Life Ministry who made this happen. They truly are a gift to our parish! Check out all the joy!



On Sunday, January 4th, the Three Kings came to the 10:00 Mass! That's right... they walked right down the main aisle of the church bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh! Msgr. Walden called the children up to witness the event and he conducted an intriguing conversation with each of the kings. Not only did the children learn why each of the kings followed the star, but they also learned that our Catholic faith is all over the world! Msgr. Walden asked each of the kings to reveal his true identity, and it was clear to everyone during those conversations, that the "wise men" of our parish still seek Jesus! Msgr. Walden reminded the children that THEY are the MOST PRECIOUS gifts for their parents... for all of us at St. John's ...and of course for Jesus! Then the children were sent "on mission"...to return to their families and give their parents a BIG HUG! It was a wonderful celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany!

Our parish Family Life Ministry wants to let you know that....

It's Time for Tea

For all the lovely ladies of our parish (ages 4-104).

Bring your mom, your daughter, your aunt, your friend, your granddaughter, your niece, your neighbor, or your cousin! Bring someone with whom you'd like to spend a quaint afternoon of fun and fellowship! Ticket holders are invited to bring their favorite teacup to enjoy the afternoon in true Victorian style.

All are welcome!

✦ Enjoy a Victorian Tea Menu, heartwarming story time, a Chinese auction, and charming photo opportunities.

Sunday, February 1, 2026 • 2:00 PM

in the school cafeteria

Tickets are **\$5.00**. Scan the QR code below to purchase yours today!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: socialministry@SJECm.org

Hello from our Thrift shop volunteers! They are very busy organizing and sorting thru the many donations we receive each week, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and the local community. We welcome your donations and ask that you please place them in the green bins in front of the shop in the school parking lot, they are greatly appreciated.

If you're able to donate, here are some helpful hints: We are a small shop and cannot store anything large, if you're unsure about an item, please call x120 to inquire. Clothing items we are able to sell are best if free of holes, stains, etc. and household goods that are free of damage. This helps us so much, we are grateful!

Every Wednesday we are open to the public from 9 AM-12 PM and feature many great items at spectacular prices. Come visit and find something amazing! The proceeds from the shop are used to support SJE outreach programs to help those in need.

*Our Community Meal will be held this month on **Monday, 1/26 at 6 PM** at the Parish Auditorium. Our volunteers serve with great love and compassion, if you'd like to help, please call the Social Ministry office. If you know of an individual or family in need of a delicious meal, invite them to join us!*



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
- * Jelly
- * Ketchup
- * Hot Sauce
- * Drink Boxes
- * Salad Dressing
- * Canned Chicken
- * Jar Pasta Sauce
- * Small Bags of Flour
- * Pancake Mix & Syrup
- * 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
- ♦ Sweat Pants
- ♦ Single Razors
- ♦ Shaving Cream
- ♦ Face/Wash cloths
- ♦ Travel Size Shampoo
- ♦ Travel Size Body Lotion
- ♦ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ♦ Women's new Underwear (S, M)
- ♦ Gently used men's & women's sneakers
- ♦ Men's new Underwear & Socks (S, M, L, XL)
- ♦ 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.*

- St. Teresa of Avila

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

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!



Winter COAT DONATIONS

Our Parish Street Ministry is in urgent need of men's coats and sweatshirts (all sizes). Please consider donating your gently used or new coats to help others stay warm this season.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion for those in need.

SJE Parish Social Ministry

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.

Knights of Columbus

BINGO
Night

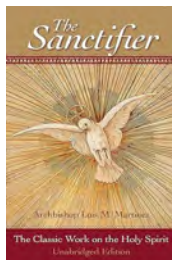
Every Friday
Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.
Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.

\$3000 IN PRIZES

SJE Parish Auditorium

Women's Group...

Our Women's Group meets Mondays from 10:00–11:30 AM and welcomes newcomers at any time. There are no rules—just a desire to grow in Jesus and enjoy fellowship.



We are reading *The Sanctifier* by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, reflecting on devotion to the Holy Spirit, His gifts, fruits, and the Beatitudes. Sharing is always optional; we're simply happy you choose to be with us.

There is no charge for the book. Meetings are held in the IHM Room in the convent (white house next to the school) and conclude in time to attend the 12:00 PM Mass if you wish.

2026 Meeting Dates: January 26; February 9 & 23; March 9 & 23; April 13 & 27; May 11 & 18; June 1, 15 & 29.

(Summer break July & August; resumes in September.)

God Bless you,
Carol & Anita (Moderators)
For info, call 631-878-0009





Queen of All Hearts
Knights of Columbus

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 14th

Buffet dinner, dessert and soft drinks included.

DJ Dancing & Door Prizes

7:00 PM

313 Frowein Road, Center Moriches

\$30 per person.

You may bring your
own adult beverage.

For Tickets Contact Jim @ 631.838.0271
or Frank @ 631.599.6092

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

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
\$10 donation for the workbook.



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 or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.



An Invitation to Participate in the Bridge for Peace Prayer Walk in Rome February 2026

"We need prayer to fulfill our calling to minister to God's people," said Fr. Victor. Bridge for Peace responded by beginning the Prayer Walk in Rome in 1998. Every year we raise up intercessors to pray for priests.

Will you commit to pray for priests from February 1-11 this year?

Sign up to pray by calling 631-730-3982 and we will carry your name to Rome, and show each priest we meet, that you care about them and that you are praying for them. Thank you so very much!

A Message from Monsignor Walden...



Now that Advent and Christmas are over, we Liturgically enter into what we left when we began to prepare for Christmas with the four Sundays of Advent - Ordinary Time. Once Christmas came, we focused on the birth of Jesus, the Motherhood of Mary, the Virgin mother of God, the Visit of the Magi, and concluded with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. All of these are very important events for all people. But just because we call this current time until Lent Ordinary Time, it is really far from ordinary. We have key moments in our lives to celebrate milestones such as birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations. But what Ordinary Time is meant to do for us it to recognize that the things we do as men, women, husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, friends, employees, and citizens of our nation are gifts we have to enrich, inspire, nourish, and rejoice in the gift we are to one another. Our homes are places of security, joy, and love as we feed and nourish one another by just being the good, loving person we are. There are days that are delightful, days that are challenging, and days where we are disappointed. But in reality everyday is an extraordinary gift.

In Jesus, God humbly came to give us Himself and to enrich us with His loving presence. Would that we are as consciously present to Jesus as we seek to be consciously present to one another. Distractions abound at times. One of the biggest devices we have become focused on and attentive to is our cell phones. What happens when we miss a phone call or message? The key of course is to respond appropriately and sincerely. Now take that a step further and apply it to how we pray, when we pray, and how focused and sincere we are. It is all too easy at times to be distracted when we pray or at Mass. But the question is not to ponder what happens if I get distracted when I pray or when I am at Mass. The question to ponder is what happens

when I do focus on praying and participating at Mass. We are truly enriched by those we love and who love us when we give each other our time and undivided attention. As much as prayer and Mass are rituals, even more they are opportunities to be in God's presence and to be enriched just by that very thought. When we make Mass a priority and look forward to it, when we make prayer time a priority and look forward to it we are uplifted, inspired, enriched, joyful, and grateful. All of those wonderful realities then overflow into our thoughts, words, and actions with one another. Ordinary time is not a let down, but from a faith-filled life an opportunity to be fully alive and enriched by our faith and, in that process, to enrich and enliven one another.

I conclude with the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:13-12):

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and
persecute you and utter every kind of evil
against you [falsely] because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will
be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted
the prophets who were before you.*

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 19th, 2026 **Parish Offices Closed**

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, January 20th, 2026

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, January 21st, 2026

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, January 22nd, 2026

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, January 23rd, 2026

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, January 24th, 2026

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

9 AM Men's Prayer Group - SC

10:30 AM Bereavement Group - BMR

Sunday, January 25th, 2026

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room

BUR - Barn Upper Room

SC - Seton Chapel

AMR - Auditorium Mtg. Room

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