

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

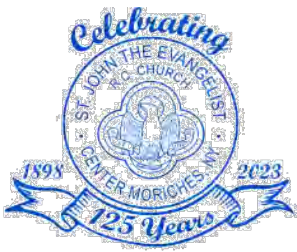


January 21, 2024

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Teach me your ways, O Lord, teach me your ways”

Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7cd, 8-9



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- Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**
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- Reverend Peter D’Abele**
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- Michelle Pirraglia**
Director of Faith Formation
- Katie Spellman**
Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry
- Katie Waller**
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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
- 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.*

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 27th

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden
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, January 28th

8:00 AM - Fr. Felix
10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick
12 noon - Fr. Jerry
6:00 PM - Fr. Felix

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

Mass Schedule

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 Msgr. Walden...



What brightens our days and outlook on life is the joy, peace, hope, and love, and new experiences we are nourished by everyday from the people who are part of us and from God Himself. In the Gospel for today's Mass (Mark 1:14-20), we have these powerful words: "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." What is being fulfilled? God's promise to open our minds and hearts to His very presence among us. That, of course, is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He is available and open to us any time we turn to Him in prayer, think about Him, and receive Him in the Sacraments. How good it is to say, "Amen", and then take the Body of Christ in the consecrated host into our very bodies! How healing and comforting it is to hear the words of absolution in Confession: "I absolve you from your sins."

The kingdom of God is at hand! What a wonderful thought! But where exactly is it. The kingdom of God is not a particular place, but an awareness and embrace of God's Way, Truth, and Life in Jesus Christ in our minds and hearts. Those we joyfully embrace and commit to love are an intimate part of what we say, do, think, and pray about everyday. It is not always easy to be so uplifted and hopeful. Jesus is very aware of that, as we see in the above proclamation as He continues saying, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Yes, we repent for our sins and do that not only by going to Confession and saying an act of Contrition, but also by wholeheartedly living our lives everyday with the conviction that Jesus is with us. This point came to me clearly in this thought from Brennan Manning in his book "The Rabbi's Heartbeat": How I treat my brother and sisters from day to day, whether they be Caucasian, African, Asian, or Hispanic; how I react to the sin-scarred wino on the street; how I respond to interruptions from people I dislike; how I deal with ordinary people in their ordinary unbelief on an ordinary day will speak the truth of who I am more poignantly than the pro-life bumper sticker on my car." In other words, in the midst of all we say and do, the hope for ourselves, those we love, and the world we live in is seen in our thoughts, words, and actions.

The Gospel we are invited to embrace and be guided by is the True and Ultimate Good News seen in the Way Jesus lived His life everyday as He walked the face of the earth. As we know, that was not a cakewalk! He faced rejection, opposition, and disbelief but continued to be the Good News we all need to hear, see, and live to find who we truly are, what goodness we are capable of everyday, and how we are ever firmly embedded in His heart.

There are so many things that occupy our minds and hearts everyday. We are bombarded with news that is heartbreaking and very challenging at times. Jesus lived in turbulent times as we do. Heartfelt commitment to Him in prayer and the Sacraments opens our minds and hearts to the good we are, the good that our world so sorely needs, and the joy our faith brings us. I close with these challenging words from Pope St. Paul VI that I frequently read in my prayer time, not to condemn or be depressed, but to see the gift our faith is and what hope it brings to us and to the world we live in:

"The Church itself is being engulfed and shaken by the tidal wave of change, for however much men and women may be committed to the Church, they are deeply affected by the climate of the world. They run the risk of becoming confused, bewildered, and charmed, and this is a state of affairs that strikes at the very roots of the Church. It drives many people to adopt the most outlandish views. They imagine that the Church should abdicate its proper role and adopt an entirely new and unprecedented mode of existence."

In a world that has much darkness how blessed we are to live in the light of faith, hope, and love in Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. It is not what we cannot or should not do but who we truly are and all we are destined to be as we are created in the very image and likeness of God. (Genesis 1:27)

Preparing for the Week



Saturday, January 20th Weekday

- 5:00 PM Al Chandanais
- 7:30 PM *Spanish* Henriqueta Stoffel

Sunday, January 21st Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Phyllis Masiello
- 10:00 AM Canonization of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney
- 12:00 Noon People of the Parish
- 6:00 PM Mary Jane Cramer

Monday, January 22nd USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 7:00 AM Ellen Peters
- 12:00 Noon Dorothy Kammerer

Tuesday, January 23rd Weekday

- 7:00 AM Thomas Spellman
- 12:00 Noon Eugene M. Miata

Wednesday, January 24th Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder and Doctor

- 7:00 AM Terese Josephine Dahl
- 12:00 Noon Justine Cortes

Thursday, January 25th The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

- 7:00 AM Special Intention-SJE Angel Dusters
- 12:00 Noon Edward Kurosz

Friday, January 26th Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

- 7:00 AM Michael Humphreys
- 12:00 Noon Thomas Spellman

Saturday, January 27th Weekday

- 8:00 AM Kevin O'Brien Jr.
- 5:00 PM Mary Jane Cramer
- 7:30 PM *Spanish* Special Intention-Kyle Stevens

Sunday, January 28th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Special Intention-Cantors of SJE
- 10:00 AM Special Intention-Roy Probeyahn
- 12:00 Noon Louise and Salvatore Lettieri
- 6:00 PM People of the Parish

We thank you for your generous Christmas Appeal Offering!!

CHRISTMAS APPEAL	TOTAL GIVING
2023 as of 1/16/24	\$70,226
2022 year end final total	\$84,377




Christmas 2023
We Share QR Code

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

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$55,849	2	\$27,925
2023	\$31,631	2	\$15,816

2023
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	311	300
Total Pledged to date	\$116,993	\$115,673
Avg. Gift	\$376	\$386
Percent of Goal	102%	100%

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!

Eucharistic Miracles of the World



Carlos and his incorrupt body



Some of the Eucharistic Miracles



Santarem



Santa Maria
Egipcia



Batania

St. John the Evangelist RCC

invites parishioners and friends to an exhibit of

THE EUCHARIST MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

developed by The Servant of God,

Blessed Carlos Acutis



Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 10 AM - 7 PM

Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 9 AM - 3 PM

LOCATION:

St. John the Evangelist RCC (in the Auditorium)

25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches NY

(631) 878-0009

www.SJEcm.com

Come and learn about the extraordinary life of our newest beatified teen and his devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, based on the website he created with his own talents. *Read more here:* carloacutis-en.org

Exhibit sponsored by Legion of Mary

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Robert Salomone
Carol Pipito
David E. Fridae
Jeanine Randazzo

*"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

Jessica Capone, John Fitzpatrick

*"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 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 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

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

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

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

In Memory of Rosemary Johnson

This week, the Blessed Mother Candle will be lit:

In Memory of Jack Dyer

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.

Family Ministry



Ash Wednesday is only 4 weeks away so that means it's time to start planning our parish Mardi Gras!

Mardi Gras will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 1:00-3:00 in the auditorium!

Would your family or group of friends or ministry like to showcase your culinary or baking talents? Maybe you'd like to try your hand at some authentic Mardi Gras favorites like jambalaya, po' boy sliders, beignets or pecan pralines! Or maybe you have your own specialty to share! Not good in the kitchen? No worries- you can help with set-up, serving, or clean up!

Family Life Ministry will provide the decorations, Mardi gras beads and masks, tablecloths, paper goods, drinks, games and the famous king cake!

Let's make this a great celebration for our parish! Remember the fun we had last year?

To sign up to help just click this link: [Mardi Gras Sign Up](#) or email: Clapham@sjecm.org!



Faith Formation

Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)

If you missed the January session, please visit sjecmff.blogspot.com for our January resources and more!

Next Sessions

(Parent/Student - Attend One):

Tuesday, February 6th and

Thursday, February 8th

at 5PM or 7PM in the Church



Confirmation Prep

Special thanks to Msgr. Walden & Fr. Patrick for leading us in prayer during our Level 7 and Level 8 Advent Family Prayer Services last month!



Level 7: Next Session:

Monday, January 22 @ 7:15PM, Church

Level 8: Next Session

Tuesday, January 23 @ 7:15PM, Church



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School



OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, Jan. 28 @ 11AM-1PM

following the Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 10AM

at St. John the Evangelist in Center Moriches

About Us:

- Grounded in our Catholic Faith & Service
 - Small, Individualized Educational Program
 - Before & After Care
 - Financial Aid
- AND MORE...**



Come & See or scan the QR code to schedule a tour!

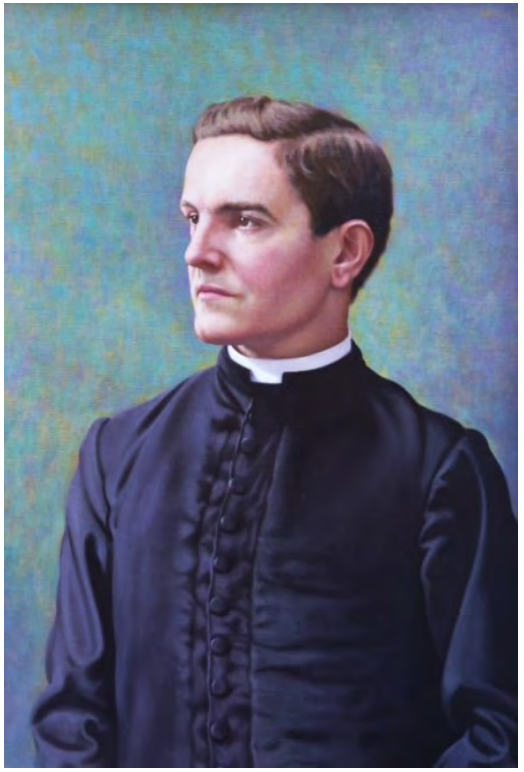


FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call (631) 878-1033 or Visit OLQANY.ORG



Who is Fr. Michael McGivney?

Michael Joseph McGivney (August 12, 1852 – August 14, 1890) was an Irish-American Catholic priest based in New Haven, Connecticut. He founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 at a local parish to serve as a mutual aid and insurance organization, particularly for immigrants and their families. It developed throughout the 20th century into the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. The cause for his canonization started in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1996. In March 2008, Pope Benedict



XVI declared McGivney "Venerable" in recognition of his "heroic virtue." On May 27, 2020, Pope Francis announced that McGivney had been approved for beatification, which officially occurred on October 31, 2020.



Throughout 2024, our local Knights of Columbus Council #4126 Queen of All Hearts will be sponsoring one Sunday Mass a month with the intention of the canonization of Fr. Michael McGivney.

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 here 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

- Oatmeal
- White rice
- Red Beans (cans or bags)
- Peanut butter
- Pancake Mix
- Canned tomato sauce
- Jelly

Parish Social Ministry

Street Ministry

Are you a great cook? Or perhaps a social butterfly who enjoys engaging with others in the community? Maybe you prefer to work behind the scenes? Do you love to fold clothes and organize things? ***Come use the awesome gifts that God gave you to serve those in need in our local community!***



Our Street Ministry is an amazing community of volunteers who provide hot meals and clothing to individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless or unable to receive other supporting services. Whether you are interested in working in our donation



room, cooking hot meals, making PB&J sandwiches, or participating in our van runs, Street Ministry has a place and a job for everyone!

To get started or for more information contact Victoria Paparatto at streetministry@sjecm.org

We are tremendously grateful for all our volunteers and the donations we receive; both allow us to continue do this work every week.



SJE Thrift Shop

Wednesdays—9 a.m. to 12 Noon

Are you are looking for a great deal? St. John’s Thrift Shop is the place for you and your family. Everyone is welcome!

When you visit our Shop, you’ll see lots of new and gently used clothes, pocketbooks, shoes, jewelry, housewares, and lots of great toys, all at great prices. The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish Outreach programs and used to assist our neighbors in need in our parish and the local community.

The Thrift Shop is open every **Wednesday from 9am to Noon.**

The success of our Thrift Shop relies on the generous donations from our community that are left in the green bins in the school parking lot. And lots of man/woman power that empty the bins and sort the donations we receive on Monday and Tuesday mornings along with the team that works when the Shop is open on Wednesday mornings. If you are looking for a great way to give back to our Parish community, consider donating your new or gently used clothes, or those toys your children have outgrown.



You can also donate your time and have a great time “working” with our Thrift Shop Ministry volunteers.

Coffee/snack breaks provided too!

Thank you for all your donations!



We are always looking for [new volunteers](#) to join the team.

January 21, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

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

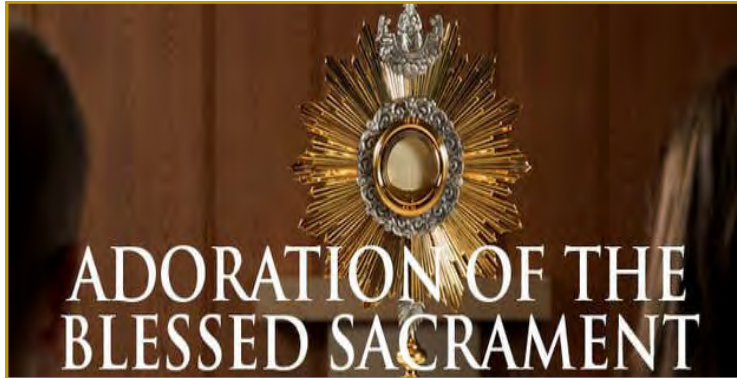
Sometimes I feel like I need a Jonah in my life: someone who will come along and shake things up; someone who will nudge me and say, *hey, you're doing it wrong!* No one wants to be criticized, but I know I need loving guidance to help me when I am not at my best. It's easy to get caught up in the swirl of life and neglect (even if unintentionally) what's important. Jonah was given the unpleasant task of pointing out to the people of Nineveh their failings. Unlike many communities who resisted God's words, by the end of the first day of Jonah's anticipated three-day trek across the city, "the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth." For all the evil they had done, and the rebellion they had demonstrated, the people there weren't irredeemable. They simply needed Jonah to point out how they had gone astray, and the grace of open ears and hearts to receive the message. Who has the Lord placed in our lives in the role of Jonah? How has he blessed us with the ability to receive, and repent where necessary?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't seem to have obvious prophets like Jonah nowadays, but that doesn't mean God has left us without guides. We have the Church, Christ's body on earth, and the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus selected his first followers: men who would become the Twelve Apostles, anointed to spread his word and speak in his stead even after Jesus left the earth. We know that there were other followers: men, women and children who became his disciples; Jews and Gentiles who were baptized. We are part of that apostolic tradition, each one of us baptized into the common priesthood "exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace - a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit." (CCC 1547) The call to holiness can be hard to hear in the din of today's busy and secular world, but it is not impossible. We can pray for the grace to hear how God is asking each of us to live out his commands and proclaim the Good News to the world.

PRAY Today's psalm (Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9) is a wonderful way to ask God for this favor. Make it part of your morning or evening prayer for the next week. "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths."



Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the heart of Jesus, that it is recorded in Heaven, and retold for all eternity!

~Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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.



HOLY HOURS

FOR VOCATIONS | 2023-2024 DATES

~~9.15 // 10.20 // 12.15 // 1.19 // 2.23 // 3.15 // 4.19~~

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Queen of All Hearts
Knights of Columbus



VALENTINE'S

Dinner

FEB 10th

Buffet dinner, dessert
and soft drinks included.

\$30

per person.
You may bring your
own adult beverage.

DJ Dancing & Door Prizes

For Tickets
Contact George 631.786.1459 or Bill 516.458.6448

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 PM 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 2 PM 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 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. ¡Avisanos 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/>

REMINDERS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

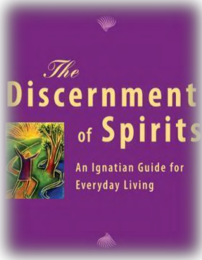
All SJE employees and volunteers must wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your "spam" or "Junk" folder.)

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: January 22, February 5, 26*,
March 4, 18, April 8*, 15, 29,
May 13, 20*, June 24 (summer break).

*Dates with * are makeup dates.*

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 Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at drvc-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org



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.

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, January 22nd, 2024

- 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, January 23rd, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Divine Will - Front Mtg Rm - Auditorium

Wednesday, January 24th, 2024

- 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, January 25th, 2024

- 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, January 26th, 2024

- 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, January 27th, 2024

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

Sunday, January 28th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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

January 21, 2024

Word of God Sunday

January 21st

“He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures” (Lk 24:45)

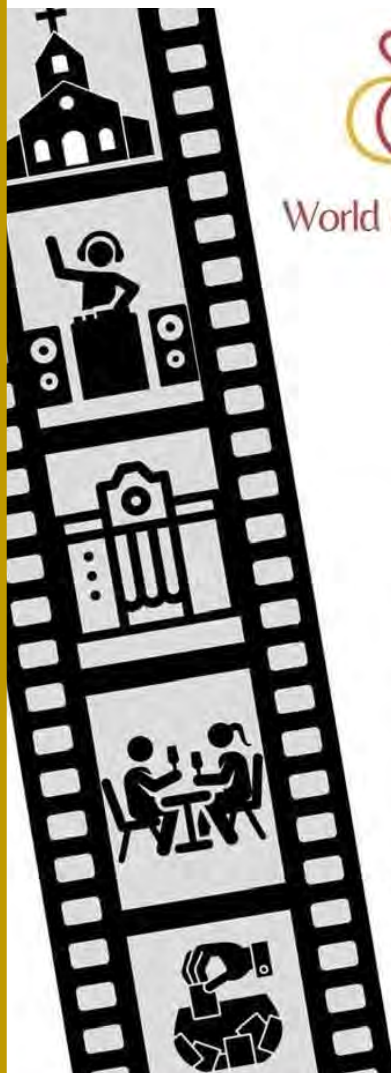
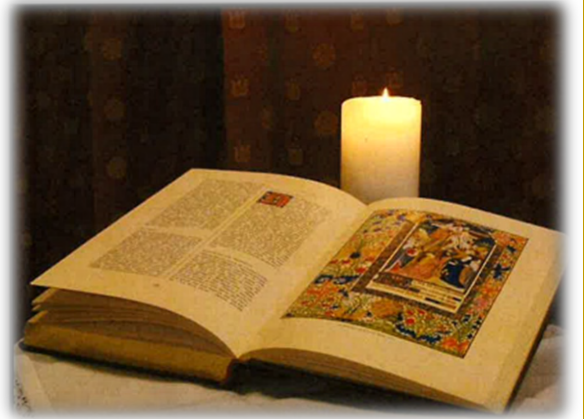
Come celebrate with Bishop Andrejz.

Holy Hour and Reflection
Sunday, January 21st at 3 p.m.

Church of St. Paul the Apostle
2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville, NY 11545

www.stpaulsbrookville.org

All are welcome!



World Marriage Day Dance 2024



Saturday February 3rd

Mass at 6pm

followed by Dinner & Dancing

until 11pm

Price per couple: \$175

3 Course Sitdown Dinner

Open Bar

DJ & Photo Booth

Raffle Baskets and 50/50



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**Need help?
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(631) 486-8607**

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Ocenaside, NY 11572**