

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



January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The star burned like a flame, pointing the way to God,
the King of Kings; the wise men saw the sign and brought their
gifts in homage to their great King.



25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, New York, 11934-3968
631-878-0009 | rectory@sjecm.org

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, January 28th

5:00 pm - Fr. Patrick

7:30 pm - *Spanish* 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, January 29th

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.

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.

Seek the Lord,
all you humble
of the earth.

(Zep 2: 3)

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor + 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

Dawn Waller

Principal

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.*



Our Lady Queen
of Apostles
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Catholic
School

Open House 2023

January 29
10AM-12Noon

February 1
6PM-7:30PM

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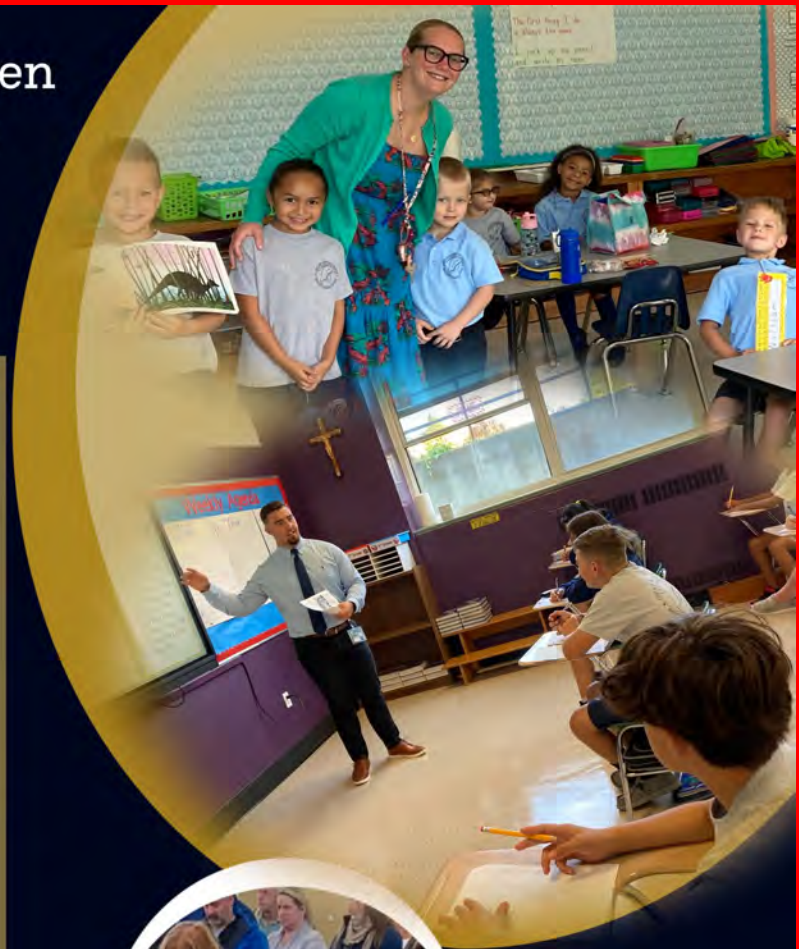
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Center Moriches, NY 11934



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About Us

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

Preparing for the Week

Saturday, January 21st

5:00 p.m.	David Krouse
7:30 p.m. <i>Spanish</i>	Mario Delgado

Sunday, January 22nd

8:00 a.m.	Christine DeRicco
10:00 a.m.	Colleen McLaughlin
12:00 a.m.	Madeline Bowman
6:00 p.m.	Rebecca Hughes

Monday, January 23rd Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:00 a.m.	Vivian Corderio
12 Noon	Frank Dunn

Tuesday, January 24th St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

7:00 a.m.	Rebecca Hughes
12 Noon	June Serres
7:30 p.m. <i>Spanish</i>	People of the Parish

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

7:00 a.m.	John, Rose & John Jr. Picciano
12 Noon	Thomas Tebbens, Sr.

Thursday, January 26th St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

7:00 a.m.	Ray Reed
12 Noon	James B. McCarty

Friday, January 27th Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Deanna Hansen
12 Noon	Kevin O'Brien Jr.

Saturday, January 28th St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Dr. of the Church

8:00 a.m.	Philip Storch
5:00 p.m.	Christine DeRicco
7:30 p.m. <i>-Spanish</i>	Douglas Sanmartin

Sunday, January 29th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Justine Cortes
10:00 a.m.	Millie Battaleme
12 Noon	Charles Thomas Piefer
6:00 p.m.	Edith Kelly



Our Christmas Appeal

Thank you for your continuous generosity to our parish 2022 Christmas Appeal.

The parish depends on your support each week and especially these holy days and holidays .

Please remember to return the reply card that was sent in the recent parish mailing or use the QR code above.

Christmas Appeal to date

2022 \$81,254

2021 \$95,348

WEEKLY DONATIONS

2023 January 15th \$20,408.00

2022 January 16th \$19,972.61



Parish Goal	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	309
Total Pledged to date	\$117,183
Percent of Parish Goal	101.81%

Tax statements...

Simply call the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org for your 2022 statement. Statements will be available towards the end of January 2023. You can have your form mailed to you, emailed to you or you may pick it up at the Rectory.

A Pro-Life Perspective from a Parishioner...

This past June, the United States Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. With this ruling, laws regarding abortion access were returned to state governments, where they had been previously prior to 1973. This ruling unsurprisingly led to passionate and emotional responses from supporters and critics of the decision. Narratives spun from both sides of the argument quickly spread across America, due in large part to easily accessible news sources on our smart devices and social media. Add in that this ruling occurred during an election year, this topic was further hijacked by politicians and special interest groups - from both the left and the right - to further divide the country with identity politics to secure votes.

Those in the pro-abortion camp tried to convince their base that pro-life groups lack respect for what they call "women's rights." Just as disappointing, those in the pro-life camp tried to distance themselves from this remarkable decision as much as possible in fear of being labeled in ways that could hurt their political ambitions. As a result, the spiritual importance of this landmark decision was completely lost.

As Americans, it can be easy (and convenient) to take ownership of beliefs our preferred news anchors instruct us to. But the more we do this - often unintentionally - the longer these "issues" remain issues. As Catholics, we must stay aware of this to prevent ourselves from becoming a part of this problem. The reality is America has a messaging problem. A lot of our "issues" are strategically blown out of proportion to produce clicks, views, and sound bites, ultimately to make money. In other words: Greed, one of the seven Cardinal Sins. It has become too routine for topics to quickly split us into two groups by those on our television sets to divide and conquer and prevent productive civil discourse amongst God's children.

The time has come for Catholics and all pro-life Americans to take back their cause and demonstrate what it truly means to be "pro-life." Being pro-life does not simply mean opposing abortion. Is that part of the cause? Of course. Jeremiah 1:5 reads "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. And before you went forth from the womb, I sanctified you." The verbiage found in this verse is not a coincidence. Our Lord makes it abundantly clear when life begins, regardless of what society decides as time passes.

The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* is a victory, but the work cannot stop there. More important than a victory, it is an opportunity to begin helping women who find themselves considering aborting their pregnancy.

Over time, society has separated spirituality from "reality," though we know the two are bonded together. If those in power problem solved from a strong scriptural perspective, many of today's issues would be resolved in a much more peaceful and productive way than people realize. The abortion topic, and particularly how to help women considering having one, is no different.

The best way for the divide between pro-life and pro-abortion people to lessen is through compassion. Surprised to hear this? That is understandable. It's not the most common approach taken on this topic. Abortion conversations are usually comprised of demonizing the opposite viewpoint. But our faith calls for us to be both compassionate and forgiving. Ephesians 4:32: "And be kind and merciful to one another, just as God has forgiven you in Christ."

This is not to say that we should accept the horrific act that is abortion. But rather, we are called to view women who have had or are considering having an abortion as our sisters in Christ, who need our help during a time of crisis. The reputation of pro-life is "pro-birth, then figure it out on your own." Pro-life needs to transform into what it truly means, which is to be pro-mother, pro-child, pro-family, and pro-God. We must be willing to offer guidance, help, resources, and all other abortion alternatives, of which there are plenty, to reassure women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy that there is hope for the life of their child.

As mentioned earlier, messaging is critical. Unfortunately, politicians and news media are driving the messaging instead of the Church, which has hurt the pro-life movement in the process. The Church can no longer rely on talking heads to lead the charge on this front, they have failed us for far too long. This is a tremendous opportunity for the Church to lead in not only changing the narrative around pro-life, but to make a tangible difference in the lives of women - and their pre-born child - who may not have the spiritual foundation, at this point in their lives, that we are all blessed to have.

We can be the driving force that informs women of their options during and after their pregnancies, all of which include giving their beautiful baby the same chance at life they were given, the same chance at life that God desires for all souls. Parting with one's newborn through adoption is an unimaginably challenging decision, but could that possibly compare to the emotional trauma a woman experiences for the rest of her life after undergoing an abortion? It's doubtful, especially considering the joy you would be giving to a family looking to adopt, all while treating the newborn child with the dignity it deserves.

Groups such as Breath of Life Center located here on Long Island offer helpful services pre and post pregnancy that let women know they are truly cared for and that the life of their child matters. This is how we can begin to heal this divide in America, and most importantly preserve the sacred dignity of ALL lives.

Every person has a role in this movement. It doesn't require money, or any unattainable resources. It requires us making ourselves aware of the not-so-well-known options that exist so that when God merges our path with women in this position, we are prepared to answer the call.

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

Giovanni Minauro + Thomas Caruana
Michael Autuori + Maureen Vita

We Pray...

Margaret Lyle, James Redmond,
Nolan Horn, Bob Sajdak, Tyler Bragg,
Paul Minauro

"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.

Praying for Our Military

US Army

PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith,
SPC Jack Dyer, SPC Michael Garcia Jr.,
CPL Aidan O'Neill,
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, E-1 Christian Raeihle, ,
PVT Charles O'Connor, SGT Quentin Montemarano,
CPL Evan Berkemeyer, CPL Michael Abbatello
Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado

US Navy

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

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.



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Engaged Encounter...

Looking for information about a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend?

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend retreat away with other engaged couples with plenty of time alone together to plan for a sacramental marriage. It is designed to give couples planning marriage the opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their prospective lives together-- their strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, their attitudes about money, sex, children, family, their role in the church and society--in a face to face way.

For more information about just what happens on a weekend, or to locate a Catholic Engaged Encounter Community in a specific Diocese or Locality, you can visit

<https://longisland.engagedencounter.com>

Family Ministry...

Please contact us at 631-878-0009 ext. 124
or email clapham@sjecm.org

The Office of Family Ministry works in conjunction with Faith Formation and Parish Social Ministry to meet the varied needs of our parish families. If you need ANYTHING, please contact us. We are always in need of volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering or if you would like additional information please contact us! Here are some of our ministries!

Moms on the Journey

All moms are invited to our Mardi Gras gathering on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the upper room of The Barn. Bring a friend and enjoy faith, food and fun as the moms on the journey enjoy "Fat Wednesday" and prepare for the beautiful season of Lent.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

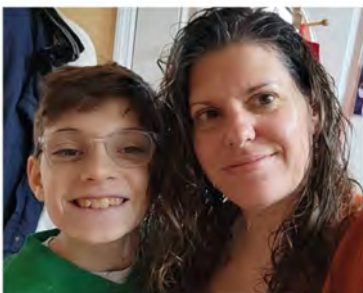
Last week at the CLTW program, as each child was presented with a badge by one of our volunteers, they were reminded, "God chose you!" Each child answered in response, "to love Him and to serve Him." During the interactive homily, the children rattled off many ways that they could love and serve God. These children are AMAZING! Our parish families are raising up some super Catholics and we are blessed to share a little piece of every Sunday with them! Thanks to all the moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas who bring these awesome children to Mass!



Family Life Ministry

A great big THANK YOU from Family Life Ministry!

Our Sandwich Sunday efforts provided more than 200 sandwiches for those in need in our local area. Thanks to everyone who attended and to those who dropped off sandwiches. SJE families are living the corporal works of mercy by feeding the hungry!



Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5

Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

Office Hours: By Appointment Only



Family of Faith Program (Grades 1-6)

At our January sessions, families came together to learn more about the first four Commandments, and how the 10 Commandments fit into the Two Great Commandments Jesus gave us (Love God, Love Neighbor). Families participated in skits and a Bible Matching activity, and enjoyed a video and presentations by our dedicated "Family of Faith" volunteers.



February Parent/Student Sessions

Tuesday, January 31 @ 5PM or 7PM, Church

Thursday, February 2 @ 5PM or 7PM, Church



Levels 7 & 8

LEVEL 7—Last session, students learned about how to dive deeper into Scripture and use the special features in their "Breakthrough" Youth Bibles.

Next Level 7 Session:

Tuesday, January 24 @ 7:15-8:30PM, Church

LEVEL 8—Last session, students discussed friendship and how to grow in their relationship with God based on John 15 (the Vine & the Branches).

Next Level 8 Session:

Monday, January 23 @ 7:15-8:30PM, Church

Parish Social Ministry...

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

Help Wanted!

Do you love to organize and fold clothes? Do you have an hour or two free each week/month? If so, we have a great volunteer opportunity for you!

Our Street Ministry is in need of volunteers to work in the Barn to sort, fold and organize the clothing donations in preparation for our Street Ministry runs on Thursday nights.

We are happy to work around your schedule and would welcome as much or as little time as you can share. This is a great "group" opportunity too, maybe your friend group, civic group, family, etc.

Please reach out to Katie Spellman (kspellman@sjecm.org or 631.878.0009, ext. 120) in Outreach for more details!

Thanks, and we hope to hear from you.

Please help families in need by donating clean, new or used winter coats. Collection boxes are in the Fellowship area of the church



Ernie's Place ~ SJF Food Pantry

Pantry Shopping List

The items listed to the right 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.

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

- Jelly
- Small bags White rice
- Bags red beans
- Bags black beans
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Shelf stable milk
- Cereal



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

In Memory of Thomas Tebbens, Sr.

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.

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

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday
3p.m. - 7PM @ Seton Chapel

“Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to him! “Christ is reserved in our churches as the spiritual center of the heart of the community the universal church and all humanity, since within the veil of the species Christ is contained the invisible heart of the church, the redeemer of the world, the center of all hearts, by him all things are in a whom we exist. “(Pope Paul IV)

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.

St. John the Evangelist needs...

Altar Servers

Even now, as young people, you can be apostles, capable of drawing others to Jesus. This will happen if you are full of enthusiasm for him, for Jesus, if you have encountered him, if you have come to know him personally, and been yourselves "won over" by him.

-Pope Francis, 31, July 2018

What about you??

Altar servers assist at Masses, prayer services and sacramental celebrations. They are invaluable members of the parish community who contribute a great deal to parish life...and we're working to have some more community building times as well!

Altar servers need to be in fourth grade or above, should be attending Sunday Mass and desire to get more involved in the life of the parish and the Church.

THERE'S STILL TIME!!!!

Tuesday, February 7th 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, February, 9th 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 11th 11:30 a.m.

Installation Mass: Sunday, February 19th 10:00 a.m. Mass



I would like to be an altar server!

Name _____

Grade _____ School _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____ Age _____

Please return to the rectory office or scan and email to Rectory@sjecm.org

St. John the Evangelist Parish

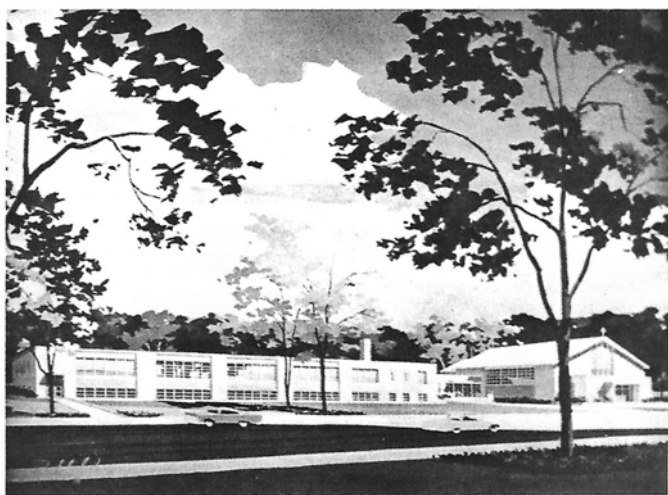
Did you know...



We'll continue with the history of St John's School, and pick up where we left off with the increasing student population creating 'pleasant problems'. An addition was built off the north side creating another two classrooms.

My experience in as a first grader in 1957, was sitting in a large classroom that had the 1st & 2nd graders combined and taught by a single Sister of Charity, Sr. Maria Esther. My conservative guess is that the two grades together totaled sixty students. So, promotion to 2nd grade meant just moving over to the other side of the room, (and another school year with Sr. Esther at the helm). By now though, the overcrowded classrooms, and antiquated school building were becoming a handicap.

During the 1950's, Fr. Stanislaus Kowalski, pastor of St John's, began planning & fundraising for the construction of a new school to be built on the property purchased by Fr. Christopher Molloy in 1928. This property, the current site of the OLQA school, was sandwiched between the former parish rectory and the recently acquired convent on Ocean Avenue.



Sadly, Fr. Kowalski never realized his dream of a new and modern school, when he died in a car accident on April 1, 1959. His successor Fr. Andrew Klarmann, completed the planning, and groundbreaking for the 'new school', began on February 17, 1960.

On Friday February 10, 1961, the children of St. John's spent their last day in the 'old school'. It had served as a parochial school for nearly thirty-five years. On Tuesday, February 14, 1961, classes began in the 'new school'. For this nine-year-old fourth grader, it was

akin to being part of the Flintstones on Friday, to joining the Jetsons on Tuesday. There were eight classrooms, a library, a cafeteria with a fully equipped kitchen & staff plus this huge auditorium. Each classroom had a television, and a phone on the wall that the principal's office could speak directly to the teacher. Unbelievable!

Each grade had its own teacher. Sister Mary Bernadette was the principal, supported by a faculty of teachers were comprised of six Sisters of Charity and two lay teachers.

So from initial student registration in September 1926 of 64 students, to a total of 400 students registered in February of 1961. Fr. John Donlon's effort of the mid 1920's, and the pioneering initial team of the Sisters of Charity who served the first students, and subsequent generations of priests, nuns and lay teachers have served this parish and community with inspiring and dedicated.

(Note to our readers: in the previous edition, I said that the next installment would be about Parish Thrift Shop. There's more information to be gathered, and it will be forthcoming.)



125TH
YEARS
ANNIVERSARY

Staff of teachers that were in place as of February 1961 when the transfer took place

*Principal :
Sister Mary Bernadette*

*Teaching Staff:
Sister Mary Annina
Sister Therese Rosaire
Sister Mary Pancratia
Sister Mary Redempta
Sister Maria Esther
Sister Maia de Paul
Mrs. Joan Kelly
Miss Marie Crutchfield*



Faculty

"Perfect schools are the result not so much of good methods as of good teachers, teachers who are thoroughly prepared . . . in the matter they have to teach . . . who cherish a love for the youth confided to them."—Pope Pius XI.

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. 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





January 22, 2023 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3 | 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 | Mt 4:12-23 or Mt. 4:12-17

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Since the Fall, the world has been riddled with strife and divisiveness. From the disobedience in the Garden, to Cain and Abel, to conflicts and wars throughout the centuries, it's clear that we humans are prone to picking sides and fighting over them. We hear about this even within the early Church from St. Paul in today's second reading. There were rivalries, and Christians were saying things such as, "I belong to Paul" or "I belong to Cephas." But Paul wisely asks: "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" Clearly not. There is only one source of Truth - Jesus Christ - and Paul never hesitated to refuse credit for himself, and to instead glorify the Lord in his word and deed. This is the model set for us - to refuse to set ourselves or God-made-in-our-own-image over and against the Triune God who created us. Christ came to unite us with himself and to one another, in reconciliation with the Father. His words are now our words: Repent and believe in the Gospel. Pray for the grace to come together as the body of Christ so that we can be his hands and feet in the world and carry out the work he began.

PRAY The Lord has commissioned us to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Where we cannot go physically or in person, we can go in prayer. Bring before the Lord all who yet need to hear his voice and repent and believe. Pray for those who are persecuted for their belief in Jesus Christ.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In Jesus Christ the kingdom of God enters into human history, fulfilling God's promise of salvation for his people. Christ inaugurated the kingdom on earth, and as members of his Church we are responsible for continuing to build it - here and now. As Christ called his first disciples and made them "fishers of men," so he calls us, that we might go forth "proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

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 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.

Knights of Columbus—Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



Doors Open @ 6:30 pm

Games Begin @ 7:30 pm



Every Friday Night

In the Parish Auditorium

\$3,000 in Prizes

Baby Bottle!

On the weekend of February 4th and 5th,
Our Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle
Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long
Island.



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

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

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation and return the bottle on the weekend of **March 5th** (Checks should be payable to the *Life Center of L.I.*)

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring 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 our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or 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!



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

Monday, January 23rd

*"...a particular day of prayer for
the full restoration of the legal
guarantee of the right to life and of
penance for violations to the dignity
of the human person committed
through acts of abortion."*

- General Instruction of the
Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics

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.

Permítanos 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!

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!
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 p.m. on Tuesdays.
Be sure to come and visit and allow us to serve you!

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Worldwide Marriage Encounter está patrocinando una variedad de experiencias matrimoniales en persona y virtuales, algunas los fines de semana y otras los siete días de la semana. Las parejas explorarán su relación entre ellos, Dios y la Iglesia. El registro es limitado y se requiere una tarifa de solicitud de \$100.

Para más información o para aplicar, llame al Felipe y Rosa Ruano Teléfono 203-979-6109 o renuevatumatrimonio.org.



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.



Knights of Columbus
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

St. Valentine's Day

Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 11th 7pm

Dinner Buffet | Dessert

Softdrinks | DJ

*Bring your own adult beverage

Ticket \$25 per person

For Tickets please contact:

George@ 631-786-1459

Bill @ 516-458-6448



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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.

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>



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 23rd, 2023

- 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, January 24th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC
- 7:30 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Divine Will—Front Mtg Rm-Aud

Wednesday, January 25th, 2023

- 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, January 26th, 2023

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary— BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Street Ministry— Convent
- 7:30 p.m. | Al-Anon— BMR

Friday, January 27th, 2023

- 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, January 28th, 2023

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

Sunday, January 29th, 2023

- 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