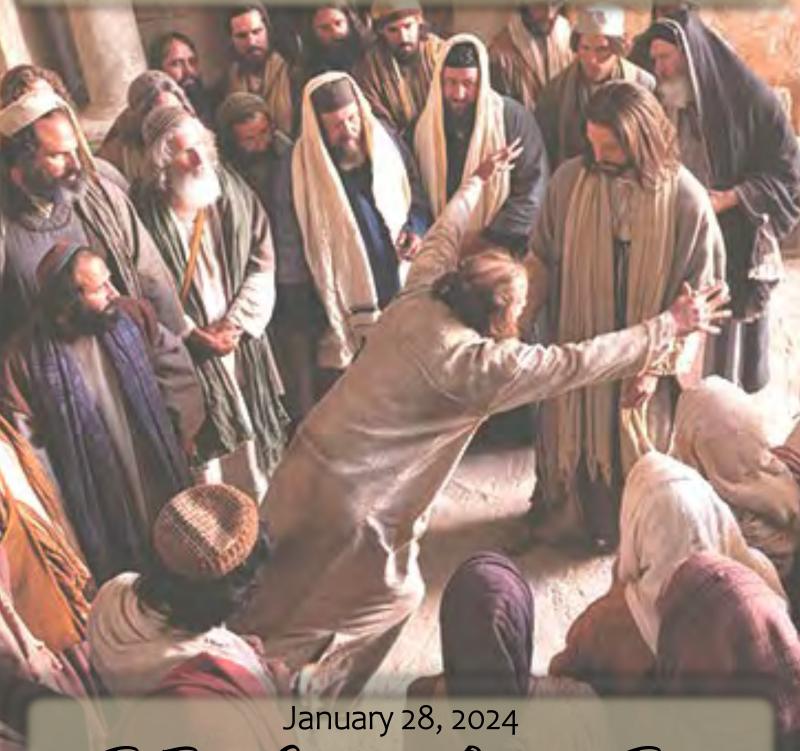
# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



# The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart"
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9







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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

(Convent) - Monday through Friday 3:00 - 7:00 PM

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, February 4<sup>th</sup>

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

\*Presider subject to change. Please call the Rectory or

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM -2:45 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel

# Next Weekend's Schedule

# Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

check SJE Social Media for latest updates.

# Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Reverend Felix Akpabio

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

Retired, In Residence

## Reverend Jerry DiSpigno

Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele

Parish Assistant

#### John Pettorino

Deacon

Michael Hoonhout

Deacon

### Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

## Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

#### Katie Spellman

Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

#### Katie Waller

Director of Operations

# 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

dwaller@olgany.org (ext. 201)

## 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.

# Confession Schedule

Mass 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 the Principal of OLQA, Dawn Waller

Dear SJE Parish Family:

My name is Dawn Waller (I'm in the picture to the left with Father Patrick and the Class of 2024!) I hope you know how honored I am, as a fellow parishioner, to be the principal of the Catholic School in Center Moriches, right here on our campus. I have been part of the OLQA and SJE communities for 20 years. What a gift. How blessed is our school for the support of this great parish. I hope we are a blessing for the parish too!

This week begins Catholic Schools Week at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School. While we try to keep you up to date each week about what is happening here, Catholic Schools Week is a great time to let you know about our school community to ask you to spread the good news! So here goes! This might be a little lengthy but it's only because I want you to know about the many wonderful things happening here.

**Prayer.** Everything we do at OLQA is based in and surrounded by prayer. Every morning the school community meets in the auditorium and we begin our day with prayers. Each day one of our 8th graders leads us in praying the Angelus before lunch and we end our day praying a Hail Mary together. We attend Mass every month as a school community, and classes attend weekly Mass; maybe you have seen us there. Many of our students have been reading and altar serving at the daily Mass they participate in with their class. Students in our Mission - the middle school academy at OLQA - attend religious retreats and will be going back out more into the community to do some Mission work now that we can.

Academics. God gave one of many gifts and talents and it is our job to help our young people know these gifts in their lives. Students are helped to a high standard academically while, at the same time, meeting the needs of various learners. All of our teachers follow and exceed New York State standards in the core academic subjects. In this area, too, our faith grounds what we do in the classroom. Our second graders are prepared for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion here in school. We have a full-time Campus Minister who is the primary theology teacher for students in grades 4-8 and guides our school community in all Masses, prayer services, and Mission projects. Students in the Mission take Spanish daily and complete two high schools Regents level

courses (Algebra 1 and Living Environment) during their 8th- grade year. In many cases, students graduate from OLQA with three high school course already completed, providing them with an opportunity to advance further in high school. opportunity. Our 7th and 8th graders participate in project REACH, an intensive research program that integrates student desire, research methods - both action and resource, Catholic identity, and the opportunity to present their findings in written, verbal, and visual form. You can learn more about our superior academic

standards as well as the significant academic support offered by visiting our Open House on Sunday, January 28th and talking with our outstanding teachers or by contacting us at 631.878.1033 or via email at <a href="mailto:dwaller@olqany.org">dwaller@olqany.org</a>.

It's more than class! A Catholic community is formed not only by our prayer and academic rigor, but also by the many opportunities to come together outside of the classroom. We are part of the Catholic Middle School Sports Association and students in The Mission participate in basketball and volleyball. Students can compete with other Catholic Schools from the diocese in these sports. Our younger students participate in intramurals throughout the year. We have a chess club, core team, and drama club (stay tuned for Finding Nemo Jr. tickets on sale soon!) and much, much, more. All of our students in grades 4-8 participate in band (led by Jimmy Osborne music), chorus, or both.

The Family of Families. We call ourselves the "Family of Families", for good reason. Without the support and engagement of parents and families, we fail in our mission as a Catholic School. That is because we know how vital is to build a connection between home and school. We have the "FUN"

Group (Family Unity Network) here at OLQA that consists of parents who help in needed areas like the Father/
Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Social, Open Houses, etc. We invite parents into the building to help with our Santa and Bunny
breakfast and our Thanksgiving Feast. It is our hope that when you walk into the building you as parents feel part of the family.



An Invitation. to visit sometime today, January 28, 2024 from 11 AM to 1 PM to visit one of our Open Houses. Whether you have a school aged child or grandchild or not, come and see the difference a Catholic school can and does make and how you can become an even greater part of the Catholic School in Center Moriches.

Thank you for all of your support!



# Preparing for the Week

## Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> Weekday

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

## Monday, January 29th Weekday

7:00 AM Robert Coppola 12:00 Noon Goncalo Rego

## Tuesday, January 30th Weekday

7:00 AM Theresa Henderson12:00 Noon Thomas J. Spellman

# Wednesday, January 31st Saint John Bosco, Priest

7:00 AM Daniel Dern Jr. 12:00 Noon Robert Sudano

Thursday, February 1st Weekday

7:00 AM Daniel Dern Jr.
12:00 Noon Rosemary Curtin

### Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation of the Lord

7:00 AM Kristen Bigora 12:00 Noon Henriqueta Stoffel

## Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekday

8:00 AM Goncalo Rego 5:00 PM June Conboy

7:30 PM Spanish Rui Rego

# Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joseph Santoro

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Kudrnac Family

12:00 Noon Mary Jane Cramer

6:00 PM Robert Stepankewich



# PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present. Year # of Weeks Average Weekly 2024 \$74,719 3 \$24,906 2023 \$52,039 3 \$17,346



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!

# A Message from Our Bishop



January 28, 2024 Catholic Schools Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church throughout the United States takes the opportunity to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week which begins today and concludes on February 3, 2024. As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I want to express how incredibly proud I am of our Catholic Schools in the ways that they evangelize our young Catholics here on Long Island.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis says, "Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture" (§ 134). This mission-driven approach to Catholic Education is especially fitting as the Church in the United States participates in a national Eucharistic Revival, because the mission of the national Eucharistic Revival is embedded into the mission of Catholic Education. Assisting students to know and love Jesus through the transformative power of the Mass, and equipping them to evangelize their families and communities, is an extraordinarily beautiful and achievable goal that our Catholic Schools strive to achieve each day.

As schools throughout the Diocese celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2024 with Masses, open houses, and other various activities, we give thanks to the Lord for those who make these events and Catholic Education as a whole possible. To the dedicated and faithful administrators, teachers, and staff members: thank you for working tirelessly every day to advance the Church's evangelizing mission by your love for Christ and by helping his children to know the presence and power of his love in their lives. To the many parents and guardians who generously offer so much time to assist your pastors and principals in advancing the mission of Catholic Education in your parish and regional schools: your love for Christ and his Church is inspiring. and I am so grateful for your Good Samaritan charity, dedication, and perseverance. In addition, I want to express my gratitude to the Morning Star Initiative and the Department of Education staff who collaborate and work together to provide every student in our Catholic Schools with an education that is robustly Catholic, academically excellent, safe and supportive, and sustainable.

St. John Bosco, a patron saint of school children, understood the essential mission of Catholic Education in the world. He once said, 'If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young." Because of the fantastic work being accomplished in our Catholic Schools, I think we can have great hope in the future of society here on Long Island: a future that is filled with young Catholics who are on fire for Jesus Christ and his Church!

Through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the patron saint of Catholic Education, Saint John Bosco, and Mary, Star of Evangelization, may the Lord continue to bless the Morning Star Initiative, the Department of Education, our Catholic Schools, and all those involved in Catholic Education on Long Island, especially our students!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

# Praying For and With One Another -

# Remember

Theresa Clauberg Patricia Brennan Connie Murphy

"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 <a href="mailto:rectory@sjecm.org">rectory@sjecm.org</a>.

# Our Military

#### **US Army**

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

#### **US Marine Corps**

LC Michael Abbatiello CPL Evan Berkemeyer PFC Sean Brady SGT Quentin Montemarano PVT Charles O'Connor E-1 Christian Raeihle 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Christopher Walther PAC Kevin W. Deshler II

#### **US Navy**

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

#### **US Coast Guard**

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath CPT Keith Donohue

#### **US Air Force**

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

If you wish to place someone on the Military prayer list, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@siecm.org.

# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

In Memory of Rosemary Johnson

This week, the Sacred Heart Candle will be lit:

In Memory of Fack 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 <a href="mailto:rectory@sjecm.org">rectory@sjecm.org</a>

### 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.



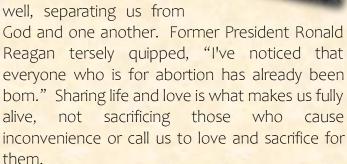
# A Message from Msgr. Walden...

Last Sunday as I was praying the Office of Readings from the Breviary, the biblical reading was from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 18 and had this verse that is as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago: "Let there not be among you anyone who immolates his son or daughter in the fire." Thousands of years ago some groups practiced child sacrifice. How horrible to know that. Yet the Supreme Court decision on January 22, 1973 giving a federal right to abortion, that was dismissed on June 24, 2022, simply passed on the right to an abortion to the fifty state legislatures. Now it is up to public opinion and a right to be voted on in our 50 states independently. How insane to think we can legislate who can live and whose lives are disposable. Yet the horror of child sacrifice takes the lives of over 1600 children in the womb everyday in our nation. The horror is masked by calling it a right to be decided. We have even gotten to the point where surgical removal of a child from the womb, which is still an option, is being replaced by two different pills that combine to kill the child in the womb and then eject it from the womb at home.

In the petition that we use at Mass in Prayer of the Faithful where we pray for an end to abortion, I was asked by a woman who had an abortion to add: "That those who have had an abortion will turn to Jesus in His loving mercy." I have spoken with a number of woman who have been scarred by having an abortion and there is deep regret.

Abortion is clearly and vocally an issue as the coming election day this November makes clear by the candidates and their desire for our vote. I am not registered as a Democrat nor a Republican. I simply vote for who I consider to be the best candidate for the good of our nation and all who live in it. Anyone who promotes and defends abortion, the killing of the most innocent and dependent among us, is leading us down the path of moral destruction, polarization, and

disunity. This applies especially to us who are blessed to be living members of the Catholic Church. Sin is alive and well, separating us from



I invite you to pray for an end to abortion in your daily prayers as I do. As I did in my last parish, I will be part of the 40 Days for Life that will be happening in Patchogue as well as Smithtown this Lent. I invite you to consider that also. In closing I offer these thoughts from Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was martyred while celebrating Mass in his country of El Salvador for speaking up for the poor and oppressed. He was and still is the leaven of hope we are all capable of and challenged to live.

"A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a Gospel that does not unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed - what Gospel is that? Very nice, pious considerations that don't bother anyone, that's the way many would like preaching to be. Those preachers who avoid very thorny issues so as not to be harassed, so as not to have conflicts and difficulties, do not light up the world they live in. They don't have Peter's courage, who told the crowd where bloodstained hands still were that had killed Christ: "You killed Him!" Even though the charge could cost him his life as well, he made it. The gospel is courageous, it's the good news of him who came to take away the world's sins."

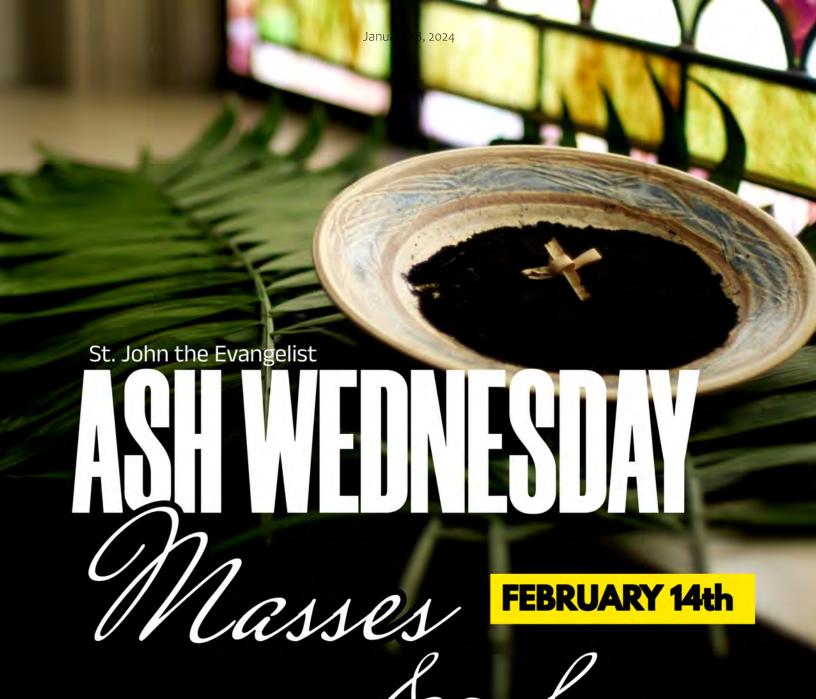
May we all be good news for the unborn!

# Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles of the World developed by Blessed Carlo Acutis









7:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM Service 12 Noon Mass 2:00 PM Service 4:30 PM Service 7:00 PM Mass

At our parish Mardi Gras, we will burn last year's palms which will become the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring your old palms and put them in the baskets in the fellowship area of the church by 2/3/2024.



# Family Ministry

# Check out what's happening in our Family Ministry at St. John's!



Last Sunday our Children's Liturgy of the Word program met in one of the classrooms since the auditorium was in use for the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit. The classroom was busting at the seams with enthusiastic faith-filled children! Take a look!

# Family Life Ministry

We hosted our monthly Sandwich Sunday on January 21<sup>st</sup>! Nine families



came together and made over 250 sandwiches for the hungry in our local area! Upcoming Sandwich Sundays are scheduled for 2/11 and 3/10 from 11:00-12:00 in the school cafeteria. Let's shoot for 19 families and 350 sandwiches in February, and 29 families and 500 sandwiches in March!! Remember, Sandwich Sunday is a great family activity for Lent!









# 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!



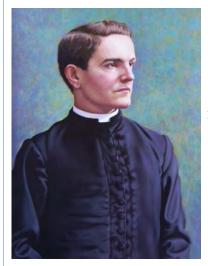


# **Next Sessions**

(Parent/Student - Attend One): Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church

# Knights of Columbus.

# Queen of All Hearts Council #4126





# Who is Fr. Michael McGivney?

Michael Joseph McGivney (August 12, 1852 – 1890) August 14, was American Catholic priest based in New Haven, Connecticut. He founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 at a local parish to serve as a 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 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.



The Knights of Columbus
gathered together last Sunday,
January 21st at the
10 AM Mass to support the
Canonization of
K of C founder
Blessed Michael McGivney



# **Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary**

Guest Speaker: Fr. Jonathan Kalisch, OP
Feast of Candlemas



# February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM

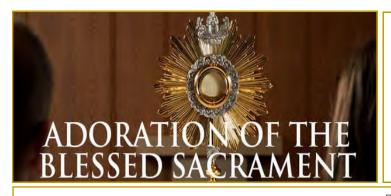
St. Patrick Church 280 East Main St., Smithtown, NY

Don't miss the opportunity to hear this amazing Dominican Priest speak about the Rosary & the power of Our Lady's Confraternity!! Fr. Kalish is also a Preacher for the National Eucharistic Revival Solemn Blessing of Candles & Rosaries, recitation of the Rosary with Procession

# Solemn Enrollment into the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

**Spiritual Benefits of Membership** 

- Special Protection of the Mother of God.
- A share in the prayer of countless thousands of members worldwide.
- A share in the prayers, Masses & Apostolic works of the Dominican Order.
  - The intercession of the entire heavenly court.
    - Various plenary and partial indulgences.



A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than 1000 years of human glory.

~Saint Padre Pio

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.



Queen of All Hearts Knights of Columbus

# VALENTINE'S

# Dinnes

# 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 Espanol 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. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

# Safe Environment Updates...

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

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

#### REMINDERS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

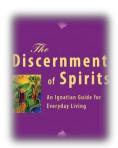
All SJE employees and volunteers must wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your "spam" or "Junk" folder.)

#### 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 dryc.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.

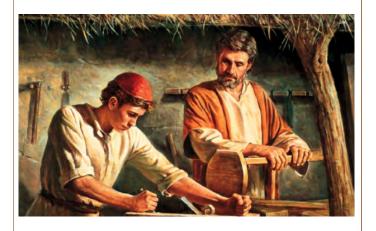
As women who love Jesus, we need & want to learn to recognize Jesus' voice & grow closer to Him. At times we feel inadequate, wondering is this Jesus speaking, me or the enemy? In our group we begin to see we're all equal, with the problems, emotions, weaknesses, confusion, strengths, desires, fears, 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 privacy of others, respect the 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: 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 Irobustelli@drvc.org



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

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

# Sunday's Word 2024



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# Weekly Calendar

# Monday, January 29th, 2024

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Emie's Place

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

7 PM Narcotics Anonymous-Men only - BMR

# Tuesday, January 30th, 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 31st, 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, February 1st, 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, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

9 AM Men's Prayer Group - SC

10:30 AM Bereavement Group - BMR

# Sunday, February 4th, 2024

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mtg. Room BUR - Barn Upper Room SC - Seton Chapel