

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



January 5, 2025

*Epiphany of the Lord*

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Psalm 72





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## OUR PARISH MISSION

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

-Mission Statement

## Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 2:45 PM  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel  
(Convent) - Monday through Friday  
3:00 - 7:00 PM

## Next Weekend's Schedule

### Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

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 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Fr. Abin

\*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 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.

### Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**

Pastor

**Reverend Abin Panicker**

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

**Ed Grieb**

Deacon

**Carolyn Lapham**

Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**

Director of Faith Formation

**Heather Crayne**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Katie Waller**

Director of Operations

**Angela Werner**

Director of Music Ministry

### OLQA

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles**

**Regional Catholic School**

(on the campus of SJE)

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[www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org)

**Dawn Waller**

Principal

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

### 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.

### Mass Schedule

### Confession Schedule

## *A Message from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...*

### **The Feast of the Epiphany**

*"Reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas"*

Each year, we celebrate Christmas big! We celebrate Christmas with great solemnity and festivity all around the world. We celebrate Christmas big because Christmas is everything! Christmas is the greatest story ever told! Christ entering the world is the fulfillment of all of our hopes and longings. Christmas draws our attention to the Lord's Nativity in which prophecy was fulfilled. We are reminded every Christmas of how God remained true to His promise to bring salvation to humanity, salvation without end. Christmas reminds us that we have hope. It reminds us of our bright future in eternity, where Christ reigns forever!

**Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.** Today's feast, during this new Christmas Season, reminds us that God has revealed His complete love for us through His only Son Jesus Christ. It reminds us that the fullness of wisdom, knowledge and the love of God are found in Christ alone. We see on that first Christmas how God has made His love known through Jesus. It is clear from that first Christmas, that when one encounters the Lord, one encounters the fullness of God. The Nativity of the Lord reminds us of this. It is also clear from the Magi, that when one encounters the Lord, one is transformed. The implications are enormous when one is touched by the goodness of the Lord. The Magi heading home by a different route after encountering the Lord at the Nativity signifies conversion of heart. Their lives are renewed and changed forever. They head on a new path filled with new life, wonder and understanding!

**The truth is: no Christmas, no Jesus!** No Jesus, no salvation! Christmas reminds us of our greatest hope, heaven without end. Yet every year, the Christmas Season is cut short. It seems like, for the most part, that Christmas ends on the evening of December 25th, when in reality the season is only beginning. Each year it ends on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is two weeks long. Yet, according to today's standards, it is only one day long. Yes, we begin preparing for this great feast, with great joy and expectation during the Season of Advent. But in actuality, this season only begins on Christmas Eve with the celebration of liturgy.

For me, the days following the 25<sup>th</sup> of December leading up to the Feast of the Epiphany are my favorite because it is my time to be alone in prayer reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas. It is so hard, in the beginning of Advent with all the preparations, celebrations and social gatherings to be silent and reflective. However, this time during the Christmas Season, I find it very peaceful. I enjoy spending extra time in prayer next to my tree and the Nativity reflecting on the joy and wonder of Christmas; God's complete love for humanity found lying in the manger. For me, this is a time to be extra grateful for the countless blessings in my life; to be extra grateful for the gift of my family and for my assignment here at St. John's. It is a time to encounter the Lord once again, who comes to us each Christmas filled with the love and the joy and the wonder of God. God everlasting!



### **Parish Update**

**I hope that all of you are having a great Christmas** surrounded by the love of family and friends. I hope that we all experience great conversion of heart and are led on a new path filled with the joy and the wonder of the Lord. A special thank you for your generosity this Christmas Season in supporting our annual Christmas Appeal. I am grateful for your prayerful and financial support. Without your help, I cannot do my part. In the next couple of weeks, I will be sending out letters thanking you for your Christmas gift to St. John's Church. I also want to thank you in joining me in supporting this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. It is never easy trying to meet our goal, but we eventually did last week because of your generosity. Because we met our goal, we will now receive a \$24,000 rebate which will go towards the upkeep of our parish. In particular, this year's rebate will go towards the church parking lot project this spring.

**Thank you again for everything!** Thank you for your love for our parish. I pray that you and your families have a happy and healthy New Year!

# Masses for the Week...

## Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

5:00 PM Henriqueta Stoffel

7:30 PM (Spanish) Targelia Delgado

## Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Patrick Wykle Sr.

10:00 AM John Immel

12:00 Noon Goncalo Rego

6:00 PM People of the Parish

## Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Catherine Kelso

12:00 Noon Bryan Stevens Family

## Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM John Grammas

12:00 PM Richard and Virginia Meyer

## Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Frank and Joan Tricarico

12:00 Noon Special Intention-Kyle Stevens

## Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

12:00 PM Frances Schimmoller

## Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Alexis Schieferstein

12:00 Noon Saveria Giambalvo

## Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM Alfred Pankus

5:00 PM Joseph and Elizabeth Mazzarella

7:30 PM (Spanish) Rosa E. Portillo

## Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Caroline "Jackie" Carone

10:00 AM Thomas LaSala

12:00 Noon Special Intention - Vincent Diaz

6:00 PM People of the Parish

*We thank you for your generous Christmas Appeal Offering!*



It's still not too late to make your donation!

Please scan this QR code to make your donation today!



CHRISTMAS APPEAL	TOTAL GIVING
2024 as of 12/31/24	\$67,729
2023 year end final total	\$71,786

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

*Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.*

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$937,882	52	\$18,036
2023	\$875,429	52	\$16,835

**2024**

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF WHEELING CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith -  
Renewed by the Eucharist*



As of 12/31/2024	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	270	311
Total Pledged to date	\$117,106	\$116,993
Avg. Gift	\$434	\$376
Percent of Goal	101.8%	101.7%

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 the goal!



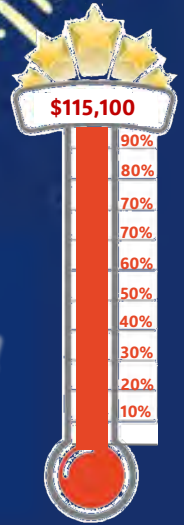
# St. John the Evangelist RCC 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal



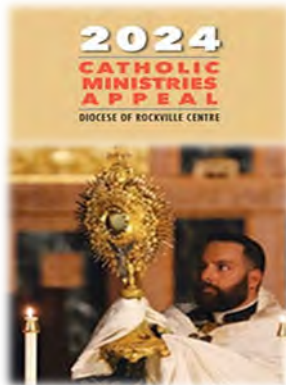
# Thank You!!

## \*WE'VE MET OUR GOAL\*

*Our parish receives \$24,000 in rebates since we reached 100%! We have until January 31<sup>st</sup> to pay all pledges. Every new pledge now comes back to our parish!!*



*We appreciate your support! [www.catholicministriesappeal.org](http://www.catholicministriesappeal.org)*



Please take a CMA brochure located at the exits of the church.

Scan to Give:



Text to Give: 516-271-3338



*Gifts are used to live and share our faith, care for God's people and help to build God's Kingdom.*



# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Helen Grube + Mary Lavazoli  
Alice Heaney + Patrick Johnson  
Henry Brown

“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

Beth Schupp + Ed Wheeler  
Sister Eileen Martin + Theresa Rosenthal  
Carole DeSomma + Patricia Barry

“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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

## Our Military

### 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 Army

SGT Sean Casey  
PVT Joseph Cestare  
SPC Michael Garcia Jr  
PVT Anthony Koch  
CPL Aidan O'Neill  
PFC David Smith  
Steven Valentin  
PFC Francis J. Amalifitano

### US Navy

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

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

### US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello  
SSGT David Giese  
SSGT Jason M Hermes  
PFC Kyle Kerstiens  
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens  
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens  
SrA 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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

*Susan Kagel*

### Mass Intentions

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

### Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.

An offering of \$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.**

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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)

# Highlights from Lessons and Carols

A word of great gratitude to Andrew McKeon and our fabulous Adult Choir for ushering us into the last week of Advent with a beautiful presentation of Lessons and Carols. The poignant scripture readings accompanied by the tender hymns of Christmas reminded us of who our God is, and just how much He loves each and every one of us. An added thanks to the Martha & Co. ministry for providing a festive spread of Christmas sweets after the presentation. Our parish is so very blessed!





Many thanks to SJE Art & Environment Ministry who made the church so beautiful for Christmas, and throughout the year.

### CHALK + BLESS YOUR HOME FOR EPIPHANY

This Epiphany tradition is a way of blessing all who enter, exit, and dwell in your home or church. You simply write the number of the new year and the letters C, M, and B in chalk on the door or doorframe. The letters stand for the three traditional names of the Magi in Matthew 2: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters can also be a Latin acronym for "May Christ bless this dwelling."

#### CHALKING THE DOORS LITURGY FOR HOMES (2025)

*Leader:* Peace be to this home, and to all who enter here.

*All:* Amen.

*One or more of the following prayers may be said:*

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. *Amen.*

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. *Amen.*



*All may take turns chalking the door: 20 + C + M + B + 25*

The three Wise Men, Caspar [C], Melchior [M], and Balthasar [B], followed the star to Bethlehem and the child Jesus 2000 [20] and 25 [25] years ago. [+ +] May Christ bless our home [+ +], and remain with us throughout the new year. *Amen.*

*All say the Lord's Prayer*



## 2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Next Session:  
Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM in the Church  
*Don't forget to bring your Breakthrough Bibles!*

### LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Session:  
Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM in the Church  
*Don't forget to bring your Breakthrough Bibles!*

### "FAMILY OF FAITH" - Parent/Student Events (GRADES 1-6):

Next Sessions: Tuesday, January 7 and Thursday, January 9 @ 5 PM & 7 PM in the Church.

## The Office of Family Ministry

A word of great thanks for all who made Advent at SJE such a prayerful, joyful time to prepare for the coming of Christ. And thank you to all who went above and beyond to make our Christmas Liturgies so rich, so beautiful, and so welcoming! As we begin a new calendar year, let's continue to follow the star... it's a guarantee to find His peace, His purpose for our lives and His unconditional love & mercy.  
Happy , Healthy and Holy New Year to all!



On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the prophet Isaiah made his last appearance for this Advent at the 10:00 Mass. Msgr. Walden and the prophet reminded us that God has given us many ways to be gifts to each other. We were all encouraged to use the talents we have to be a blessing to others. As Isaiah left, he reminded us to "Stay Awake and Be Ready". What great messages for all of us to remember as we begin a new calendar year – *Be Ready! Be a blessing!* Thanks for spending time with us this Advent Isaiah. We hope to see you again soon!



# Parish Social Ministry



## Ernie's Place Shopping List

Here is a list of items needed for our pantry. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

- Jelly
- Pancake Mix
- Tomato Sauce
- Pancake Syrup
- Mac & Cheese
- Dry Red Beans
- Dry Black Beans
- Raman Noodles
- Shelf-stable Milk

## Wednesdays 9 AM - 12 Noon

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 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.

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.

## Street Ministry

### Join Our Street Ministry Team!

Are you a talented cook? A social butterfly who loves engaging with others? Or do you prefer working behind the scenes? If you enjoy folding clothes and organizing, we would love for you to use the wonderful gifts God has given you to serve those in need in our local community!

Our Street Ministry is a vibrant community of volunteers dedicated to providing hot meals and clothing to individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless or unable to access other support services. Whether you're interested in working in our donation room, cooking hot meals, preparing PB&J sandwiches, or joining our van runs, there's a place and a role for everyone!

If you're ready to get started, are 18 or over and would like more information, please contact:

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

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THURSDAY NIGHTS...**

We urgently need your help on Thursday nights for the **Street Ministry Van Runs!** Volunteers meet at the convent at **6:30 PM** and go out into the community to provide hot meals and clothing to those in desperate need. If you can spare just one hour each week, your assistance would make a tremendous difference. Every bit of help counts! **Interested in Helping?** Please call the Parish Social Ministry office at **631-878-0009 x120**.

**Thank you for considering this vital opportunity to serve!**

## Street Ministry Shopping List

Below is a list of items that are needed for Street Ministry. These items can be left at the doors of the church.

- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Feminine Products
- ◆ Men's & Women's Socks
- ◆ **Men's & Women's Coats S, M, L, XL**
- ◆ Men's & Women's T-Shirts Sizes S, M, L
- ◆ **DESPERATELY NEED Men's Jeans All Sizes**
- ◆ Men's & Women's Sweatshirts S, M, L, XL
- ◆ Travel Size Shaving Cream & Razors
- ◆ Travel Size Shampoo & Conditioner
- ◆ Men's & Women's Underwear (new) All Sizes

January 5, 2025

SJE Parish Social Ministry

# SPREAD *the* WARMTH

Our Parish Street Ministry is in Desperate  
need of Men's Coats and Sweatshirts -  
All Sizes!!

## DROP OFF LOCATION:

Donations can be left in the front  
Fellowship area of the Church

**PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED  
COATS & HELP OTHERS TO STAY WARM**

## A Message from Msgr. Walden...



Happy Epiphany! Today we celebrate the power of God to open human hearts and experience the joy of His presence. We do not know exactly how far the Magi traveled following the light of the guiding star, but tradition has given us their names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Tradition tells us Melchior offered gold, which symbolized kingship. Caspar offered the gift of frankincense, which symbolized divinity. Balthazar offered the gift of myrrh, which foreshadowed Jesus' eventual death. Their encounter with the child Jesus obviously changed who they were, as they went back another way because of Herod's quest to kill the newborn king symbolized.

We take time to pray everyday and come to Mass every week to encounter the same Jesus the Magi encountered. How blessed we are to know what we know about who Jesus is and how he invites and enables us to be part of God's life and experience His loving presence. We do not bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Our gifts are much more personal and precious. They are the time, attention, and gratitude we offer. The more focused we can be as we pray and when we speak and listen at Mass, the more we experience the joy and hope of the Magi. Our challenge is not to find another way home from Mass or to look for a guiding star. Our challenge is to offer the gift of our time, attention, and presence. How inspiring and encouraging to allow ourselves to invite God into our minds and hearts, into the very depth of who we are.

The Magi were not distracted by Herod. In a book I am reading entitled "100 Bible Verses That Made America" by Robert J. Morgan, there is this insight: "There were limited forms of entertainment in colonial times, and little reason for people to get together in assemblies except in times of crisis. That's why churches were so important and sermons so influential. People gathered weekly to fellowship, pray, worship, and learn from Scripture. Many of the events that shaped the mind-set of colonial America occurred because of bible sermons preached by

gifted pastors."

What a contrast to Sunday worship in 21<sup>st</sup> century America. Now we are inundated with temptations to shop, travel, go to ball games, surf the internet, go to shows, and a host of seemingly worthwhile ways to entertain and amuse ourselves. Then there is that phone in our hand that can be such a time and attention distraction. Electronic devices in our cars so easily cause distracted driving. They can also cause distracted living, depriving us of the joy of one another's time and attention and, on Sundays, God's time, attention, presence, and love.

Each one of us is worth far more than gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Our time, attention, and love are invaluable as is God's time, attention, and love. What a joy it is to recognize the gift of our presence to and with one another as well as God's time and attention to us, in us, through us, and with us.

### Psalm 63:2-9

*O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.*

*My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.*

*So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.*

*For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.*

*So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.*

*On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.*

*My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. Glory...*

**Psalm Prayer:** Father, creator of unfailing light, give that same light to those who call to you. May our lips praise you; our lives proclaim your goodness; our work give you honor, and our voices celebrate you for ever.



Our Lady Queen  
of Apostles  
Regional  
Catholic  
School

Pre-K -8th Grade

Open House  
Sunday,  
January 26  
11AM-1PM



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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...

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# FRIDAY NIGHTS

Doors Open at 6:30 PM  
Games Begin at 7:30 PM

## \$ 3000 IN PRIZES

For more information  
kofc4126.com

## Sunday's Word 2025...

The 2025 Sunday's Word books have arrived!

*Sunday's Word* is for use in conjunction with a hymnal and service book or other music resource, and is intended for those who wish to pre-read the scriptures of the day as a preparation for the celebration, who have difficulty hearing, or who feel the need to read the text as it is proclaimed for full comprehension. The Eucharistic Prayers are also included. It contains the assembly's responsorial psalm refrain for each Sunday and major feast. *Sunday's Word* also contains the Order of Mass.



The weekday section includes the entrance antiphon, Psalm response, gospel verse, and communion antiphon for all feasts, memorials, and weekdays of the year. In addition, the Order of Mass texts (including both the Nicene Creed and the Apostle's Creed) are printed on the inside front cover for convenience.

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

They can be picked up at the rectory office.



## Adoration

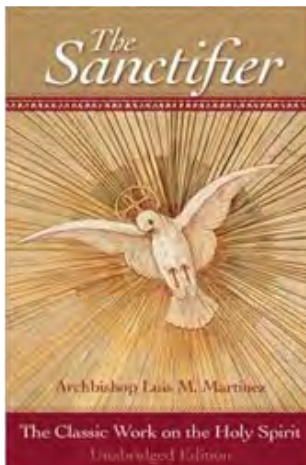
of the Blessed Sacrament  
at  
St. John the Evangelist

Monday - Friday from  
3:00 - 7:00 PM  
in Seton Chapel, in the Convent

On Mondays following Adoration,  
there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests  
from 7 - 8 PM. All are invited to pray  
for our Shepherds. Please consider  
offering one hour per week before the  
Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you can be present for a specific hour, email  
[rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or  
call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

## Women's Group...



We welcome back our Members & invite New Members to join us as we read together, learn & share our feelings & life's experiences. It's an open group, come when you want or can. You can join throughout the year. There's no commitment. You don't have to share or read out loud, no homework. Everything we share is kept confidential. We respect each other's sharing. No judgement. All you need is desire to draw nearer to Jesus & to have fellowship with like-minded women who know we're not perfect & it's ok. **BRING A FRIEND!!!**

The book we'll read together is **"The Sanctifier"** by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, explaining in detail how the workings of the gifts of The Holy Spirit bring us into holiness. It's usually in the sharing part of what we're reading that gives us clearer understanding of the subject especially because it relates to our lives at the present moment. We're living the lessons which is comforting when we're in pain, we have a lot of laughs too. We're there for each other! The book will be provided, and a free will offering can be made for the book.

We meet in the white house between the school & rectory every other Monday, unless noted with an asterisk \*, at 10:00 -11:30 AM, ending in time to go to 12:00 Mass if you want.

**Dates:** January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>,  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>,  
May 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>\*, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Ketcham and Anita Luccari, Group Moderators ~ For info: 631-878-0009

## Men's Prayer Group...



### CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 9 AM** in the Convent. Join as us as we learn to follow the example of St. Joseph and grow in our faith, reflect on the Gospel and have coffee. For more information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

## Bereavement Support ...

Grieving is a natural process each of us goes through after the death of a loved one. While no one can take away our sadness, others can help by listening and caring. Sharing our feelings with others who have experienced the death of a loved one help many people begin the healing process.

**Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon**

First floor meeting room in the Barn.

**REGISTRATION:** Contact the **Rectory** at 631.878.0009 or via email at [Rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:Rectory@sjecm.org)

\$10 donation for the workbook.

*Grief never ends but it changes. It is a passage, not a place to stay. It is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith. Grief is the price of love.*



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**Deacon Ministry**

**Are You Being Called ?**  
**LISTEN!–PRAY!–REFLECT!–DISCERN!**

**Attend ONE of the following dates:**

7:00PM, Wednesday, January 22nd  
*St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*

1:00PM, Saturday, January 25th  
*Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington*

7:00PM, Tuesday, January 28th  
*St. Elizabeth Melville, 175 Wolf Hill Road*

**RSVP by Friday, January 17th,**  
TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 178  
OR by email to  
[diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)

**We look forward to seeing you!**

**Safe Environment...**

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



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

**PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM**

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



# 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 sábados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oración, todos los viernes a las 7:30 PM en la Capilla del Convento Parroquial. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

## MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

### BAUTISMO:

Por favor traiga el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

### Requisitos:

1. Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
2. Certificado de registro de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de la charla prebautismal (OBLIGATORIO para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia. Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

### CASAMIENTO:

Las parejas que planean casarse deben concertar una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de la boda. Esto les dará tiempo suficiente para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame a la oficina

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes.

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

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

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to call before you come and visit.

### ¡Dejanos ayudarte!

### DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 7:30 PM  
Jueves 3:00 PM a las 4:00 PM.

### TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero  
Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

### COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM  
auditorio de la escuela

### MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley  
7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para quienes lo necesiten. Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

## Ambiente seguro...

Todos los voluntarios y empleados de SJE deben participar en un curso de capacitación VIRTUS y pasar por una verificación de antecedentes. Puede inscribirse en las clases VIRTUS visitando [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) o haciendo clic aquí:

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

### RECORDATORIOS PARA VOLUNTARIOS

Todos los voluntarios de SJE deben usar su insignia de SJE mientras sirven en el ministerio. También revise su correo electrónico periódicamente para completar las actualizaciones mensuales. (Asegúrese de revisar su carpeta de "spam" o "basura").

### EQUIPO DE INTERVENCIÓN PASTORAL

La línea telefónica exclusiva para denuncias de abuso sexual (516-694-9063) continúa disponible. Si la persona que llama no se comunica con alguien directamente, los mensajes se pueden dejar en un contestador automático conectado al teléfono. Esos mensajes serán recuperados por un miembro del Equipo de Intervención y devueltos lo antes posible. Se tomarán todas las medidas apropiadas para proteger la reputación y la privacidad de los involucrados. Para obtener más información sobre la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, visite [drvc.org](http://drvc.org).





## 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? 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Men only) - BMR

## Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- 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

## Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

## Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus-Bingo-Auditorium
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

## Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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