

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

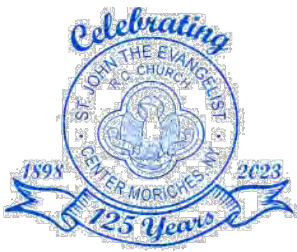


January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you”

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13



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www.olqany.org

OLQA

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Parish Office - Blue House

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9 AM - 8 PM
Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Friday - Saturday
9 AM - 2 PM
We ask that you call before
visiting any parish offices.

OUR PARISH MISSION

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

-Mission Statement

Church Hours

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

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, January 13th

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 14th

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

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

Mass Schedule

Confession Schedule

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses
Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &
7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)
Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM
Confessions will take place in
Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.

A Message from 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 25th 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 major paint job, and new chimney that we replaced at the rectory this past fall.

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!



Preparing for the Week

Saturday, January 6th Christmas Weekday

5:00 PM Sandy Fabricatore
 7:30 PM *Spanish* Manuel Perez Lopez

Sunday, January 7th The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Joan O'Connor
 12:00 Noon Sandy Fabricatore
 6:00 PM Mary Vitobello

Monday, January 8th The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 AM Kristen Bigora
 12:00 Noon Mary O'Neill

Tuesday, January 9th Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

7:00 AM Gregory Rose
 12:00 Noon James Paulsen

Wednesday, January 10th Weekday

7:00 AM Maryann Blaszyk
 12:00 Noon Saverio Giambalvo

Thursday, January 11th Weekday

7:00 AM Janet Jensen
 12:00 Noon Al Chandanais

Friday, January 12th Weekday

7:00 AM Enza Asaro
 12:00 Noon Richard and Kathleen Tache

Saturday, January 13th Weekday

8:00 AM Daniel Johnston
 5:00 PM Charles Dorchak
 7:30 PM *Spanish* Goncalo Rego

Sunday, January 14th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Rose Olsen
 10:00 AM People of the Parish
 12:00 Noon Joan O'Connor
 6:00 PM Sandy Fabricatore

We thank you for your generous Christmas Appeal Offering!!

CHRISTMAS APPEAL	TOTAL GIVING
2023 <i>as of 1/2/23</i>	\$64,489
2022 <i>year end final total</i>	\$84,377



Christmas 2023 We Share QR Code

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

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2023 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$888,814	52	\$17,093
2022	\$782,165	52	\$15,042



One Family - Journeying together in Communion, Participation and Mission



	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	308	300
Total Pledged to date	\$117,868	\$115,673
Avg. Gift	\$383	\$386
Percent of Goal	102.5%	100%

Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! We receive back 20% of whatever is raised below the goal. If we go above the goal, we also receive 80% of all monies that are raised above the goal! Please help us go above goal!

2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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Scan to give!



One Family - Journeying together in Communion, Participation and Mission

Thank You So Much!!



We have reached our goal, so 20% of our parish goal comes back to us, plus 80% of everything OVER our goal!!

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Jack Dyer
Piedad Mendoza
Robert Castro
Guiseppa Passanante
Anthony Bocchiere
Dr. Henry Schiavello

"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

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

If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.

Our Military

US Army

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

US Navy

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Marine Corps

LC Michael Abbatiello
CPL Evan Berkemeyer
PFC Sean Brady
SGT Quentin Montemarano
PVT Charles O'Connor
E-1 Christian Raeihle
2nd LT Christopher Walther

US Air Force

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

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

In Memory of Rosemary Johnson

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

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

Mass Intentions

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

Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.
For the month, an offering of \$150 is requested.

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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

Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School



OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, Jan. 28 @ 11AM-1PM

following the Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 10AM

at St. John the Evangelist in Center Moriches

About Us:

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



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



From the Desk of Msgr. Walden

We think nothing of getting into our cars and traveling fifty or a hundred miles a day. We go to malls, stores, appointments, family and friends at the drop of a hat. Today we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany where three men at times referred to as kings traveled from the East by camel, guided by a star, to find the Christ child. What made them go out of their way on such a journey? Ultimately it was the inner hunger and need we are all born with, our need and hunger for God. As St. Augustine says, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you!"

Our journey to the presence of Jesus can bring us to our parish church on Montauk Highway right here in Center Moriches where the Blessed Sacrament, the Body of Christ, is present in the tabernacle. We also have the blessing of the chapel in the convent where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar there from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM Monday through Friday where we have the opportunity to spend quiet time in Jesus' presence. The distance we have to travel is far more than just a few minutes or a few miles. As much as we look for some quiet time for ourselves we are constantly bombarded with messages, phone calls, and the convenience of the internet and TV. How does the time we spend with these electronic devices compare with the time we spend with God and our family and friends personally and physically?

When the Magi finally arrived at their destination and found the Christ Child they prostrated themselves and offered their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But most of all they expressed their joy, wonder, awe, and gratitude for the privilege of being in the presence of the Christ Child. It is so easy to take for granted the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in our churches. I use the word GIFT as an acronym sometimes when I talk with children and groups of adults to point our God Is Forever There! The words of the song Feelin'

Groovy come to mind: "Slow down you move too fast, you got to make the morning last." We are always enriched by the love we experience in the presence of those we love. This Christmas season was another blessing to touch those we love with our presents, cards, and, most of all, our physical presence. How blessed we are to touch and be touched by the people we encounter everyday. How blessed we are when we slow down and take some quiet, focused time in prayer, recognizing first and foremost we are in the presence of God. The God of all life, the God of all creation is attentive to me!

One of my favorite Psalms is from Morning Prayer in the Breviary, Psalm 63. I share it with you to read slowly and reflect on. May we all come to know the wonder and joy of the Magi!

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.



Eucharistic Miracles of the World



Carlos and his incorrupt body

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Some of the Eucharistic Miracles

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Santarem



Santa Maria
Egipcia



Batania

St. John the Evangelist RCC

invites parishioners and friends to an exhibit of

THE EUCHARIST MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

developed by The Servant of God,

Blessed Carlos Acutis



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

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

LOCATION:

St. John the Evangelist RCC (in the Auditorium)

25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches NY

(631) 878-0009

www.SJEcm.org

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

Exhibit sponsored by Legion of Mary

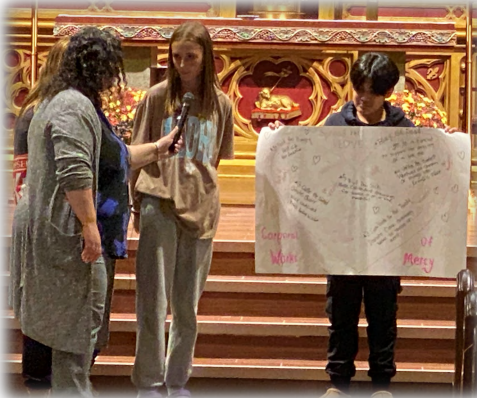
Faith Formation

Happy New Year!

Wishing all our families a happy & healthy New Year!

What We've Been up to...

- **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!:** Thank you to our catechists, priests, volunteers and parish staff who've helped serve the nearly 1,000 students in our Faith Formation program this past year! We are grateful for your flexibility and support! We're always looking for more volunteers to mentor our young people! If you are interested, please contact Michelle Pirraglia, director of Faith Formation, at 631-878-0009, ext. 123 or via email at mpirraglia@sjecm.org.
- **REGISTRATION:** Our program begins when children enter 1st Grade. Registration for the 2024-25 Academic Year will run from June-August 2024—check the bulletin for future info!
- **“FAMILY OF FAITH” (Grades 1-6)** Our next sessions are January 9 & 11 at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church. This program for our students in Grades 1-6 is a family catechesis model, where parents and students attend on-campus sessions once a month, then work at home with their children. This includes children preparing for First Communion, which is a two-year process.
- **CONFIRMATION PREP (Grades 7 & Up):** Our next sessions are January 22 (Level 7) and January 23 (Level 8) @ 7:15PM in the Church. Using a youth ministry model, our Confirmation prep is a two-and-a-half year process, typically beginning in 7th grade. We confirm in the Fall of 9th grade. We feature interactive, experiential learning and small group discussion.

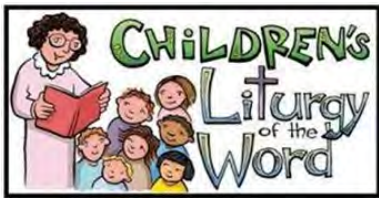


Family Ministry

Moms on the Journey



Our moms' group is going strong! We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the upper meeting room of the Barn. A casual, fun-filled, Spirit lead group, "Moms on the Journey" provides an opportunity for busy mothers to be pampered...to grow in their faith... and to share the joys and challenges of Christian motherhood with other moms. This ministry has been a true blessing for all those who come. **Our next monthly gathering will be Wednesday, January 24, 2024.** This month's gathering will be a post-Christmas/pre-Lent social evening for all moms who could use a little mid-winter fun. Bring a friend and come on down. Hope to see you on the 24th! Email clapham@sjecm.org for more information and/or to get on our email list.



Would you like to join our Children's Liturgy of the Word team? Anyone who loves the Lord and loves children is most welcome and most needed! The CLTW program meets during the 10:00 Mass every Sunday. For more information or to volunteer for this joy-filled ministry, email clapham@sjecm.org.

Family Life Ministry

Are you creative? Outgoing? Faith-filled? Fun-loving? Do you enjoy planning, organizing, shopping, providing hospitality for events? Do you enjoy working alongside other parishioners who are joyful and motivated to bring our parish families together? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Family Life Ministry is for YOU! Come join us for our next planning meeting on **Wednesday, January 10th @ 7:00 PM** in the Upper Room of the Barn.

Sandwich Sunday

Put the next Sandwich Sunday on your calendar- **Sunday, January 21st**. Come over to the school cafeteria after the 10:00 Mass and make sandwiches for those in our local area who do not have enough to eat. Bring your own supplies (bread and cold cuts or peanut butter and jelly) or just come and use our supplies. We always have PB & J in stock!



Let's join together as a parish family to feed the hungry!



January 7, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

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

It's interesting how an event can be interpreted by different people. God's revelation of himself in the birth of the child Jesus is clearly one such event. The Magi, Gentiles from the east, had heard of this "newborn king of the Jews" and undertook a long and arduous journey to see him and offer him homage. They were edified and eager in their search. Herod, himself a king - of the Jews - did not have the same reaction. The very thought of this "newborn king" threatened him and filled him with rage and suspicion. In this moment in human history, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (i.e., the Epiphany) unveils the truth of God's redemptive work for all of creation to be reconciled to himself. This truth has been accepted and rejected throughout time, and our celebration of this feast gives us an opportunity to give thanks in a focused and particular way for our acceptance of it - to give thanks for the gift of our faith. Perhaps it is even a moment for us to have our own, colloquial epiphany: an "aha moment," where we once again truly understand the depth of God's love for us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Magi, the Gentiles from the east, were changed after their encounter with the Christ Child; they were warned not to return to Herod and they obeyed and took a different route home. In today's second reading, St. Paul says it has been revealed that Gentiles are "coheirs, members of the same body" - the body of Christ. Just as the magi were forever changed by their journey, so must we be. Their journey is a model for us, but we do not have to seek Christ in the world as they did; he is here with us, in Word and in the Eucharist. The Incarnation of Jesus is pure gift to our weary, troubled world. As we heard in Isaiah, "rise up! ... [our] light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon [us]." As the Magi followed the light of the star, let us rise to the occasion and respond to God's light in our world by recognizing the good gifts God gives us each day. And then thank him for his enduring presence in our lives.

PRAY *Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star ...
Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

12 (from USCCB Epiphany prayer for blessing of home)

Queen of All Hearts
Knights of Columbus



VALENTINE'S

Dinner

FEB 10th

Buffet dinner, dessert
and soft drinks included.

\$30

per person.
You may bring your
own adult beverage.

DJ Dancing & Door Prizes

For Tickets
Contact George 631.786.1459 or Bill 516.458.6448

Knights of Columbus

Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



Knights of Columbus
Queen of Hearts Council
#4126

Will be hosting a fraternal benefits night!
Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 PM
at the Moriches Community Center
313 Frowien Road, Center Moriches

Come learn about the benefits
available to the Knights and
their families.

KofC4126.org

Knights of Columbus
BINGO
Night

Every Friday
Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.
Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.
\$3000 IN PRIZES

SJE Parish Auditorium
Next Bingo is on Friday, January 12, 2024!

Parish Social Ministry

SJE Thrift Shop
OPEN
Wednesdays
9 AM to 12 Noon



Donations can be
left in
Fellowship Hall of
the Church.

Thank you for
your support of
our Outreach
Ministry!



Closet Cleanout!

St. John's Street Ministry
is in need of:

- **Men's Winter Coats**
- **Men's Sweatshirts**
- **Men's Jeans**
- **Blankets**

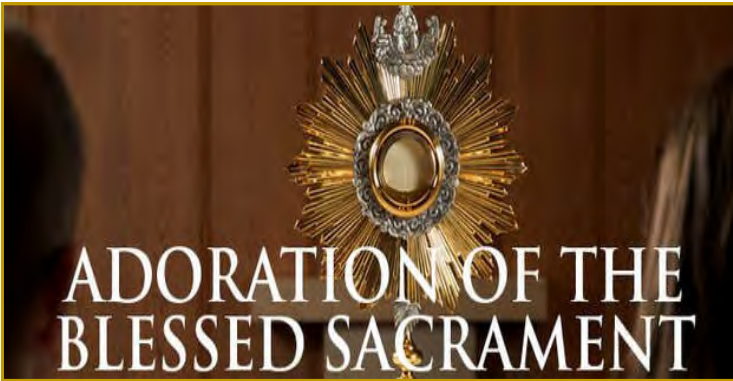
Ernie's Place

The items listed here are items that Ernie's Place is in most need of this week. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

Pantry Shopping List

- Cereal
- Canned Tuna
- Small bags of white rice
- Black Beans (cans or bags)
- Red Beans (cans or bags)
- Canned Chicken
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Tomato sauce
- Canned tomatoes
- Spaghetti
- Jelly





Adoration is prayer that prolongs the celebration, and the Eucharistic communion, and in which the soul continues to be nourished : it is nourished with love, truth, peace, it is nourished with hope, because the one before whom we prostrate ourselves does not judge us, does not crush us, but liberates and transforms us.

(Pope Benedict the XVI)

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

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you can be present for a specific hour, email rectory@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM. All are invited to pray for our Shepherds.

HOLY HOURS

FOR VOCATIONS | 2023-2024 DATES

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

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DOORS OPEN 7 PM, BEGINS 7:30 PM | AT THE SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Español los Sabados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

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

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

Bautismos: Segundo Domingo a las 2 PM en la Iglesia.
Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

Requisitos:

1. Certificado de nacimiento del niño o/de la niña.
2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Matrimonios:

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 PM los martes! Asegúrese de venir a visitarnos y permítanos servirle! por favor llame a la oficina de la rectoría 631-878-0009 o envíe un correo electrónico al ministerio español a

espanol@sjecm.org

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to come and visit and allow us to serve you!

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

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

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

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

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

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

MINISTERIO DE CALLE

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

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

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

Safe Environment Updates...

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

REMINDERS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

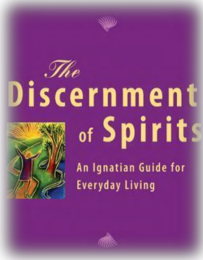
All SJE employees and volunteers must wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your "spam" or "Junk" folder.)

PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

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

Women's Group...

Fr. Timothy Gallagher's book on The Discernment of Spirits, lists St. Ignatius' 14 rules for discernment, then goes through each rule a chapter at a time, describing how to apply it in our lives. In the ups & downs, consolations and desolations of our spiritual life, we go through times of pure joy to "Where are You Jesus?"



St. Ignatius (1491-1556), recuperating from war wounds was given reading material on the life of Christ & the saints. As he thought about what he read, he became aware of his thought patterns, how the thoughts affected his feelings, and how the good feelings remained with him. When he had worldly thoughts, although he felt good while thinking them, he noticed that afterward the feelings left him empty. He continued reading spiritual books, growing in wisdom. God was leading him, fulfilling His Plan for him to be a great saint & to teach us. God's plan for us is the same, the *process is slow*.

As women who love Jesus, we need & want to learn to recognize Jesus' voice & grow closer to Him. At times we feel inadequate, wondering is this Jesus speaking, me or the enemy? In our group we begin to see we're all equal, with the same problems, emotions, weaknesses, confusion, strengths, desires, fears, doing the best we can, we don't have to be perfect. Jesus consoles us through our love for each other. If you feel desire to come but are fearful, we understand because we've been there & at times still are, so just come as you are, no rules or requirements, you don't have to read or share. We respect the privacy of others, sharing is *anonymous!*

We meet **every other Monday** from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the IHM room, white house (convent) between school & rectory.

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

*Dates with * are makeup dates.*

Facilitators: Carol Ketcham, Anita Luccari.

For additional information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009 . Or... **just show up!**

Men's Prayer Group...



CALLING ALL MEN!

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

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

JANUARY 16-24, 2024



9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message here:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena>

The 2024 Sunday's Word books have arrived ...
A donation of \$5.00
is requested but not required.

Sunday's Word 2024



These books contain all of the Sunday readings as well as the psalm and antiphons for Daily Mass. They can be picked up at the rectory office.

Important DRVC Information...

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page:

<https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Please take some time look through the back pages of the bulletin! It features many local businesses (and often the work of parishioners) and the good work they do in our community. We have parishioners who do everything from car detailing to car mechanics to lacrosse training to taking care of pets. Take a look and learn more!

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

Also, if your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, the nearly 1,400 people who attend Mass at St. John the Evangelist - most of whom live and shop in the Moriches, Mastic, Shirley, Eastport, Speonk and Remsenberg area - receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of families in the area with information about your business.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call
The Church Bulletin Company
at 631-249-4994

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 8th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous-Men only - BMR

Tuesday, January 9th, 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 10th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
- 3-5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

Thursday, January 11th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 4 PM Legion of Mary - BMR
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, January 12th, 2024

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

Saturday, January 13th, 2024

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

Sunday, January 14th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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