

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



February 18, 2024

The First Sunday of Lent

“Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant”

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



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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

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, February 24th

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, February 25th

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

**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 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

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Regional Catholic School**
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Dawn Waller
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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...

Lent: A Time of Renewal and Growth (Mk 1:12-15)

A new Lent is among us. A new beginning and a new journey towards God has begun. Today's gospel officially marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent when we recall Jesus' entrance into the desert. Our 40 days officially begins at sundown on the Saturday after Ash Wednesday (first weekend of Lent) and continues through Holy Thursday evening, which marks the beginning of another Easter Triduum. Today's gospel reminds us that Lent is here and now is the time for us to head back into the desert to join the Lord in prayer and reflection.

Jesus is telling us again, right now during this new season of Lent, to repent and believe in the Gospel, the Gospel of life! He is telling us that now is the time, the mandated time, to change our ways and to turn our lives around. He is making it clear that we need to follow the Gospel that is both from God and about God. In other words, when speaking to us today about the importance of taking God's Word seriously, He is reminding us during this new season of Lent of the urgency of remaining close and faithful to God and His teachings!

Who knows how many more Lents we will have to turn our lives around and conform our lives to Christ; in living for the Lord in service to one another. This new season of Lent offers us another opportunity to render our hearts over to God and to take His Gospel more seriously, because through baptism, we now belong to God and to God alone who is our hope and our joy!

For me, I was never crazy about Lent growing up. I never really understood the true meaning behind this season. But now I know how important it is and how joyful it can be in being drawn closer to God. I always associated Lent with giving up something until Easter. Now I realize the importance behind fasting. Fasting can lead us closer to God, especially if we fast from the things that pull us away from Him. I try to give up something I enjoy or something that keeps me from praying more, like watching television. I try to watch less TV (less news), something I enjoy in the evening hours, and pray more. I try to do more spiritual reading, which I find to be more delightful and fulfilling than watching the same old news. I enjoy learning

more about God in the silence of prayer and reflection when I take my prayer time more serious.

The truth is Lent is a time for spiritual growth. It is a time to re-connect with the Lord who alone can satisfy and refresh our souls. It is a time to grow in our awareness and appreciation of the importance of God in our lives. Lent affords us another opportunity to grow in our love for God. It is a time of renewal; it is a time of grace and transformation. Lent is a time to reform our lives and make all the necessary changes we need to make in order to make more room for God in our lives. This season of conversion invites us to soften our hearts a bit more and to walk more humbly with God, to be one with Him in prayer and adoration, and grateful for the blessings we have received, including life without end. We need to see what we have to do differently so that we can live our lives more joyfully and fulfilling in the Lord. Lent brings us closer to God if we make a conscious effort on our part. Lent brings us home to God, especially through the spiritual disciplines that this season has to offer prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

More importantly, Lent shows us the way to the Lord. We need Lent because we need to learn how to put God first in our lives. St. Augustine says, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in God." That is why now is the time again, as Scripture says, to repent and believe. To believe in the Gospel of God! Now is the time for change and renewal. Now is the time to take our relationship with God more seriously, knowing that He alone is the fulfillment of our hopes and longings. This new season of Lent invites us to trust more in God, who has been faithful to His promise since ancient times and who leads us to all truth and understanding of the Easter Mysteries, life everlasting!



Masses for the Week...

Saturday, February 17th *Saturday After Ash Wednesday*

5:00 PM Anne O'Brien
 7:30 PM *Spanish* People of the Parish

Sunday, February 18th *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Henriqueta Stoffel
 10:00 AM Brian Cooke
 12:00 Noon Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
 6:00 PM Daniel Dern Jr.

Monday, February 19th *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 AM Saverio Giambalvo
 12:00 Noon John Klaus IV

Tuesday, February 20th *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 AM Robert Sudano
 12:00 Noon Christopher Bowman

Wednesday, February 21st *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 AM People of the Parish
 12:00 Noon The Grandparents of Isabel Stevens

Thursday, February 22nd *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

7:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro
 12:00 Noon Rosemary Curtin

Friday, February 23rd *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 AM Special Intention- Sammy Dunn
 12:00 Noon Vito and Catherine Stabile

Saturday, February 24th *Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM Daniel Dern Jr.
 5:00 PM Helen Langone
 7:30 PM *Spanish* Special Intention- Adelaide Rego

Sunday, February 25th *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Maryanne Capasso
 12:00 Noon Thomas Gongolewski & Christine Gongolewski
 6:00 PM Special Intention-for the Stevens Family



PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$124,010	6	\$20,668
2023	\$103,192	6	\$17,199

2023
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL

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



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

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

2024
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*Revitalizing our Faith –
Renewed by the Eucharist*



A Message From Bishop John O. Barres

Dear Friends,

This year's CMA theme, *Revitalizing Our Faith – Renewed by the Eucharist*, is inspired by The National Eucharistic Revival which continues to be an important mission the Church is undertaking. Through this renewal of faith, we are restoring an understanding and fidelity to the great mystery of Jesus Christ really and truly present in the Eucharist. Jesus selflessly gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6:56) This cherished encounter with Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist directs us and strengthens us to continue His mission of evangelizing the faith and caring for those in need.



We can accomplish this important mission here on Long Island by supporting the vital works of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal assist thousands of individuals on Long Island each year by supporting seminarians through their discernment and formation, evangelization programs to adults and our youth, and through Catholic Charities and parish outreach programs that provide food and shelter to seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal truly brings the true presence of Jesus to more than 600,000 people each year. I personally invite you to continue on this mission by joining me in making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We have much to look forward to because we are a people of hope.

I pray for God's blessings for you and your family

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Geraldine Ambrosia,
Joan Ambrosini, Sylvia Ricciardi,
Carol Hernandez

*"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

John Fitzpatrick,
Frank Macchia

*"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 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
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II

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.

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

In Memory of the Deceased of the Parish

This week, the Sacred Heart Candle will be lit:

In Memory of Joseph McAllister

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 Spring Basket Auction and Food Extravaganza



Saturday, March 9th
6:00 PM
Doors open at 4:45
Tickets \$35 each

(Ticket price includes food to try from various restaurants)

*CALL TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS!*

Tickets available till March 6th
or
we are sold out

**NUMEROUS BASKETS
TO CHOOSE FROM !**

(Basket raffle tickets purchased
separately at the event)

 **(631) 878-1033**
www.olqany.org

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St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Honoring SJE Faith Formation Leaders

Suzan Fitzpatrick, Former DRE
and

Michelle Pirraglia, Current DRE

Saturday, March 16th

Buffet Dinner - Corned Beef & Cabbage
Bangers & Mash 🍀 Soft Drinks & Dessert

\$30 per person

Bring your own adult beverage

STARTS AT 7 PM

For Tickets- Call: George 631-786-1459
or Bill 516-458-6448

313 Frowein Rd. Center Moriches
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Family Ministry



"I was hungry and you gave me to eat.
Just wanted to say thanks!"

A special thanks to all who came to support Sandwich Sunday last weekend. Together we made over 200 sandwiches for the hungry in our local area. Just another example of beautiful SJE families living the gospel!



Our next
Sandwich Sunday is
March 10th!
Come on down and
join the fun!



REMEMBER TO BRING IN THOSE BABY BOTTLES!

Recently, St. John the Evangelist Parish kicked-off our Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center.

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON **FEBRUARY 24TH & 25TH**

The Life Center consults women and men who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonogram referrals, maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals, medical care referrals, material aid, including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items.

Remember, all it takes is your change in a baby bottle and a heartfelt prayer to make a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** for all those we serve.

(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)



May every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a preborn baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!



LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND
A Voice for the Unborn on Long Island

STATIONS of the CROSS



Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 PM in the church, and

Stations in Spanish at 8 PM.

It is a beautiful opportunity for prayer and reflection on the great sacrifice Jesus made for humanity.

What is **FASTING**?

The **limitation** of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between
But remember to drink enough fluids!

When do we fast?

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday*

*Paschal Fast: Good Friday and Holy Saturday are days of prayer and quiet reflection. We honour the suffering and death of Jesus and prepare to share in the joy of his resurrection at Easter.

What is **ABSTINENCE**?

Avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods

When do we abstain?

Catholics are obliged to abstain from **meat every Friday** throughout the year (except solemn feast days)

TIP: Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays

ALL ABOUT

Fasting & Abstinence

Why fast?

It helps us to **pray better**: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer

Who has to fast?

Catholics aged 18 to 60
Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

Why abstain on Fridays?

It's the **day of Christ's saving death** on the cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world

Who has to abstain?

Catholics aged 14 and older

During Lent, the money we save on food while fasting and abstaining should be given to others in alms

SOURCE: "Keeping Friday" and "Living Lent" from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops www.cccb.ca

Year of the Eucharist Revival in the United States

The Eucharist Revival Committee at St. John the Evangelist presents

Two Talks on the Eucharist in Seton Chapel (in the Convent) from 7 – 8 PM



Given by:
Deacon Michael Hoonhout, S.T.L., Ph.D.
Professor of Dogmatic Theology
St. Joseph's Seminary
Yonkers, NY



The Unsurpassable Gift of the Eucharist

Wednesday, February 28th

In his first talk, Deacon Michael will explain why Jesus chose to give us the Eucharist, the greatest gift Our Lord has given to the Church on her pilgrimage to heaven. It will help strengthen your faith in and understanding of the Eucharist, and include practical ways to receive the Eucharist more fruitfully. After the talk there will be an opportunity for members of the audience to receive answers to their questions about the Eucharist.

The Riches of Eucharist Adoration

Wednesday, March 6th

The second talk will focus on the spiritual benefits of visiting, praying before, and adoring the Eucharist, especially when the Blessed Sacrament is displayed in the monstrance. The talk will both encourage and challenge you to respond to Jesus' invitation to "come and see" (John 1:39) and enter into a deeper, transformative relationship with Jesus Christ. The talk will serve as an excellent preparation for the 40 Hours of continuous Eucharistic Adoration, which will be offered at St. John the Evangelist two days later, beginning at 3 PM on Friday, March 8th and ending at 8 AM on Sunday, March 10th.

Adoration is also held Monday - Friday from 3-7 PM in the Seton Chapel (in the convent).

40-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS LENT

40 hours is the number of hours the Lord's Body remained in the tomb prior to the resurrection



CAN YOU COMMIT A SPECIFIC HOUR TO SPEND WITH JESUS?

Seton Chapel (in the Convent) March 8th, 9th, and 10th.

Adoration hours scheduled from 3 PM on Friday, March 8th, until 8 AM on Sunday, March 10th.

To schedule your hour, please call the rectory at 631-878-0009, or complete and tear off the bottom of this form and leave it in the Eucharistic Adoration basket in the convent vestibule.

Let's show Jesus how much we love him!

40-Hour Eucharistic Adoration

Select a day and an hour (or hours) desired

Name: _____
Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____

Friday (3 PM - 12 AM) _____
Saturday (12 am to 12 AM) _____
Sunday (12 AM to 8 AM) _____

*"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest"
(Mt. 11:28)*

Parish Social Ministry

SJE Thrift Shop Wednesdays - 9 AM - 12 Noon

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

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

The 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.



Closet Cleanout!

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

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

Donations can be left in Fellowship Hall of the Church.

Thank you for your support of our Outreach Ministry!



Ernie's Place

Here is a list of items we will be collecting to help fill our Easter baskets. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

Pantry Shopping List

- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Corn
- Mashed Potatoes
- Cake Mix Icing
- Biscuit Mix
- Canned Pineapple
- Easter Chocolate
- Peeps
- Jelly Beans

Street Ministry



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

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

PB&J sandwiches, or participating in our van runs, Street Ministry has a place and a job for everyone! To get started or for more information contact Victoria Papparatto at streetministry@sjecm.org

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Give from the heart

February is American Heart Month.

Chase depended
on blood during
heart surgery and
in recovery.

**DONATIONS
SAVE LIVES**



BLOOD DRIVE

St. John the Evangelist

2 St. John's Place, Center Moriches
OLQA School Auditorium

Saturday, February 24, 2024

9:00am – 3:00pm



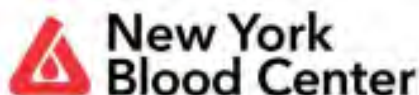
**To make an appointment:
Scan the QR code**



call 1-800-933-2566, or email Melissa at mgatto@nybc.org

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Mask requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.



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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/>

Our Parish will be offering classes...

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST @ 6:30 PM in the Barn
and
MONDAY, MARCH 4TH @ 1:00 PM in the Barn

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.

ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for new altar servers!

If you are in 4th grade or higher and you would like to serve the church in this special ministry, we would love to have you! Altar servers assist the priest or deacon with sincere devotion and decorum in the spirit of the Liturgy by carrying the incense, processional cross, lighting candles at Eucharistic celebrations, Sacraments, funeral masses, benediction, and prayer services. This ministry allows the youth of the parish to become involved and contribute to the Liturgy of the Mass by serving others.

An altar server must have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, and First Communion to participate in this ministry.

Our next parish train session will be...

Monday, March 11, 2024

4:00pm-5:30pm in the Church

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

4:00pm-5:30pm in the Church

Saturday, March 16, 2024

11:00am-12:30pm in the Church

(Pizza will be served at the conclusion of the final session)

****We strongly encourage you to attend these sessions, if you cannot under extreme circumstances you MUST contact us immediately!****

We will celebrate a special installation Mass of all our new altar servers on **Sunday, March 17, 2024** at the **10:00am** Mass at which all our new trainees will serve at the Mass for the first time.

Please email your child's name, grade level, email, phone number and age to servers@sjecm.org by **Friday, March 8, 2024** if you are interested in becoming an altar server.





February 14 - March 24
40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

*Sign up to save lives in the Patchogue area.
Spring Campaign begins soon!*

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **20,000 babies** saved
- Over **200 abortion workers** converted
- Over **100 abortion centers** closed

Here's how to take part in **40 Days for Life** in our community:

Vigil location:

Sidewalk near Planned Parenthood
(450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue)

Vigil hours:

Mondays: 10 AM - Noon

Wednesdays: 10 AM - Noon

Wednesdays: 3 PM - 5 PM

Saturdays: 10 AM - Noon

Local contact: Bob at 631-615-1735 or
WaverlyAvenueRespectLife@gmail.com

Learn more...get involved...sign up for prayer times
by visiting our campaign at:

40daysforlife.com/Patchogue

Walk-ins welcome!

Come and spend an hour in prayer for these precious lives!

A Message from Msgr. Walden...



“You can’t handle the truth!” That is a line from the movie “A Few Good Men” where Jack Nicholson was a commanding officer on trial for the unjust death of one of his soldiers, and Tom Cruise was the military lawyer prosecutor questioning him. There are truths that we all have to deal with that are not always easy to accept: a devastating sickness, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job are just a few of the difficulties we have a hard time dealing with. Ironically in the Gospel for last Monday, we had these words: “The pharisees came forward and began to argue with Jesus, seeking from Him a sign to test Him.” (Mark 8:11). It is absurd to think we can argue and correct Jesus or get Him to see things our preferred way. In the Gospel for today’s Mass (Mark 1:12-15), we see Jesus coming out of the desert after being tempted by Satan for forty days.

This past Wednesday, we began our forty day Lenten journey to Easter. Like Jesus, we can be tempted. Our temptation is to make good resolutions and just never begin to live them out. What truth do we need to handle? Even more, what truth do we need to clarify and make a part of our daily lives as well as our journey to the fullness of God’s presence when we die? It is not that we have to handle the truth about who we are in the core of our being and how God fits into that picture. Life is a gift, a journey with a clear purpose. That purpose is to one day, our last day in this life, to meet God face to face. That is not meant to “scare the hell” out of us, but to open the door of our hearts to embrace Jesus and His love and presence in His life.

When I was growing up, there was a real focus on fasting, on giving up things we liked to do, to discipline our hearts. Today we are bombarded with words and messages, even if we live alone. What words and speakers of those words get our undivided attention? In the very beginning of his Gospel, St. John powerfully says Jesus speaks the word of God and is the Word of God (John 1:1-15): “In the beginning was the

Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.”

This passage presents the truth that we need to handle who we are, where we are going and how we are going to get there. To contemplate these words is not to escape from the world, but to see it through Jesus the Word of God, the God whose Word created all things and ourselves as human beings in His very image.

- L - Learn, Listen - to God’s Word and Voice
- E - Enrich, Enlighten - as you are enriched and enlightened by God.
- N - Nourish, Need - Feed yourself and others as God feeds us and needs us to do for one another all that He does for us, through us, and with us.
- T - Time, Thank - Take time to thank God and others for the blessing they are to you.

Knights of Columbus
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

BINGO!

Every Friday Night

\$3000 in Prizes

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. • GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.
SJE Parish Auditorium



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on **Saturday, February 24th from 2 PM and continue through Monday, February 26th at 8:30 AM.**

Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android, and Apple TV.



St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church

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 helps many with the healing process.

Bereavement Support Group

Saturday mornings, thru the end of April.

10:30 am to 12 noon

First floor meeting room in the Barn.

The Barn is the blue building located in the rear school parking lot.

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.

Contact the Rectory office to Register, 631.878.0009 or email rectory@sjecm.org

Facilitators:
Maureen Harney &
Loretta Gallagher
\$10 donation for the workbook.

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

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!

Tienda de segunda mano SJE los miércoles:

de 9 AM a 12 del mediodía

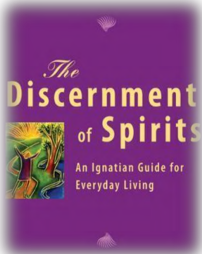
¿Estás buscando una gran oferta? St. John's Thrift Shop es el lugar para usted y su familia. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Cuando visite nuestra tienda, verá mucha ropa, carteras, zapatos, joyas, artículos para el hogar y muchos juguetes fantásticos nuevos y en buen estado, todo a excelentes precios. Las ganancias de las ventas semanales en la tienda se devuelven a nuestros programas de Alcance Parroquial y se utilizan para ayudar a nuestros vecinos necesitados en nuestra parroquia y la comunidad local.

El éxito de nuestra tienda de segunda mano depende de las generosas donaciones de nuestra comunidad que se dejan en los contenedores verdes del estacionamiento de la escuela. Si está buscando una excelente manera de retribuir a nuestra comunidad parroquial, considere donar su ropa nueva o en buen estado, o aquellos juguetes que a sus hijos les hayan quedado pequeños.

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: February 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 drcv-faith.org

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





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, February 19th, 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, February 20th, 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, February 21st, 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 22nd, 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 23rd, 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 24th, 2024

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

Sunday, February 25th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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