

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



February 25, 2024

The Second Sunday of Lent

“I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living”

Psalm 116: 10 and 15, 16-17, 18-19



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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, March 2nd

5:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

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, March 3rd

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

*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

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Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

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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 Reflection on the Gospel...

Mark 9:2-10

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."

As Jesus' divine nature was being manifested to Peter, James, and John, His human nature was allowing Him to understand how terrifying this event must have been for them. The truth that Jesus is 100% divine while at the same time 100% human is a reality that is difficult for us to grasp. On that high mountain, those three Apostles actually became personal witnesses to a truth regarding the Trinity, as they heard God the Father identify Jesus as His beloved Son. Then, Jesus spoke to them about another truth that was yet to occur: the Resurrection.

God doesn't expect us to understand everything. Peter, James, and John certainly didn't. Yet, their response was, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" Though they were terrified, they were still filled with joy and gratitude, wanting to serve and accommodate by making three tents, out of respect and hospitality. And even though they were unsure about what Jesus' words to them meant regarding His Resurrection, they were still obedient to His instructions. God also gives us opportunities to respond with joy, service, and obedience. All we need to do is trust and believe, and then let God take us from there to wherever He wants us to be.

The Transfiguration represents God's salvific mission for humanity. Moses represents the law, Elijah represents the prophets, and Jesus is the fulfillment of both. Jesus, witnessed in His glorified state, gives us a foretaste of the life that awaits us in Heaven. It would be impossible to fully comprehend the glory of God without dying of joy.

Although we focus upward toward Jesus on the mountain, we shouldn't forget that He can also be found at 'eye level' in the immediate needs of those around us. God is majestic, but He also wants our relationship with Him to be a personal one. He wants us to 'listen to Him.' His plan is a mighty one, but He wants us all to be a part of it.

God moves mountains, but He expects each of us to bring a shovel.

By Angela Werner



Masses for the Week...



Saturday, February 24th Lenten Weekday

- 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 Maryann Capasso
- 12:00 Noon Thomas Gongolewski and Christine Gongolewski
- 6:00 PM Special Intention-for the Stevens Family

Monday, February 26th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Jordan Hubbard
- 12:00 Noon Kathleen Clossick

Tuesday, February 27th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Richard J. Smith
- 12:00 Noon John and Ida Carcich

Wednesday, February 28th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM People of the Parish
- 12:00 Noon James J. Nizzara

Thursday, February 29th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Theodore Charles Witting Jr.
- 12:00 Noon Louise Catalano

Friday, March 1st Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Antonio and Mattea Mattessich
- 12:00 Noon Robert Nidzyn

Saturday, March 2nd Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 AM James Paulsen
- 5:00 PM John F.R. Clark
- 7:30 PM *Spanish* Special Intention—for the Stevens Family


Sunday, March 3rd Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 AM Marie Prudenti
- 10:00 AM People of the Parish
- 12:00 Noon Special Intention-for the Stevens Family
- 6:00 PM Marian Denyse

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$139,387	7	\$19,912
2023	\$118,735	7	\$16,962

2023
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*One Family - Journeying together in
Compassion, 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!

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

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Lent 2024

*...We need our prayer to rise with greater insistence to the Father,
So that He may hear the voice of those who turn to Him
on the confidence of being answered... Pope Francis*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On Sunday, January 21 of this year, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Holy Father is calling on the faithful “to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.” This Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated “to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.”

In response to the Holy Father’s initiative, together with Bishop Barres, all the Bishops and I would like to encourage you, especially during this 2024 Season of Lent in particular, to focus on prayer. Traditionally, during this time all Christians are called to practice fasting, prayer, repentance, and almsgiving as a way of drawing us closer to God and reflecting on the meaning of Jesus’ death and resurrection in anticipation of the gift of new life at Easter. All pillars of Lent complement and support each other. Customarily, fasting is a way of disciplining ourselves and expressing our repentance for our sins. By abstaining from certain foods or activities, we show our love for God and our gratitude for His mercy. Fasting also helps us to empathize with those who are less fortunate and to share our resources with them. In fact, prayer binds all these Lenten practices all together, giving them an extra strength and direction. In days to come, as we prepare for the celebration of Easter, let us take this great opportunity to renew ourselves in the life of prayer, making it not just a duty or an obligation but also as a privilege and a joy.

Prayer is a gift from God, connecting us with Him and allowing us to experience His love in our lives. It is a ground for an authentic encounter which God uses to transform us and to make us more like Christ to one another. It is also a power that God grants us to overcome sin and evil and to advance His cause in the world, especially very much needed peace as we reflect these days on the situations in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, Congo, and many other troubled places.

Personal Prayer. A classic description says that prayer is “the raising of our mind and heart to God.” We all might have our own experiences of prayer, and we can define prayer in our own and unique ways. However, most important is the fact that during sacred time of the year each of us should make the best effort to make a time for prayer, short or longer, in our daily lives. There are many ways in which we can engage with it during Lent. Many people might continue to follow a lectionary and other materials that provide Scripture readings and reflections for each day of Lent and be led by it to prayer. It is possible use prayer books, journals, apps, or online resources that offer different forms of prayer, such as meditation, contemplation, praise, worship, adoration, thanksgiving, and supplication. In some

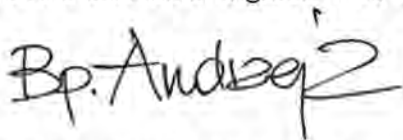
places there are groups of friends, or parishioners, who join prayer meetings, retreats, or online communities that share prayer requests and support each other in prayer. Most people create a prayer space in their home or workplace that helps them to focus on God. We should all look for an opportunity to pray without distractions and practice silence or solitude as a way of listening to God and being attentive to His presence. Whatever method or style of prayer we choose, the important thing is to pray with sincerity of heart, humility, honesty, and openness. During Lent, we should pray especially for the grace of conversion, so we can be inspired to experience the need of repentance and change and be led to encounter Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. May we all grow in a deep desire to know the Lord more intimately and to love him more fully with the hunger for his grace and a thirst for his Spirit.

Communal Prayer. Time spent in prayer is never only personal. We all know that every individual action of one person has an impact on the whole community. Together in prayer, as we walk a synodal way, we grow in a deep sense of awareness that every act of love or time of common worship can profoundly strengthen and sanctify the whole Christian community and the whole human family. We are all connected in a special way as members of the Body of Christ, and we share the same mission and vision by celebrating of the Eucharist. This is the most profound and ultimate way of prayer. At each Mass we engage personally with the Paschal Mystery of the Lord and make it our own to be led by him, through the sacrifice of the cross to the glory of his Resurrection and our life in Him. The mystery of the Cross and the mystery of love Jesus shares with us can be understood in a deeper sense through prayer. Renewing our commitment to attend the Mass every Sunday would be the best step to renew ourselves in the life of prayer.

Prayers for the World. Both the celebration of the Eucharist and our personal daily prayer nourishes our faith, strengthens our hope, and increases our charity towards others. During Lent and beyond we are called to share our gifts and resources with the world around us, especially with those who are in need. We are to take care of the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized, and are to join them in their struggle for justice and dignity in the best way we can. Every good deed is always inspired and properly executed with the assistance of our continuing prayers, making us God's instruments of peace, justice, and mercy, which is so much needed in the world today.

Dear Friends, prayer is basically a conversation with God who is waiting for us. It doesn't have to be made up of loads of words as it is all about the conversion of heart. It's not just "saying prayers", it is more about living by them, letting our heart declare our love for God and others. Let this Lent be for all of us a sacred time of our spiritual renewal in prayer so we can all become who we are supposed to be in relationship with God and with each other. Our life prayer is a statement about who we are. The future of the world depends on our prayers and begins in us. Even though our prayers do not give any extra reverence to God, they certainly make us more revered before Him so we walk "humbly with the Lord."

Have a blessed and grace filled Lent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bp. Andrzej Zglejszewski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'Z' at the end.

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski
Episcopal Vicar

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Louis Kaleb
Joan N. Roberts

*"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, Tony Variale,
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 March has been donated:

In Memory of Liz DellaRatta

This week, the Blessed Mother Candle will be lit:

In Memory of Kelin Calabria

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.

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)*

FINDING PEACE IN LENT...

The Art & Environment ministry of SJE invites all parishioners to help us through our Journey from LENT to EASTER.



The DOVE has long been a symbol of the **HOLY SPIRIT** and **PEACE**.

During Lent, the St. Francis "Peace Prayer" will help guide us to see in a deeper way and become more aware of what speaks to us of peace. We are asking all SJE parishioners to think about the Prayer of St. Francis and what we can do in our own lives to enhance PEACE. Every DOVE will have your individual thoughts encouraging PEACE.

Paper will be provided for making the Dove that we will be beautifully displayed as part of our Easter design.

Please return your Dove to the designated baskets at the church doors **NO LATER than MARCH 10, 2024**

If your feeling extra creative you can use the link below to watch the YouTube Video on how to fold the Origami Dove.

Andy Origami <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqWE5tp4Doo>

If you are not up for Origami, no problem! Just return your piece of paper with your reflection and the SJE Art & Environment Ministry will fold it for you!



The Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
 where there is hatred, let me show love.
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 Where there is sadness, joy;
 O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled as to console;
 to be understood, as to understand;
 to be loved, as to love;
 for it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life!
 AMEN

Thank you for participating in our special project!

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)

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Family Ministry

During the beautiful season of Lent we are invited to bring our relationship with Jesus to a deeper, more personal level through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Here at St. John's we are offering many opportunities to take these steps together as a parish family. We invite you to make the following events part of your family's Lenten journey.



[2/28 Moms on the Journey](#)

7:00 PM, Upper Room of the Barn. Come enjoy a simple meal, read scripture and share a Lenten reflection with other busy moms. Step away from the busyness of life and spend the evening with Jesus and your sisters in faith.



[3/10 Sandwich Sunday](#)

11:00-12:00 in the school cafeteria. Come and make sandwiches for those who do not have enough to eat. We will supply everything that you need, but you are most welcome to bring a loaf of bread, cold cuts, peanut butter or jelly to support this ministry.



[3/1 and 3/22 Soup Supper](#)

6:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Come enjoy a simple Lenten meal including a variety of meatless soups and bread. Beverages and a simple dessert will also be provided. After the meal, all are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross: outdoor family stations in the prayer garden (weather permitting) or traditional stations in the church.



[3/24 Palm Sunday Egg Hunt](#)

After the 10:00 Mass, our parish children will search for candy-filled eggs on the great lawn in front of Our Lady Queen of Apostles School. Bring your baskets. And then...enjoy some delicious pancakes in the gym, compliments of the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome!



[3/28 Holy Thursday Family Prayer Service](#)

4:30 PM in the church. Come experience the beauty of Holy Thursday through a prayer service designed for the families of our parish.



[3/6 Family Life Ministry Planning Meeting](#)

7:00 PM -Upper Room of the Barn. Come and help us plan our Family Holy Week Services.



[3/29 Good Friday Family Prayer Service](#)

12:00 noon in the church. Come and experience the Passion of Christ as presented through the eyes of those who were there.

Looking for Middle School, High School & College students

to help with our Family Ministry Holy Week Events and Prayer Services! Adults are welcome too!

How can you help?



Come and fill the plastic eggs with candy for the Palm Sunday Egg Hunt. We will meet on Saturday, 3/23 at 10 AM to fill over 1000 eggs! Grab a friend and come on down to help.



Participate in our Holy Thursday Family Prayer Service. The prayer service will be held on 3/28 at 4:30 PM. We will need people to help set up, read, act, assist with the washing of the feet, and to help with clean up.



Participate in our Good Friday Family Prayer Service. The prayer service will be held on 3/29 at 12 noon. We will need people to help set up, serve as narrators, actors, readers, assist with the veneration of the cross and to clean up. There will be two rehearsals prior to 3/29. Dates are in the process of being scheduled!

Earn community service hours for helping out at any and all of these parish events. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email Clapham@sjecm.org.

There are so many ways to help! EVERYONE is welcome!

We are really looking forward to working with the amazing young people of our parish so we can prepare beautiful Holy Week Services for our parish families. Please consider sharing your time and talent.

Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
faithformation@sjecm.org mpirraglia@sjecm.org
Office Hours: By Appointment Only

During this month's "Family of Faith" session (Grades 1-6), families learned about different ways of prayer and experienced Eucharistic Adoration together. Special thanks to Deacon Michael Hoonhout, who spoke to parents about the Eucharist and led us in Eucharistic Adoration.

Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)

Next Sessions:

Tuesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 7th
at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church



Confirmation Prep: Rosary Night

Special thanks to the Leavy Family, who made Rosaries for our 130 Level 8 students, who recently learned about the Rosary!

Level 7: Next date

Monday, February 26 @ 7:15 PM

Level 8: Next date

Tuesday, February 27 @ 7:15 PM



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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

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Queen of All Hearts Knights of Columbus

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

SJE Parish Lenten Mission 2024

A PILGRIMS JOURNEY OF *Faith*

To fall in love with God is the
greatest *romance*; to seek him
the greatest *adventure*;
to find him, the greatest
human *achievement*.

- St. Augustine of Hippo -

Monday, March 18th
A Journey of Forgiveness with the Saints

Tuesday, March 19th
A Journey of Protection with Mary

Wednesday, March 20th
A Journey of Love with the Eucharist

7:30 PM in the Church

Presented by:

Father Gary George C.Ss.R.



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

4:00-5:30 PM in the Church

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

4:00-5:30 PM in the Church

Saturday, March 16, 2024

11:00 AM-12:30 PM 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!



Lenten Breakfast Retreat

Saturday, March 9, 2024
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Moose Lodge #1742
On the beautiful Peconic River,
51 Madison Street
Riverhead, NY 11901



GUEST SPEAKER:
FR. CHARLES MANGANO

Father Charles Mangano was born March 4, 1961, the youngest of four children and grew up in Dix Hills, on Long Island. Father Charles attributes his personal relationship with Jesus and Mary to the charismatic prayer meeting he started attending with his parents when he was in 8th grade till his early 20's. After our Lady confirmed his priestly vocation while on a Marian pilgrimage he entered the seminary in Huntington in 1984. Father was ordained a Diocesan priest for the Diocese of Rockville Center in 1990.

Father Charles is a priest for 32 years and has served in six parish assignments, was a pastor for 14 years and then took a two-year sabbatical to take care of his elderly parents until the two passed away. Father Charles and his sister Laurie hosted a television show for 20 years on the Catholic Faith Network and for 30 years have evangelized through their music ministry. Father is presently associate pastor of Our lady of Lourdes Church in West Islip. Serving God is the joy of his heart.

Cost \$50 per person
Scan QR or click code to register.
By March 7, 2024
For more information please email magnificatofsuffolk@gmail.com




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.






A Message from Msgr. Walden...



Who do we trust to reveal who we really are and what we really think? As we look into our own personal minds and hearts, we can see who and what we truly love and center our lives on. At times we are reluctant to reveal who we are because either we are ashamed or disappointed about things we have said or done, or we are afraid of an argument or strong disagreement with what we really believe to be true. In the Gospel for today's Mass, we have the wonder of Jesus revealing Himself and who He really is to Peter, James, and John as He takes them "up a high mountain apart by themselves." This is absolute quality time for them and an almost unbelievable experience. In this passage from Mark 9:2-10, Jesus "was transfigured before them, and His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus." Then they heard voice from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."

These three had already been in Jesus' company countless times and listened to His words. They felt and experienced the very voice and presence of God and His wisdom, love, and mercy. The Transfiguration had to be a faith strengthening experience. Yet, as powerful as that encounter was, they came down from the mountain and kept experiencing the goodness, love, mercy, and wisdom of God in Jesus. But once Jesus was arrested, only John stayed with Him, as Peter denied knowing or being associating with Him three times. Fear of their fellow human beings for their very lives led Peter to deny Jesus three times and James to run away.

But Jesus refused to cast them out of His heart. He loved them more than they could comprehend at that moment and in the end, all but St. John were martyred for their faith in Jesus. They saw the light and could not help but spread the good news of God's love, wisdom, and mercy without fear of rejection or death. The light of their example lives on today.

Where is the "mountain" where we come into God's presence? Every time we come into our church or any other Catholic Church around the world, Jesus is there with His loving presence in the Eucharist. Are we awed as Peter, James, and John were? Take some time to come to our church or any church to be in the presence of the same Jesus who was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. A good thing I do everyday during Lent is to make the Way of the Cross with the fourteen stations hanging on our church and chapel walls. Over and over, I am amazed at each station as Jesus submits to being falsely condemned, mocked, scourged at the pillar, crowned with thorns, and finally nailed to a cross. Never did He use His divine power to strike back with threats or actions. As He did in his forty day journey of prayer in the desert, He prayed for us and those crucifying Him. How amazing His determination to battle sin as we all do and overcome it with pure love! The only blood shed was His, in place of ours and for us.

I encourage you to take some time this Lent to pray the Way

of the Cross on Friday evenings, and also by yourself at any time our church building is open. May we all come to see and experience the all-powerful presence of Jesus and His love for us and all people.

I offer Psalm 51 for your prayerful reflection:

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
 In your compassion blot out my offense.
 O wash me more and more from my guilt
 and cleanse me from my sin.
 My offenses truly I know them;
 my sin is always before me
 Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
 what is evil in your sight I have done.
 That you may be justified when you give sentence
 and be without reproach when you judge,
 O see, in guilt I was born, a sinner was I conceived.
 Indeed you love truth in the heart;
 then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
 O purify me, then I shall be clean;
 O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.
 Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
 that the bones you have crushed may revive.
 From my sins turn away your face
 and blot out all my guilt. A pure heart create for me,
 O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
 Do not cast me away from your presence,
 nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
 Give me again the joy of your help;
 with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
 that I may teach transgressors your ways
 and sinners may return to you.
 O rescue me, God, my helper,
 and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
 O Lord, open my lips
 and my mouth shall declare your praise.
 For in sacrifice you take no delight,
 burnt offering from me you would refuse,
 my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
 a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.
 In your goodness, show favor to Zion:
 rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
 Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
 holocausts offered on your altar. Glory...

Psalm Prayer: *Father, He who knew no sin was made sin for us, to save us and restore us to your friendship. Look upon our contrite heart and afflicted spirit and heal our troubled conscience, so that in the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit we may proclaim your praise and glory before all the nations.*

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.



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 26th, 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 27th, 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 28th, 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 29th, 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, March 1st, 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, March 2nd, 2024

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

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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