

First Sunday of Lent + February 26

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

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

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

“One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God”

Mathew 4:4b

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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 pm—7:00 pm

Next Weekend's Schedule:

Saturday, March 4th

5:00 pm - Fr. Patrick

7:30 pm - *Spanish* Fr. Peter

(Saturday Evening 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Sunday, March 5th

8:00 am - Fr. Felix

10:00 am - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Felix

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 a.m. + 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. +

7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30—5:45 p.m.

Confessions will now take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.



Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor + pastor@sjecm.org

Reverend Felix Akpabio

Parochial Vicar

John Pettorino

Deacon

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Andrew McKeon

Director of Music Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

Katie Spellman

Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller

Director of Operations

Mass Schedule

OLQA

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

(on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033

www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller

Principal

dwaller@olqany.org (ext. 201)

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House

Monday—Thursday:

9 a.m. — 8 p.m.

Tuesdays -

5-8pm Spanish speaking support.

Friday -Saturday

9 a.m. — 2p.m.

We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.



Lent 2023

Diocese of Rockville Centre
1991 St. John Avenue
Great Neck, NY 11040

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In our Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, Saint Matthew tells us that before Jesus began His public ministry, He was “led by the Spirit into the desert” (*Mt. 4:1*), where He prayed, fasted, and gave Himself over to a life of Gospel poverty. Lent is the sacred time in which, following the example of Jesus, we are led by the same Holy Spirit into the solitude of the desert to deepen our relationship with the Father and purify our hearts to become like the Son. The Spirit that draws each of us into this period of preparation does so through the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three pillars of Lenten observance call us away from the selfishness of sin and lead us to a deeply personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Recognizing that many have never experienced this personal relationship with Jesus, the Holy Spirit has led our local Church to embark on a period of Eucharistic Revival—a movement aimed at leading many to encounter Jesus by restoring understanding and devotion to the great mystery of the Eucharist. Following the Spirit’s desire to rekindle Eucharistic amazement in our hearts, let us reflect on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as practices deeply rooted in devotion to the Body and Blood of Jesus.

The Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church, the “source and summit of the Christian life” (*CCC 1324*). Lenten prayer focused on the Eucharist calls us to rediscover the Catholic practice of praying the Mass by offering our intentions, work, hardships, and family life as “spiritual sacrifices” united to the priest’s offering of the Lord’s Body (*Lumen Gentium, 34*). In this way the great prayer of the Church becomes the great prayer of our lives: the summit to which all our daily sacrifices are directed and the source from which graces flow into everyday life.

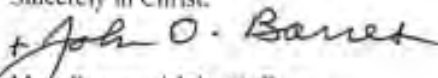
Prayerfully receiving the Eucharist not only requires bodily fasting from food but also spiritual fasting from worldly attachments that keep us from communion with God. At prayer in the desert, Christ rejects the temptations of Satan by reciting a scripture verse from Deuteronomy 8:3, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” The Lord recognizes that bodily fasting becomes a prayer only when it moves us to cling to God’s Word. This Lent may we take time to prepare for the Sunday Eucharist not only by fasting, but also by meditating on the weekly scriptures.

In the second century, Saint Justin Martyr wrote one of the earliest accounts of the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. He recounts that after the breaking of the bread, the early Christians would be moved to give alms and “take care of all who are in need” (*First Apology, 67*). The Church has always recognized an inseparable bond between the sacrifice of the Mass and the sacrifice of almsgiving. Saint John Chrysostom even understood almsgiving as a Eucharistic action. He described the poor person as an “altar” where one could encounter the Body of Christ and offer everywhere a daily sacrifice (*Homily 20 on Second Corinthians*). As we remember the sacrifice of Christ at each Sunday Eucharist, may we always remember the poor.

Christ entered the desert for 40 days to prepare for the mission ahead of Him. Following the Lord’s example, we enter the Lenten desert of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with the goal of becoming Eucharistic missionaries. The Holy Spirit is leading each of us to a personal encounter with the Lord and calling us to pray and fast for the conversion of many hearts during this grace-filled moment of Eucharistic Revival.

Let us follow the Spirit’s guidance with open hearts ready to receive the Lord; and may the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Preparing for the Week

Saturday, February 25th

5:00 p.m. Doris and Russell DeWitt
7:30 p.m. Spanish Douglas Sanmartin

Sunday, February 26th

8:00 a.m. Thomas Tebbens, Sr.
 10:00 a.m. Anne Mintel
 12:00 a.m. Jordan Hubbard
 6:00 p.m. Anthony Pomponio

Monday, February 27th Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Marcia Anne O'Donnell
 12 Noon Patrick Clark

Tuesday, February 28th Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Dora DiFrancisco
 12 Noon Veronica Hart
 7:30 p.m. Spanish

Wednesday, March 1st Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Robert Nidzyn
 12 Noon Robert Pollachek

Thursday, March 2nd Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Maureen Ingram
 12 Noon John FR Clark

Friday, March 3rd First Friday—Lenten Weekday

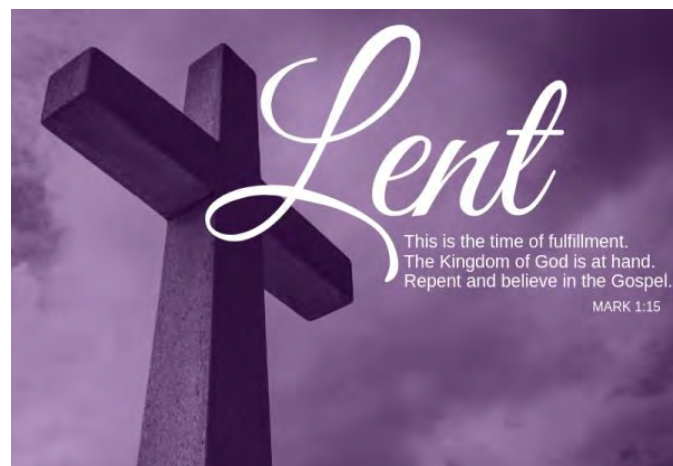
7:00 a.m. Rosalie Price
 12 Noon Joseph Brucato

Saturday, March 4th First Saturday—Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Vivian Cordeiro
 5:00 p.m. Kathy Palma
7:30 p.m. -Spanish Victor Perez

Sunday, March 5th Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Thomas Tebbens, Sr.
 10:00 a.m. Kristen Bigora
 12 Noon Thomas Tebbens, Sr.
 6:00 p.m. Anthony Pomponio



ABSTINENCE & FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

"During this Lent,
 let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."

-Pope Francis



PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$134,337	8	\$16,792
2022	\$114,729	8	\$14,341

Tax statements...

Simply call the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org for your 2022 statement. Statements are available. You can have your form mailed to you, emailed to you.

Easter Sponsor-a-family



Our parish was so generous and so good during the times of Christmas and Thanksgiving. How can we not reach out to our sisters and brothers in need during the greatest feast o the year!

Here's how to help!

Donate Food

Fill the purple bags you can find at the doors of the church with the items on the list included to donate to Ernie's Place. Donations can be left in the brown bin in front of Ernie's Place or in the fellowship hall of the church.

Donate Gift Cards

In support of our program and to assist with the purchase of food as needed, we are asking for \$25 gift cards to any of our local grocery stores, King Kullen, Lidl, or Stop & Shop. Cards can be left at the Rectory or in the collection baskets during Mass.

Sponsor a Family

Have your family/friends come together to provide the fixings for a full holiday meal, maybe providing the items that you share at your Easter table. We ask that you package your donation in sturdy, reusable shopping bags. You can drop off your meal at the OLQA auditorium on **Thursday March 30th** between 4pm and 6pm.

Donate your time

We will need some help on Saturday morning, **April 1st** to put our meal bags together and to distribute to our families. (Please note some lifting is required for these jobs!)

Please return the form below or email to Easter@sjecm.org by **March 25, 2023** to let us know how you can help.

Name _____

Best Phone # _____ Best Email _____@_____

Yes, we can sponsor a family of (please circle one) 4, 5, 6 or more for Easter

Yes, we can help with set up on **Saturday, April 1st from 8am—9:30am**

Yes, I can help with distribution on **Saturday, April 1st from 10am to noon.**

I can not help on Campus or by shopping, but please accept my donation. Attach a check or make your donation at WWW.sjecm.org and click giving.

Parish Social Ministry...

Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus at all times.
Please call to make an appointment.
Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 to make an appointment

LENTEN BAG CHALLENGE

During Lent, we are called to the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Rest assured, you can do all of those things here!

Please take two reusable shopping bags. Be sure to look inside....there's a lot of good stuff in there!



We ask you to keep one for yourself and return the other with the requested items throughout the weeks of Lent. (Yes, of course, you can return both and even take more than two!)



Ernie's Place ~ SJE Food Pantry

Pantry Shopping List

The items listed to the right 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.

- Canned corn
- Cake mixes
- Frosting
- Bag Dry Green Split peas
- Pancake mix
- Mashed potato's
- Peeps

Street Ministry Needs

- Deodorant

THANK YOU!!

SJE Outreach team received help from a helpful group of volunteers from OLQA Students and IGHL's "Program without Walls". The team worked together in the Barn to prepare the Lenten Bags that will be distributed to our parishioners on Ash Wednesday. The members of the Program without Walls work from the Manorville Opportunity Center and spend their day enjoying learning experiences within our community. They are actively involved with volunteer ventures within the community and were a big help to St. John's. Thank you to the volunteers who helped.



SJE Thrift Shop

Wednesdays—9 a.m. to 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! **Open Wednesdays 9-12 noon**

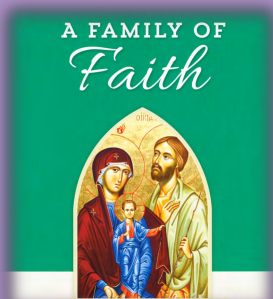
Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5 +

Faith Formation Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>

Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

Office Hours: By Appointment Only
(Monday-Thursday—BARN, Upstairs)



Family of Faith Program (Grades 1-6)

THIS WEEK!

March Parent/Student Sessions

Tuesday, February 28 @ 5PM or 7PM, Church

Thursday, March 2 @ 5PM or 7PM, Church.

Confirmation Prep: (Levels 7 & 8)

Fr. Joe Catafago, who served at SJE as a seminarian during his pastoral year (2018-19) visited our Level 7 & 8 students last week and spoke to them about Vocations. For Level 8, Tess Austin, director of Catholic Identity and Mission for the Diocese, spoke to our students about Eucharistic Adoration, which they then experience. Fr. Patrick presided during Adoration and Tess provided music as students were guided through the experience.

Next Level 7 Session:

Tuesday, March 7 @ 7:15-8:30PM, Church

Next Level 8 Session:

Monday, March 6 @ 7:15-8:30PM, Church

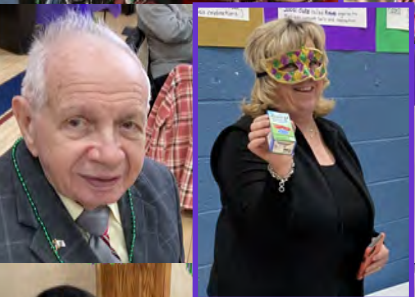


Mardi GRAS

THANKS!

A word of great thanks to **EVERYONE** who helped with our parish Mardi Gras celebration. Whether you prepared a delicious dish or a scrumptious dessert, shopped, donated drinks or snack, set-up, served, organized our games, took photos, burned the palms and/or cleaned up...**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

A good time was had by all...especially the children! They enjoyed a variety of games, shared in the cutting of the King Cake and "limbo-ed" their way through the afternoon. They left with Mardi Gras beads and masks, balloons, goody bags filled with candy, and smiles from ear to ear. We all watched as we burned last year's palms to create the ashes that we used on Ash Wednesday. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with great food, good music and tons of fun! But you know what they say, "A picture is worth 100 words!" So take a look—and watch next weeks bulletin for additional pictures!



Family Ministry...

Please contact us at 631-878-0009 ext. 124
or email clapham@sjecm.org

Lent begins this Wednesday. Pray about where God is asking YOU to serve His people. Could it be with our parish children and families? Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program and our Family Life Ministry are in DESPERATE need of additional volunteers to sustain our good works. Perhaps your prayerful discernment will lead you to share your time and talents with us. Call or email for more information.

Family Life Ministry



Mark your calendars for the following events here at St. John's sponsored by Family Life Ministry.

Lenten Soup Supper: Wednesday, March 8th from 6:00-7:00 in the school cafeteria. Bring a pot of soup (enough to feed your own family) and we will pool our resources to offer a "soup buffet". Family Life Ministry will provide bread, paper goods and drinks. Come share a simple meal with our parish family and embrace the Lenten call to simplify.

Sandwich Sundays: 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/11 . ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Sandwich Sundays provide an opportunity for families to come together to make sandwiches for Lighthouse Mission. This ministry takes food to those in need in our local area. We meet once a month on Sundays after the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on **Sunday 4/2/2023 after the 10:00 Mass** on the Great Lawn. Come and enjoy the fun and then head down to the school cafeteria for a Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Knights of Columbus.

We will be accepting donations of plastic Easter eggs and wrapped candy to fill the eggs. If you'd like to donate please place the eggs and/or candy in the baskets in the fellowship area of the church. **We will be accepting donations until Sunday, March 26th.**

Family Holy Thursday Prayer Service: Thursday, 4/6/2023 at 4:30 pm : This family prayer service for children to truly understand the significance of Holy Thursday and will provide an opportunity experience the Washing of the Feet.



Children's Good Friday Prayer Service: This is a beautiful way for children to experience the Passion of our Lord in a very personal way. There will be one or two practices prior to Good Friday. The Good Friday Children's Service takes place at **12 noon on Friday 4/7/2023**. If you are interested in having your child participate in our Children's Good Friday Presentation of the Passion in pageant form please contact us at clapham@sjecm.org or call the office of Family Ministry 631-878-0009 x 124.

SJE VACATION BIBLE CAMP

This summer our Vacation Bible Camp will take place from **July 17-21 from 9:00 am-12 Noon**. All children who will be entering Kindergarten through grade 5 are welcome. **Middle school and high school students are invited to be youth leaders in our program.** Community service hours can be earned by assisting at VBC. VBC registrations forms for student and youth volunteers will be available online in April 2023.

Adult leaders are also needed. There will be a meeting for returning and new adult volunteers on **Monday 2/27 @ 6:30 pm** in the Upper Meeting Room of the Barn. All Adult volunteers must be Virtus trained before VBC begins.



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School Spring Basket Auction and Food Extravaganza



Saturday, March 11th
5:00 PM
Doors open at 4:45

Tickets \$35 each

(Ticket price includes food to try from various
restaurants)

Tickets available till March 8th



**NUMEROUS BASKETS TO
CHOOSE FROM !**

(Basket raffle tickets purchased
separately at the event)

**CALL TO PURCHASE YOUR
TICKETS!**

(631) 878-1033

www.olqany.org



Catholic Women
Lenten Breakfast

"When the Son sets you free, you are free indeed."

-John 8/:36

Saturday, March 11th

9:30 am to 12 noon

Doors open at 9:15

\$40 per person

Rock Hill Country Club
105 Clancy Road, Manorville NY 11949

For more information...
magnificatofsuffolk@gmail.com

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar bread and wine for the month of February has been donated:

In Memory of Christine DeRicco

Altar bread and wine for the month of March has been donated:

In Memory of Liz DellaRatta

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

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

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday
3p.m. - 7PM @ Seton Chapel

***A Holy Hour brings heaven's choicest blessings on those who are faithful to their Hour
- Pope Paul VI***

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.

Praying for and With One Another...

We Remember...

"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

Chase DMuchowsky
Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado
Michael Schillizzi
Rosalie Acampora
Robert Wellenbacker

We Pray..

Madison Klammer , Fr. Roy Tvrdik,
Pat Leuthardt, Charles Iler , Liam Taylor,
Arianna DeOliveira, Daniel Feldle,
Elizabeth Croce, Thomas Lipani,
Henry Flite

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

-1 Peter 1:6

Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. 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.

Praying for Our Military

US Army

PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith,
SPC Jack Dyer, SPC Michael Garcia Jr.,
CPL Aidan O'Neill,
SPC Daniel Sisco, SGT. Sean Casey , Steven Valentin

US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SSgt Ryan Kerstiens,
SSgt Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens,
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, E-1 Christian Raeihle, ,
PVT Charles O'Connor, SGT Quentin Montemarano,
CPL Evan Berkemeyer, CPL Michael Abbatello

US Navy

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue

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.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

Recently, St. John the Evangelist Parish

kicked-off their Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center.

PLEASE BRING THOSE FILLED BABY BOTTLES NEXT WEEKEND **March 4th and 5th**

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!



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History - Pictures & Memories...

We are asking our parishioners to celebrate and participate with us by contributing any photos, documents, news clippings, etc. that relate to our parish history. Over the course of the next year we will be sharing our history in our bulletin, during **125th Anniversary** events and on Social Media.



125th Anniversary committee is looking for your pictures and memories of SJE!

Please email to History@SJEcm.org. If you are unable to scan and email please stop by the rectory office and we will be happy to make a copy. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Kevin Both
History Committee Chair

Safe Environment Updates...

UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING DATES At SJE...

Monday February 27th 10:00am

Tuesday March 7th 10:00am

Trainings will take place in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Barn

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/index.cfm?>

REMINDERS FOR 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.

LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

www.lifecenterli.org

HELP WANTED - looking for Full and Part Time Bilingual paid Staff for our non-profit 501 (c) (3).

Challenging work with growth and development training provided to work with our clients, donors, and to be a team member within all four of our centers. Opportunities available at all centers.

Writing and computer skills are necessary and the salary will be based on your experience.

Come join our team and be in the forefront of the Pro-Life arena!

Send your cover letter and resume to ligliotta@lifecenterli.org.

Did you know...

That our parish was served for over thirty years by 'Sister Ann'.
Not one, but two.

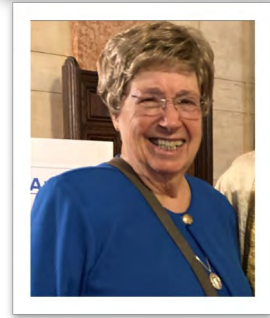
Our first 'Sister Ann', was Sister Ann Kathleen Bolton. Sister Ann Kathleen, devoted 72 years of her life faithfully as member of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville. She received her Dominican habit on August 7, 1948. It was not until 1984 that Sr. Ann Kathleen arrived here at St. John's, and began teaching at our parochial school. Her stay was interrupted for an

assignment in North Carolina at a medical facility. She returned to our parish intending to go into hospital work but there were no open positions. Our Pastor at the time, Fr. McDonald, had another idea: she could start an Outreach Program in the parish. Sr Ann Kathleen started the program in 1992 and loved the ministry, especially as it related to the seniors; in turn people loved her. An offshoot of her efforts was the Thrift Shop, that still thrives today. In 2009 Sister realized it was time to retire and moved to the convent at St. John the Baptist in West Islip. Failing health necessitated another move in 2011. Sr. Ann Kathleen Bolton passed in February of 2019. Her legacy to us is very much alive and well today.

Our second 'Sister Ann', was Sister Ann Berendes. Sister Ann is member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Around 1985 Sister Ann was living and working in Palm Coast, Florida as a Bereavement Facilitator. She had been there for seven years at that point. One day, with little notice she was advised that her contract would not be renewed; the parish could no longer afford her services. Like any good networker, Sr. Ann got wind that there might be an opportunity becoming available in Center Moriches, because a Sister there would be retiring. St. John's Pastor at the time, Fr. Joe Coschignano was made aware of Sister Ann's availability, invited her in for an interview, and subsequently hired her on the spot. Fr. Joe asked that she start as soon as practical so that Sr. Ann Kathleen would provide the required familiarity with the growing Outreach Program. Sr. Ann Berendes served the pastorships of Fr. Joe, Fr. Walter Kedjerski and Fr. John Surseau, for a total of 13 years. Like Sr. Ann Kathleen, Sr. Ann worked closely with the Seniors in the parish. However, in Sr. Ann's opinion, she felt her most successful endeavor was with the Bereavement Group. Additionally, Sr. Ann was very active in the Extraordinary Ministry For The Homebound. Like Sr. Ann Kathleen, Sr. Ann also spoke of her time spent in the Thrift Shop where, in her words "We prayed, laughed, planned celebrations, and just enjoyed being together." Sr. Ann retired from parish ministry in June of 2022, and began a new ministry at the motherhouse of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scranton, Pa. We've been a very fortunate parish to be served by the Sister Ann's!



2023
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*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



As we *Journey Together in Communion, Participation and Mission* this Lenten season, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have a wonderful opportunity to grow together in faith.

Our prayers are joined with our community of faith who are the living Body of Christ. Fasting is spiritual and physical purification; the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Through our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we join with our brothers and sisters all across Long Island to hear the Lenten call to almsgiving. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. For this letter that I am writing you, I want to focus on almsgiving and the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA).

Your support of the CMA ensures that the ministries will have the funds they need to spread God's love to all those they serve. Ministries that include Faith formation of our seminarians, deacons and lay leaders; Faith formation for our young adult and youth ministry and our children in religious education classes; Respect Life initiatives; Catholic Charities affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities, substance abuse programs, food programs and parish social ministry support. All these ministries and more are so vital to the over 600,000 individuals they serve. It is thanks to people like you, that they can support so many in need. Even throughout the pandemic, donors still came together to ensure that these ministries remained alive and vibrant.

I ask you to please join me and all Catholics within our diocese to prayerfully consider making a gift to the CMA. Please do so to the best of your ability-- every gift matters, regardless of the size. **Please remember that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

Finally, let me remind you, that if you are unable to make a gift as this time due to circumstances in your life— please reach out to the parish at any time, so that we may help you in any way that we can. You are never alone.

May God bless you, your loved ones and our parish as we begin our Lenten journey.

Fr. Patrick



Every Friday Night

In the Parish Auditorium

\$3,000 in Prizes

Doors Open @ 6:30 pm

Games Begin @ 7:30 pm



Queen of All Hearts Knights of Columbus

Dinner Dance

Saturday March 18th
7:00 pm

ST. PATRICK'S
DAY

Moriches Rec. Center
313 Frowein Rd Center Moriches

DJ Dancing
Buffet dinner including
Corned Beef and Cabbage and Bangers and Mash
Soft Drinks and Dessert
\$30 pp

You may bring your own adult beverage.
for Tickets Call George @ 631-786-1459 or
Bill @ 516-458-6448

Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Espanol los Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia, y los Martes a las 7:30 p.m en La Capilla del Convento.

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

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

Bautismos: Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. 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.

Permítanos ayudarlo!

DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 p.m. a las 7:30 p.m.

Jueves 3 p.m. a las 4 p.m.

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Barn

Miércoles de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 p.m.

Auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE LA CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 p.m. (aproximadamente)

Comidas sencillas y ropa disponible.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para aquellos que lo necesiten

Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

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

Be sure to come and visit and allow us to serve you!

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Worldwide Marriage Encounter está patrocinando una variedad de experiencias matrimoniales en persona y virtuales, algunas los fines de semana y otras los siete días de la semana. Las parejas explorarán su relación entre ellos, Dios y la Iglesia. El registro es limitado y se requiere una tarifa de solicitud de \$100.

Para más información o para aplicar, llame al Felipe y Rosa Ruano Teléfono 203-979-6109 o renuevatumatrimonio.org.



“...hagámonos prójimos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que pasan dificultades, compartiendo con ellos nuestros bienes espirituales y materiales.”


Papa Francisco

Dar limosna en Cuaresma

En cuaresma, se nos invita a poner en práctica la oración, el ayuno, y a entregar limosnas.

La Cuaresma es tiempo propicio para orar por nuestros hermanos más necesitados, por su bienestar material, emocional o espiritual. Durante estos cuarenta días, cuando usted haga ayuno y abstinencia. por favor recuerde a aquel que no tiene algo que comer, y considere compartir sus bienes con el hambriento.

Una forma de hacerlo, es mediante un donativo a la **Campaña de los Ministerios Católicos** -la cual a través de Caridades Católicas y las oficinas de Alcançe Social de nuestras Parroquias- cada año apoya programas que ofrecen alimentos para los más necesitadas de nuestra comunidad.



LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Fasting	Abstinence
Ash Wednesday Good Friday	Every Friday during Lent
Ages 18-59	Ages 14+



How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit uscgb.org.

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WOMEN'S GROUP

What is discernment? How important is discernment for me to grow spiritually?

Do you feel a hunger & thirst to draw nearer to Jesus? Come join our WOMEN'S GROUP as we study Fr Timothy Gallagher's book on Discernment and share our experiences on our spiritual journey with other caring women who understand & keep anonymity.

Our group is ongoing, come anytime you feel the desire, all are welcome, there is no formal obligation.

In Father Gallagher's book, he shares examples revealing how to apply the process of discernment in our daily lives.

No matter where one is on her journey with the Lord, understanding even a little about discernment is a big help with decision making.

We meet every other Monday 10am-11:30am in the convent (white house) on the following dates:

March 6, 20, Apr 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, June 12, 26.

Facilitators: Carol Ketcham & Anita Luccari. For info call 631-878-0009

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 27th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 10:00 a.m. | Women's Group— SC
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Food Pantry Open—Ernie's Place
- 7:00 p.m. | Holy Hour for Priests—SC
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous-Men only- BMR
- 7:30 p.m. | Spanish RCIA—RBUR

Tuesday, February 28th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC
- 7:30 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Divine Will—Front Mtg Rm-Aud

Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon | Thrift Shop Open-Thrift Shop
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC
- 6:00 p.m. | Choirs— Church
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR

Thursday, March 2nd, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 3-4 p.m. | Food Pantry Open—Ernie's Place
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC
- 4:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary— BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Street Ministry— Convent
- 7:30 p.m. | Al-Anon— BMR

Friday, March 3rd, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC
- 7:30 p.m. | Bingo Night— Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous— BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Spanish Prayer Group— SC

Saturday, March 4th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 9:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group— SC

Sunday, March 5th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 10:30 a.m. | English RCIA— IHM Chapel Room
- 12:15 p.m. | CYO Games— Auditorium

BMR—Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room

BUR—Upper Room

SC—Seton Chapel