

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! Psalm 24



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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 8th

5:00 PM - Fr. Abin

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 9th

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

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 Abin Panicker
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele
Parish Assistant

John Pettorino
Deacon

Michael Hoonhout
Deacon

Ed Grieb
Deacon

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller
Director of Operations

Angela Werner
Director of Music Ministry

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**Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School**
(on the campus of SJE)

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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 Message from Angela Werner...

A Reflection on the Gospel:

Luke 2:22-40

"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

In some particular way, God presents Himself to each of us. In the same way that Simeon and Anna recognized the Messiah, the soul in each of us has the ability to recognize God. That is why we are considered temples of the Holy Spirit. And the best way that we can present ourselves to the Lord is as sinners, in need of salvation.

No event in Simeon's earthly life could possibly have been more sublime than the moment he saw God with his own eyes. And Anna spent years spiritually preparing herself for that same moment. When we choose to see God in others, and allow others to see God in us, we are not only getting a glimpse of the love God has for us, but we are also preparing for that infinite love that awaits us when we ourselves come face to face with the Savior of the World.

Simeon said to Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." Each fall on the way to Calvary, and each drop of blood that fell from the Cross was a sacrifice that Jesus made for a fallen mankind, so that we might all have a chance to rise to eternal happiness with Him in Heaven. Simeon understood that true joy is found not in any earthly gift, but in the One heavenly Sacrifice. Simeon also said to Mary, "And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." He knew the pain that Mary's immaculate heart would endure at the foot of the Cross, while witnessing her Son being crucified, and while witnessing a soldier thrust a sword into Jesus' side. However,

this would be a 'single edge' sword, because with the Sacrifice...came the redemption.

A mother's heart is happy when her child is happy, and suffers when her child suffers, because their hearts are entwined. For the child, a mother's love is a sanctuary, but for the mother, it is a garden of joys...and sorrows. That's the deal.

Our Blessed Mother Mary spent years of her early life in the temple, while Anna spent years of her later life in the temple, for with the Church comes comfort, wisdom, and strength. When Jesus was being presented there according to Jewish law, Anna saw a baby, but she also realized that the 'King of Kings' was in His house.



The Presentation of the Lord is not only a Feast in the Church, but it is also one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Although these mysteries celebrate the joyful accounts in the life of the Holy Family, they also relate to those five joyful accounts in our own human families. We think first of the

joy of a wife hoping to become a mother, learning that she is pregnant (represented by the Annunciation). Next, there is the joy that comes from sharing that news with her loved ones (represented by the Visitation). Then comes the joy of meeting that baby on the day of the little one's birth (represented by the Nativity). Then there is the act of consecrating that child to God, which we celebrate today (the Presentation). Finally, there comes the joy of finding that your child has the individual desire to go to church, without any prompting (represented by the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple). It is then that parents realize that their child is now creating his or her own path to Heaven.

Could there be any greater joy on Earth for a parent than that?

Masses for the Week...



Saturday, February 1st Weekday

- 5:00 PM Kathleen Irish
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) Orlando Narvaez

Sunday, February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord

- 8:00 AM Diane Lillibridge
- 10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Kudrnac Family
- 12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer
- 6:00 PM Anthony and Billie Sue Zuzierla

Monday, February 3rd Weekday

- 7:00 AM Special Intention-Gerri Planz
- 12:00 Noon Amanda Abbate

Tuesday, February 4th Weekday

- 7:00 AM John Grammas
- 12:00 PM Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

Wednesday, February 5th Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

- 7:00 AM Peggy and Pete Formisano
- 12:00 Noon Justine Cortes

Thursday, February 6th Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

- 7:00 AM Philomena Vigliotta
- 12:00 PM Anne Failla

Friday, February 7th Weekday

- 7:00 AM Kathy Hickey
- 12:00 Noon John Grammas

Saturday, February 8th Weekday

- 8:00 AM Shawn Oudeans
- 5:00 PM James Elias Sikora
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, February 9th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM JoAnn Harney-Uzzi
- 10:00 AM Irmgard Linss
- 12:00 Noon Suzanne and Jenő Szvetecz
- 6:00 PM Eileen Clowry

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$76,036	4	\$19,009
2024	\$89,584	4	\$22,396



As of 1/6/2025	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	272	311
Total Pledged to date	\$117,306	\$116,993
Avg. Gift	\$434	\$376
Percent of Goal	101.9%	101.7%

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

THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND *Change for Life*

By filling the Baby Bottle, you are directly supporting the life-changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of women and men who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy.



Your donation helps us provide the vital resources that enable us to celebrate the beauty of the lives that may have been touched and saved through the ministry of the Life Center of Long Island.

Baby Bottle Campaign Impact

The Baby Bottle Campaign is an integral part of the Life Center of Long Island's operation. It provides the necessary funding for the Center's vital services to the individuals in need of pregnancy support enabling us to celebrate the beauty of the lives that have been touched and saved through the ministry of the Life Center.

The Baby Bottle Campaign also raises awareness throughout communities here on Long Island about the tremendous resources and educational programs available so families can make truly informed, empowered decisions and better choices for their family unit. And perhaps, most importantly, it reinforces our basic mission to support and defend the sanctity of life.

How Can You Help?

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!!

On **the weekend of February 8 & 9**, once again St. John the Evangelist Parish will be hosting a **Baby Bottle Fundraiser** to benefit the **Life Center of Long Island**. Last year, our parish raised almost \$13,000 for The Life Center.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Do you know that they provide:

- ⇒ Free pregnancy test kits
- ⇒ Free Sonogram
- ⇒ Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- ⇒ Medical care referrals
- ⇒ Male advocates available to speak with fathers
- ⇒ Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other baby needs

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle next weekend and fill it with your donations, and **return it the weekend of February 22 & 23**. Please make checks payable to the **Life Center of Long Island**.

More importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayer brings about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip the consultants at the Life Center to say the right words a mother or a father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.



Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the gift of life to her preborn baby.





Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Marilyn Tennant + Barbara Mulholland

“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 + Baby Lucas Gryciak

James Green + Barbara Wheeler

Ed Wheeler + Samantha Ramsay

Mary & Norman Auger + Christopher Peck

Anthony Luciano

“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 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

US Army

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

US Navy

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bemath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello
SSGT David Giese
SSGT Jason M Hermes
PFC Kyle Kerstiens
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
SrA Jared T. Rosato
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza
SSGT William E. McCauley II
1st Lt. Claire McGrath

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



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Joseph A. Mazzarella

Mass Intentions

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

Altar Bread and Wine

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

An offering of \$150 is requested.

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful statues in our church. You may have a particular devotion to one of these saints. These candles are next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection. **Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.**

SJE offers a number of ways to remember loved ones, or honor someone living. To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to rectory@sjecm.org

February 2, 2021



Queen of All Hearts
Knights of Columbus

VALENTINE'S

Dinner

Buffet dinner, dessert and soft drinks included.

FEB 15th

7:00 PM

313 Frowein Road
Center Moriches

\$30

per person.
You may bring your
own adult beverage.

DJ Dancing & Door Prizes

For Tickets Contact Jim @ 631.838.0271

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

The Office of Family Ministry

Family Life Ministry at St. John's is gearing up for an amazing season of fun, faith-building family events and service projects. To help out with these events, please email us at clapham@sjecm.org.

See what's coming up in our parish in the days and weeks ahead...



St. John's Parish Mardi Gras

Sunday, March 2, 2025 from 1-3 PM in the Auditorium.
Enjoy food, fellowship and fun as we feast before we fast!
There are plenty of ways to help. We need chefs and bakers!
Whether traditional Mardi Gras fare or a family favorite, add your
culinary masterpiece to the table of plenty.

Don't cook? Don't bake? Don't worry!

We need people to set up, people to serve and people to clean up!

To volunteer, email Clapham@sjecm.org or
call the Office of Family Ministry at 631-878-0009 x-124

Lenten Soup Suppers



Mark your calendars!! Our Family Life Ministry will be sponsoring two Soup Suppers during Lent. The Soup Suppers will be held on **Friday 3/21** and **Friday 4/4** at **6:00 PM** in the school cafeteria, followed by the Stations of the Cross @ **7:00 PM**. Additional information will be listed in the bulletin in the weeks ahead!

Sandwich Sunday Come make sandwiches to support Lighthouse Mission's efforts to feed the hungry in our local area! So many sandwiches...so much fun! Our next Sandwich Sunday will be **February 9, 2025!** Join us after the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria!



Family Holy Week Prayer Services

Our Family Holy Week Prayer Services will be held on **Holy Thursday, 4/17** at 4:30 PM, **Good Friday, 4/18** at 12 noon, and **Holy Saturday, 4/19** (time TBD). Our parish Egg Hunt will be held on Holy Saturday this year! If you would like to volunteer to help, please email Clapham@scjecm.org or call the Family Ministry Office at 631-878-0009 x-124.



Faith Formation

Our Level 7 students learned about the saints in our last session, discussing their own saint name choices before reading about a specific saint in their small group. Students then presented to the larger group what they discovered about their group's saint.



2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website.

(sjecm.org, click on "Faith Formation")

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Next Session:

Tuesday, February 11th at 7:15 PM in the Church
Don't forget to bring your Breakthrough Bibles!

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Session:

Monday, February 10th at 7:15 PM in the Church
Don't forget to bring your Breakthrough Bibles!

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

Next Sessions: Tuesday, February 4 and Thursday, February 6 @ 5 PM & 7 PM in the Church.

Parish Social Ministry



Street Ministry

Join Our Street Ministry Team!

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

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

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

socialministry@sjecm.org

Ernie's Place Shopping List

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

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

Wednesdays 9 AM - 12 Noon Thrift Shop

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.

Please place your donations in the green bins in the school parking lot, located in front of the thrift shop. The best times to donate are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 9 AM-10:30 AM.

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.

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

Street Ministry Shopping List

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

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

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



Saturday, March 29th
6:00 PM

Doors open at 5:30

Tickets \$40 each

(Ticket price includes food to try from various restaurants)

**CALL TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS!**

Tickets available till March 7th

or

we are sold out

**NUMEROUS BASKETS
TO CHOOSE FROM !**

(Basket raffle tickets purchased
separately at the event)



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A Message from Msgr. Walden...



There is a great difference between being entertained and being enriched. Unless and until we find the true source of enrichment, we will always have the feeling that something is missing and that there is more to our lives than we are experiencing in the present moment. We have our routines with work, meals, appointments, and the people we live with and encounter everyday. To be physically healthy, we need a good diet of food, exercise, and a sense of purpose and joy. Each day is a gift to be nourished and renewed. What and who nourishes and renews us? Ultimately, we are renewed when we are loved and love in return. As much as we do things for people and with people, we are truly enriched and are sources of enrichment by our presence to and with one another.

In the Gospel for today's Mass, we see the ultimate joy we all hunger for expressed by Simeon, who is in the temple when Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the temple for the presentation ritual. Simeon joyfully took the child Jesus into his arms and exclaimed: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." How blessed it was for him to hold God Himself in his arms in the child Jesus.

That is an experience we all deep down hunger for: God giving Himself to us out of pure, unconditional love. He did not come to be pampered and cooed, but to give Himself to us with a depth of love that is a pure gift. How do we ever get to the point of Simeon and say to God, "Thank you. In you I have all I could ever want and need."?

It is only through constant contact with an open and faithful heart that this can become a reality for us. Daily prayer and Sunday Mass are key. Jesus is in the temple of our parish

church and readily listens and responds to us through our daily prayers, wherever we may be. One of the inspiring points about prayer is from a book I use every morning during my prayer time entitled "Alter Christus, St. Paul Speaks to Priests". Last week, this simple point by Karl Rahner, S.J. was renewing and refreshing for me: "So often I consider my prayer as just a job I have to do, a duty to be performed. I "get it out of the way" and then relax, glad to have it behind me. When I'm at prayer, I'm at my "duty", instead of being with you." There are people we constantly text, e-mail, and call. They are not a duty, but a source of joy, enrichment, and love. Would that every prayer and Mass experience be such for us. In that experience, Jesus is not changed into me, I am changed into Him.

I offer this passage from Isaiah 26:1-4, 7-9, 12 for your prayerful reflection:

*A strong city have we; he sets up walls and
ramparts to protect us.*

*Open up the gates to let in a nation
that is just, one that keeps faith.*

*A nation of firm purpose you keep in peace; in
peace, for its trust in you.*

Trust in the Lord forever!

For the Lord is an eternal Rock.

*The way of the just is smooth;
the path of the just you make level.*

Yes, for your way and your judgments,

*O Lord, we look to you; Your name and your
title are the desire of our souls.*

*My soul yearns for you in the night, yes, my
spirit within me keeps vigil for you; When your
judgment dawns upon the earth, the world's
inhabitants learn justice.*

*O Lord, you mete out peace to us, for it is you
who have accomplished all we have done.*



SAVE THE DATE

Diocesan Holy Hour at St. John the Evangelist

First Friday of Lent
March 7th at 7:30 PM
in the Church

*We invite all to come and pray for vocations
together as a parish family!*

Stations of the Cross are normally held on
Fridays in Lent at 7:00 PM, but on this
Friday, March 7th, Stations will be held after
the 12 Noon Mass.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

2024 2025

HOLY HOURS

for

VOCATIONS

03.07 **St. John
the Evangelist**
CENTER MORICHES



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*A Holy Hour in front of
the Blessed Sacrament is
worth more than 1000
years of human glory.*

~Saint Padre Pio

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

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

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



Knights of Columbus
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

FRIDAY NIGHTS

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

\$ 3000 IN PRIZES

For more information
kofc4126.com

THE CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK TELETHON

will take place the weekend of **Saturday, February 22nd** from 2:00 – 10:00 PM and on **Sunday, February 23rd** from 12:00 – 10:00 PM respectively.

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29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471.

It will be broadcast live from our studios in Uniondale.

If you are able, and can support us, please email LTangredi@CFNtv.org, or scan the QR code to make your donation. Thank you for your generous support.



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!



February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4 | Heb 2:14-18 | Lk 2:22-40

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Mary and Joseph bring their 40-day-old infant Jesus to the temple in order to fulfill the Mosaic law. There, they are met by Simeon and Anna, the faithful prophets who have spent their lives waiting for the coming of the King of Glory. These many years of waiting were like the "refiner's fire" which the prophet Malachi describes in the first reading. Refined like gold by prayer and fasting, Simeon and Anna are prepared to meet their Lord. And in this moment, the Old and New Testaments meet and the fulfillment of the Old is foreseen. Imagine the splendor of the moment when they finally laid their eyes on this king of light and glory - the culmination of a lifetime of hope, prayer, and preparation. Overcome with peace and joy at seeing his Lord, Simeon declares, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace," for he had seen the glory of God.

REFLECT

We can become discouraged, feeling that our prayers are unanswered or that a life devoted to Christ is too difficult. When these moments arise, consider the prophets Simeon and Anna, who gave their lives in quiet devotion, trusting in God's promises. Pray Simeon's canticle, meditating on the glorious gift we have been given in our salvation, and the promise that even in the darkest of days a bright and shining light awaits us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Have you ever marveled at the beauty of a shiny, gold ring? Gold has long been regarded as one of earth's greatest treasures, yet the gold we admire today doesn't emerge in its pure, radiant form. To produce such beauty, gold must first undergo a process of intense refinement. A crude material is exposed to extreme heat to be melted and purified - until something of profound value emerges. Like gold, we, too, must be forged in fire to be made pure and holy. This is one way we can understand the prophet Malachi's words. The "fires" we experience in our lives are not without purpose - God is purifying us so that one day we may live with him in eternity. He isn't afraid of our "crude material"; rather, he gazes upon us with such intense love that our own beauty is revealed. As we undergo personal purification, let us stand in holy confidence like Simeon and Anna, witnessing to the truth that it is through the refiner's fire that we are brought to glory.

Women's Group...



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

The book we'll read together is **"The Sanctifier"** by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, explaining in detail how the workings of the gifts of The Holy Spirit bring us into holiness. It's usually in the sharing part of what we're reading that gives us clearer understanding of the subject especially because it relates to our lives at the

present moment. We're living the lessons which is comforting when we're in pain, we have a lot of laughs too. We're there for each other! The book will be provided,

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

Dates: February 3rd & 24th,

March 3rd, 24th, & 31st, April 14th & 28th,

May 12th & 19th*, June 2nd, 16th & 30th.

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

Men's Prayer Group...



CALLING ALL MEN!

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

Bereavement Support ...

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

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon

First floor meeting room in the Barn.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at

631.878.0009 or via email at [Recto-](mailto:Rectory@sjecm.org)

[ry@sjecm.org](mailto:Rectory@sjecm.org)

\$10 donation for the workbook.

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



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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 2025 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis M. Romero
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2025


Sunday, June 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2025

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



Safe Environment...

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



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

PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

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

The 2025 Sunday's Word books have arrived ...
A donation of \$5.00 is requested
but not required.

Sunday's Word 2025



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

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

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

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 3rd, 2025

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

Tuesday, February 4th, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Divine Will

Wednesday, February 5th, 2025

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

Thursday, February 6th, 2025

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

Friday, February 7th, 2025

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

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

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

Sunday, February 9th, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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