

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



February 8, 2026

*The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. ~ Psalm 112*



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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 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charline

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass  
will be livestreamed. Videos remain  
on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

### Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Fr. Francis

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

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

## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**  
Pastor

**Reverend Charline Vendredy**  
Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden**  
Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Francis Lasrado**  
Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**  
Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**  
Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**  
Deacon

**Michael Hoonhout**  
Deacon

**Ed Grieb**  
Deacon

**Katie Waller**  
Director of Operations

**Carolyn Lapham**  
Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Heather Crayne**  
Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Angela Werner**  
Director of Music Ministry

## 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 (ext. 201)

[www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org)

**Dawn Waller**, Principal  
[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller@olqany.org)

## Office Hours

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**Monday:** 9 AM - 3:30 PM

**Tuesday:** 9 AM - 7:30 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

**Wednesday:** 9 AM - 4:00 PM

**Thursday:** 9 AM - 7:30 PM

**Friday:** 9 AM - 2 PM

**Saturday:** 9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

## Confession Schedule

We celebrate the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &

7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

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

# A Reflection from the Director of Family Ministries ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

Today's readings provide clear blueprints for the Christian life, as well as the security offered to us by the God who created us, the God who provides all that we need, the God who walks with us every step of the way and the God who unconditionally loves us.

In today's reading from the prophet Isaiah, the Lord provides a clearly defined list of what we should do, as well as an amazing promise of what we can expect if we follow through. (Isaiah 58: 7-10)

The "To Do" List

- Share your bread with the hungry
- Shelter the oppressed and the homeless
- Clothe the naked when you see them
- Do not turn your back on your own

**The Promise**

- ♥ Your light shall break through like dawn
- ♥ Your wound shall be quickly healed
- ♥ Your vindication shall go before you
- ♥ The glory of God will be your rear guard

And the Bonus!

- ♥ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, you shall cry for help, and He will say: Here I am!

And just to lend some extra credibility to the prophet's words, roughly 700-750 years later, in the gospel of Matthew (20 chapters after today's gospel-), the gospel writer shares Jesus' teaching on "The Final Judgment" (Matthew 25: 31-46) in which Jesus outlines:

The "To Do" List

- I was hungry and you fed me
- Thirsty and you gave me a drink
- A stranger and you received me in your home
- Naked and you clothed me
- I was sick and you took care of me
- In prison and you visited me

**The Promise**

- ♥ Come, you that are blessed by my Father!
- ♥ Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world.

And the Bonus!

- ♥ Whenever you did this for one of the least brothers of mine, you did it for me!

Still not sure? Double back and re-read today's responsorial psalm (Psalm 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

- The "To Do" List
- Be gracious and lend
- Conduct your affairs with justice
- Lavishly give to the poor
- Keep your heart firm
- Trust in the Lord

**The Promise**

- ♥ You shall never be moved
- ♥ You shall not fear
- ♥ Your legacy of justice will endure

And the Bonus!

- ♥ The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright. And today's gospel uses a slightly different approach to ensure that we are using your God-given gifts for the glory of God and the good of all.

***It's all in the Bonus!** God gave you specific gifts to be used to do good works to glorify God in Heaven. Don't lose them. Don't hide them. Use them to the best of your ability so that others may come to know and glorify God. And just in case you're wondering if this applies to you, the gospel says, "Your light must shine before others." Not an inch of wiggle room there my friends.*

I am always in awe every time I read the scriptures and I see the Old Testament and New Testament correlations. How much does our God loves us that He will keep delivering the same message in countless ways for hundreds and thousands of years until we will finally "get it". That's a lot of patience, perseverance and love. Thank You Lord, God!

I have to say, I think here at St. John's, we are "getting it". Our parish is full of faith-filled, parishioners who are extremely generous with our resources and our talents and our time. That being said, we should never become complacent. We must continue to ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and hearts so that we know where, and when, and how God is asking us to humbly shine our lights, for His people and for His glory. Some of us are called to give...others are called to pray...others to serve. Let us pray for each other and with each other, that our individual paths to holiness will become crystal clear...perhaps a part of our Lenten journeys?

Our paths of holiness are all different, but I would like to share just one insight. Let me preface what follows with this: dear brothers in Christ...please do not be upset or offended in any way but what I share in the paragraphs below. My intention is to take a moment to celebrate some...not to leave out or fail to recognize others.

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# Masses for the Week...

## Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> Weekday

8:00 AM Frank Sikorski  
 5:00 PM Gerard Sigismondi  
 7:30 PM *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

## Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney  
 10:00 AM James Anthony Taylor  
 12:00 Noon James Elias Sikora  
 6:00 PM Special Intention—Bryan Stevens

## Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Special Intention - Peggy and Pete Formisano  
 12:00 Noon John Cerro

## Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 AM Elena J. Rohde  
 12:00 PM Henriqueta Stoffel

## Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Jackie Graham  
 12:00 Noon Angelina Vigliotta

## Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Eulalia Baltazar  
 12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

## Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Shannon Scully  
 12:00 Noon Christopher Bowman

## Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> St. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:00 AM Brandon Sill  
 5:00 PM Susan Sikora  
 7:30 PM *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

## Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM H. Donnell Hulme Jr.  
 10:00 AM Kevin Radigan  
 12:00 Noon Mary Ellen Mitchell  
 6:00 PM Jerry Carullo

## Help Us Prepare!

Lent is just around the corner! As we prepare for this sacred season, we invite you to bring in palms from previous years to be burned and used for ashes on **Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. Baskets will be placed at the church doors for your palms. The palms will be reverently burned during our **Mardi Gras celebration next Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** — a beautiful transition from celebration to reflection.

Thank you for helping us prepare our hearts and our community for Lent.

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

*Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.*

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$91,748	5	\$18,350
2025	\$90,888	5	\$18,178

# 2025

**We did it!!!  
Thank you!!**

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE-CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission*



As of 1/13/2026	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	268	272
Total Pledged to date	\$115,178	\$117,306
Avg. Gift	\$430	\$434
Percent of Goal	100%	101.9%

Supporting the CMA helps to support SJL! 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!

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St. John the Evangelist Parish...

# MARDI GRAS

*Celebration*

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm

in the Parish Auditorium

Come feast before we fast!  
Delicious food! Great music!  
Games for the kids!  
All are welcome!



Interested in lending a hand?  
There are plenty of ways to help!  
Reach out to us at [familylife@sjecm.org](mailto:familylife@sjecm.org)



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# Praying For and With One Another

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## Remember

Elizabeth Kiernan + William Nieder  
Robert Zebler

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

## Pray for the Sick

Eileen & Chuck DeRicco	Daniel Treadwell
Michael Campanello	Valentino Liuzzi
Bill Hasper	Alessandra Veloso Valentim
Rev. Matthew Considine	Mark Havens
Fr. Peter D'Abele	Suzan Fitzpatrick
Michael Lankau	Robert Maldonado

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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

## Our Military

### US Marine Corps

LC Michael Abbatiello  
CPL Evan Berkemeyer  
PFC Sean Brady  
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II  
SSGT Claudia Kerstiens  
TSgt Timothy Kerstiens  
SGT Quentin Montemarano  
PVT Charles O'Connor  
E-1 Christian Raeihle  
PFC Kyle Toscanini  
2<sup>nd</sup> LT Christopher Walther

### US Army

SGT Sean Casey  
PVT Joseph Cestare  
SPC Michael Garcia Jr  
PVT Anthony Koch  
2<sup>nd</sup> LT Aidan O'Neill  
PFC David Smith  
Steven Valentin  
PFC Francis J. Amalifitano  
PVT Cara Williams

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

### US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello  
MMN1 Christopher J Esposito Jr  
STGCS Brian Holzmacher  
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr  
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera  
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero  
SA Thomas Taylor III  
SR Jack Patrick Walsh  
SR Michael Paduana  
EM3 Andrew R. Casey

### US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello  
SSGT David Giese  
A1C Brenden M. Hayes  
SSGT Jason M Hermes  
SSGT Kyle Kerstiens  
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens  
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens  
SrA Jared T. Rosato  
LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza  
SSGT William E. McCauley II  
1st Lt. Claire McGrath  
A1C James Pfister  
A1C Peter A. Traina

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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

*Louis J. Tuttle*

This week, the Altar Candles will be lit in memory of:

*Steve Poulos*

## 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 \$250 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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)

February 18<sup>th</sup>

# Ash Wednesday

## 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.

## Masses & Services



7 am	Mass
10:30 am	Service
12 noon	Mass
2 pm	Service
4:30 pm	Service
7 pm	Mass (Bilingual)

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

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In the bulletin pages that follow, you'll see photos from last Sunday's Victorian Tea! You'll see beautiful ladies enjoying a lovely afternoon with their families and friends, sipping tea and eating scones, winning beautiful gift baskets, having nostalgic Victorian photos taken, chatting and smiling from ear to ear, and thoroughly enjoying an afternoon to reconnect, relax and renew.

What you can't see in those photos are the countless hours each of the women spend behind the scenes in their homes, at their workplaces, in our parish and in our communities ...each one doing her best to shine her light brightly and boldly. With countless practical "To Do" lists, many women are juggling many, many responsibilities. Desiring to live our lives in accordance with the Lord's "To Do" list; sometimes, the very busy "Martha" often wins out over the inner "Mary" who longs to sit at the feet of Jesus. And yet we push on and power through.

I share this, not to sing the praises of women or to wallow in "poor me"s, but rather to recognize, celebrate and appreciate the women in our parish, many of whom work tirelessly to keep the many ministries in our parish going strong, while also taking care of their own homes, families and friends. There is an undeniable beauty in the sisterhood of Christ. I can testify to the love with which I have been blessed by my many SJE sisters. When I am too tired to lift my light high on the lampstand, a sister in Christ will come and support my arm. When my works start to become somewhat bland, they will remind me to add a little salt...or lend me a spoonful if needed. When my needs are many and my resources limited, someone steps up with whatever is needed...a sister in Christ prompted by the Holy Spirit and responding in love. And so dear sisters, my hope and prayer is that amidst our feeding of the hungry, clothing of the naked, caring for the sick, visiting the lonely, sharing the faith, being gracious and kind and just and firmly rooted in faith....that we will yield to our inner Mary. May we sit at the feet of Jesus and allow our Lord to guide us, encourage us, carry us and love us, accepting all that He has...for all that we need.

And remember... He gave us sisters for the journey. With much love and gratitude for the salty, brightly shining sisters in Christ here in our parish (AND for our salty and shining Brothers in Christ too!)

♥ Carolyn

### St. John the Evangelist Parish Launches

## Baby Bottle Campaign to Benefit Life Center of Long Island



St. John the Evangelist Parish recently kicked off their annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** to support the Life Center of Long Island.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring in their filled baby bottles on the weekend of

### February 7th and 8th.

The Life Center provides vital assistance to women and men experiencing unexpected pregnancies. Their services include free pregnancy testing, sonogram referrals, maternity housing with eligibility support, medical care referrals, and essential baby items such as car seats, cribs, clothing, and diapers.

Parishioners are invited to help make a **big, positive difference** by filling a baby bottle with change or a donation. Every contribution, no matter how small, can have a meaningful impact in the lives of mothers and their babies.

**Checks may be made payable to the Life Center of L.I.**

As the campaign reminds us, *"May every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a unborn baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Let's come together as a parish community to support this life-affirming mission.



### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

*On the First Saturday of every month,  
the Church invites all to come and take part in  
a special time of prayer and devotion.*

7:30 AM Fatima prayers and Holy Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

Confession and continuation of rosary after Mass



Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School

**Contact Us!**

631-878-1033

olqany.org

# SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!



SCAN QR CODE TO SCHEDULE A TOUR! | 2 ST. JOHN'S PLACE, CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934

February 8, 2026

On Sunday, February 1st,  
the St. John's Family Life Ministry hosted our

## *First Annual Victorian Tea*

On a frigid afternoon in February, more than 75 lovely ladies of our parish came together for an afternoon tea party. Though the temperature outside was unbelievably cold, the warmth of friendship, fellowship and fun was prevalent in the school cafeteria, which had been transformed into a beautiful Victorian Tearoom. Fr. Francis graciously opened us in prayer, recalling our many blessings, especially those of our parish, our friends, our families and the wonderful opportunity to come together in faith. With an assortment of delicious scones, finger sandwiches and desserts, the ladies chitted and chatted and enjoyed cup after cup after cup of piping hot teas, daintily sipping from their own china teacups, each with a story to share. Our little ladies enjoyed a heartwarming story of *The Little Teacup that Talked*, read by none other than Family Life Ministry member, Mrs. Kathy Odierno. It was a heartwarming story of becoming who God intended us to be, through a process of surrender and trust, as told through the "eyes" of a beautiful china teacup. The afternoon continued with a Basket Raffle. More than 20 of our guests left with beautiful gifts ranging from an adorable little girl's tea cart...to baskets helping us to relax, unwind and beautify...to movie nights...to wining and dining at local restaurants. The baskets were amazing, and each and every one was donated by one of our generous parishioners. A special thank you to all who created the beautiful baskets. The monies raised from the raffle will support the many programs, prayer services and activities offered through the Office of Family Ministry. And as if all that wasn't enough, families and friends got to dress up Victorian Tea style and have their photos taken by our beloved and talented photographer Donna Fred. And just as the last of the tea was being sipped, our Pastor Fr. Patrick joined the festivities! Everyone was thrilled that he could come. And so you can imagine that the afternoon was richly blessed in many ways. But a picture is worth a thousand words... so see for yourself how God provided a wonderful afternoon of faith, fellowship and fun for the lovely ladies of St. John the Evangelist parish.





And these are the faces that go with the hearts and hands of the very, talented, creative and hardworking ladies of the Family Life Ministry. There are no words to adequately thank them for EVERYTHING that they did to bring a hope and a vision to beautiful fruition.  
Thanks girls.... you truly are a gift to our parish!

# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



In January, our "Family of Faith" program presented an interactive lesson about the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Children enjoyed a session with "Mass & Church Show-and-Tell," as well as two videos to help explain Old and New Testament connections to the Eucharist. Parents remained in the Church for an educational session on the Eucharist and a prayer reflection. Thank you to all our volunteers who made this such a beautiful session for all!



## 2025-26 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website. [sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org),  
(click on "Faith Formation")

### LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

**Next Class Session:**

**Monday, February 9 at 7:15 PM in the Church.**

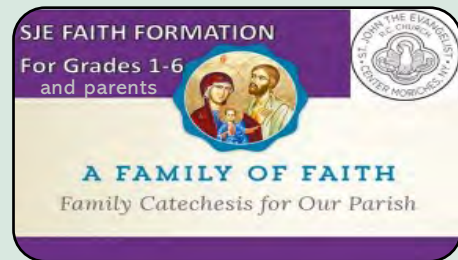
*Please remember to bring your Breakthrough Bibles*

### LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

**Next Class Session:**

**Tuesday, February 10 at 7:15 PM in the Church.**

*Please remember to bring your Breakthrough Bibles!*



**Next Sessions:**

- **Tuesday, March 3 & Thursday, March 5**  
at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church (attend one).
- **Grade Level 6 Mass: Sunday, February 8 at 12 Noon**
- **RESCHEDULED Grade Level 5 Mass: March 22 at 12 Noon**  
Come as a family to your child's assigned grade level Mass in the Church, where they will receive a special blessing.  
Please bring your completed activity sheet (which was given out at the November sessions) and hand it in at the Main Lobby when you enter the church!

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: [socialministry@SJEcm.org](mailto:socialministry@SJEcm.org)

## THRIFT SHOP

We are open every Wednesday from 9 AM-12 PM and feature great items at fantastic prices! The proceeds from our shop are used to support SJE outreach programs that benefit those in need. Come visit and find an amazing gift or something special for yourself!

Donations are accepted in the green bins in the school parking lot in front of the shop. We greatly appreciate your support!



## STREET MINISTRY

Every Thursday night our Street Ministry team provides a hot meal, bagged lunch, toiletries, clothing, coats, blankets and shoes to those in great need. Please see our list of items requested if you are able to donate. Our donation bin is located in Fellowship Hall at the entrance of Church. Especially requested at this very cold time of year are coats, sweatshirts, sweatpants and blankets. Thank you for your generosity!

If you'd like to get involved or help sort, organize, and fold donations, we'd love you to join us! Please call the Parish Social Ministry office to get started.



## ERNIE'S PLACE

Ernie's Place Food Pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday's from 6:30-7:30 PM and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering to serve when we're open or to help re-stock and organize our pantry shelves, please call to join us!

- \* Salt
- \* Jelly
- \* Ketchup
- \* Hot Sauce
- \* Drink Boxes
- \* Salad Dressing
- \* Canned Chicken
- \* Jar Pasta Sauce
- \* Small Bags of Flour
- \* Pancake Mix & Syrup
- \* Bags of Black & Red Beans
- \* Individually Wrapped Snacks
- \* Small Bottles of Cooking Oil



- ◆ Gloves
- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Sweat Pants
- ◆ Single Razors
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Face/Wash cloths
- ◆ Travel Size Shampoo
- ◆ Travel Size Body Lotion
- ◆ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ◆ Women's New Underwear (S, M)
- ◆ Men's New Underwear (S, M, L, XL)
- ◆ Small Pack HotHand Hand Warmers
- ◆ Long-Sleeved T-shirts and Sweatshirts
- ◆ Warm Winter Socks (not ankle or dress)
- ◆ Gently Used Men's & Women's Sneakers
- ◆ Gently Used Men's Jeans in size 32, 34 and 36

*Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.*

- St. Teresa of Avila



## 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.

## Sundays at the Seminary

*Explore and Adore*

On Sunday, **February 22, 2026**, from 1 to 3 PM, the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY, invites you to "Explore and Adore!" in the Seminary Crypt Chapel.

This special program includes a tour of the twelve Crypt Chapels, each a gem of artistic and spiritual beauty. Sunlight through red, blue, and violet glass illuminates the intricate marble altars, each dedicated to a saint or figure and enclosed behind wrought iron grillwork. The tour concludes with Benediction, followed by light refreshments in the Refectory.

Msgr. Charles R. Fink, celebrating 50 years of priesthood, will guide visitors through the chapels' history. A former pastor, Seminary rector, and spiritual director, Msgr. Fink continues to serve the Diocese of Rockville Centre through retreats and reflections, and is a regular contributor to *The Catholic Thing*.

Pre-registration is requested. Tickets are \$25 for Friends of the Seminary and \$35 for non-members; seminarians and students are free. For information or to register, contact [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu) or call (631) 423-0483, ext. 102. Visit [www.icseminary.edu/Events](http://www.icseminary.edu/Events).

**Location:** Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

Knights of Columbus

**BINGO**

*Night*

Every Friday  
Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.  
Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.

**\$3000 IN PRIZES**

SJE Parish Auditorium

Queen of All Hearts  
Knights of Columbus

*Valentine's  
Dinner*

**Saturday, February 14th**  
Buffet dinner, dessert and soft drinks included.  
DJ Dancing & Door Prizes  
**7:00 PM**  
313 Frowein Road, Center Moriches

**\$30** per person.  
You may bring your own adult beverage.

**For Tickets Contact Jim @ 631.838.0271  
or Frank @ 631.599.6092**

**TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

## Women's Group...

Our Women's Group meets Mondays from 10:00–11:30 AM and welcomes newcomers at any time. There are no rules—just a desire to grow in Jesus and enjoy fellowship.

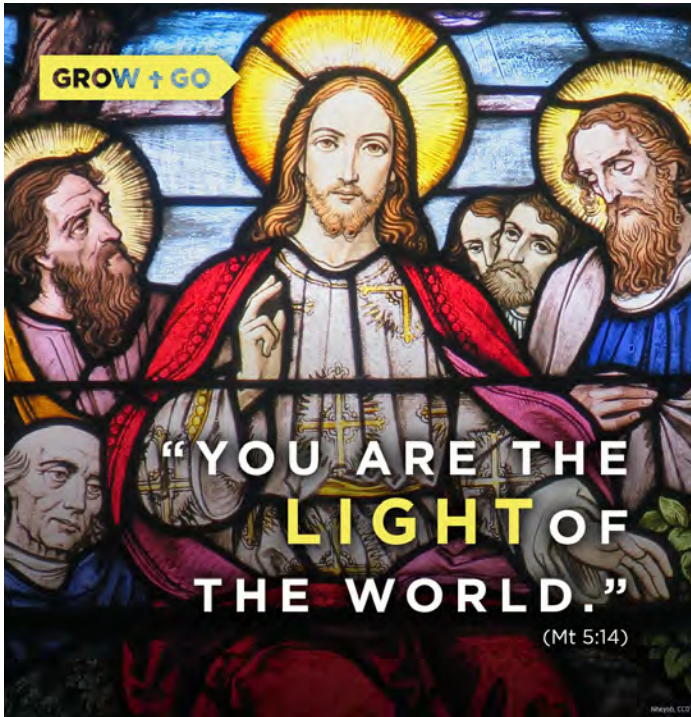
We are reading *The Sanctifier* by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, reflecting on devotion to the Holy Spirit, His gifts, fruits, and the Beatitudes. Sharing is always optional; we're simply happy you choose to be with us.

There is no charge for the book. Meetings are held in the IHM Room in the convent (white house next to the school) and conclude in time to attend the 12:00 PM Mass if you wish.

**2026 Meeting Dates:** February 9 & 23; March 9 & 23; April 13 & 27; May 11 & 18; June 1, 15 & 29.

(Summer break July & August; resumes in September.)

God Bless you,  
Carol & Anita (Moderators)  
For info, call 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.

*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.*

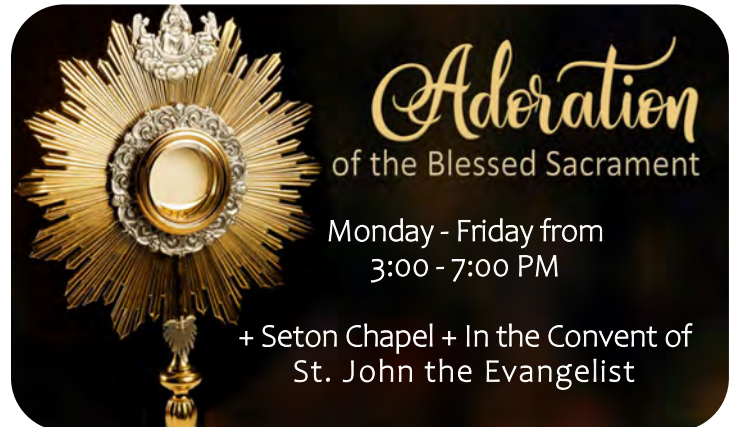
Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon

First floor meeting room in the Barn.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at  
631.878.0009 or via email at

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

\$10 donation for the workbook.



Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. 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.

If you can be present for a specific hour, email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

# A Message from Monsignor Walden...



In spite of all the hype in the media and on TV today about this being Super Bowl Sunday LX, even more importantly and hopeful is today is the fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The adjectives super and ordinary seem like opposites. But in reality the hope, nourishment, joy, and inspiration we receive on the fourth Sunday in Ordinary time at Mass is far more nourishing than the hours of entertainment we will experience later this evening. I am not putting the Super Bowl down (we have a gathering in the rectory for the game) but it offers an opportunity to see what this Sunday and every Sunday offers us as God's beloved sons and daughters.

This Sunday and next Sunday the Gospel comes from chapter five in St. Matthew's Gospel which began at Mass for us last Sunday with Jesus giving us the Beatitudes. Today we are told that if we take the Beatitudes seriously we will be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. There are many ways we make a difference to the people we encounter and live with everyday. It is wonderful when that difference is a positive, loving, life giving difference. Sadly there are those times when our encounters result in negative, angry, frustrating thoughts, words, and actions. Respect, listening, and sincere hope for a peaceful and life giving result is all too often the last thing that results. But in the inner recesses of our hearts we know that the only way to true peace is to be open to the truth of who are as the people of God created in His very image and likeness.

The key is to embrace Jesus who humbly, truthfully, and lovingly proclaims in John 14:6, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Jesus never sought to condemn or belittle, but to enlighten and enrich us as the Way, Truth, and Life. Out of pure love God created us in His very own image. To be fully alive is to put our faith in Him. Jesus came to reconcile us to the Father with Him and the Holy Spirit. Over and over again He was met with rejection but He was not deterred. A key part of His love for us is His life giving mercy. In Jesus we see that mercy from the heart seeks only the good of those to whom it is shown. Mercy cannot be demanded and cannot be given reluctantly. There is no greater example of that than Jesus' words on the cross, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34). Mercy taken to heart frees us from vengeful hearts and spiteful words and actions. It frees us from being defensive and plotting to get even or prevail. Everyday as we pray the Our Father, the prayer

Jesus Himself taught us, we conclude with these words: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." How bright the light of love burns with mercy given and accepted and how real Jesus' words in today's Gospel become, "You are the light of the world."

In the 2000 years of Christ and His Church there have been over 104,000 Sundays of His followers gathering to praise, thank, and seek His love as His family. That far surpasses the joy of a 60th Super Bowl. May we keep all things in perspective for our good and the good of those we love.

## I offer Psalm 2 for your prayerful reflection:

*Why this tumult among nations,  
among peoples this useless murmuring?  
They arise, the kings of the earth, princes  
plot against the Lord and his Anointed.*

*Come, let us break their fetters,  
come, let us cast off their yoke."*

*He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord is laughing them to scorn.*

*Then he will speak in his anger,  
his rage will strike them with terror.  
It is I who have set up my king on Zion,  
my holy mountain."*

*I will announce the decree of the Lord:  
The Lord said to me: You are my Son.  
It is I who have begotten you this day.*

*Ask and I will bequeath you the nations,  
put the ends of the earth in your possession.*

*With a rod of iron you will break them,  
shatter them like a potter's jar."*

*Now, O kings, understand,  
take warning, rulers of the earth;  
serve the Lord with awe  
and trembling, pay him your homage  
lest he be angry and you perish;  
for suddenly his anger will blaze.*

*Blessed are they who put their trust in God.  
Glory...*

**Psalm Prayer:** Lord God, you gave the peoples of the world to be the inheritance of your only Son; you crowned him as king of Zion, your holy city, and gave him your Church as his bride. As he proclaims the law of your eternal kingdom, may we serve him faithfully, and so share his royal power forever.

## Comunidad Hispano...

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 matrimoniales 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 PM los martes. Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

[espanol@sjecm.org](mailto: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!

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of the  
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### Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2026 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 9, 2026

**Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre

Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Register online at [drcv-faith.org](https://drcv-faith.org)

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





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For more information on how to  
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at 631-249-4994

# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 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
- 7-8 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

## Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

## Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

## Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 3:30-5:30 PM Legion of Mary- BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

## Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

## Saturday, February 14<sup>h</sup>, 2026

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

## Sunday, February 15<sup>h</sup>, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mtg. Room  
BUR - Barn Upper Room  
SC - Seton Chapel  
AMR - Auditorium Mtg. Room