

Third Sunday of Lent + March 12

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

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts”

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. R.v.8

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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 18th

5:00 pm - Fr. Felix

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 19th

8:00 am - Fr. Felix

10:00 am - Jerry

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.

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

dwallers@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.



A Message from the Director of Faith Formation...

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

-John 4:13-14

When I met Fr. Patrick, one of the first things I learned about him was his love for baseball. (If you've ever been to his office in the Rectory, you know what I'm talking about!)



Me & my dad at Yankee Stadium in 2014.

I'm a big baseball fan myself, thanks to my dad, whose passion for the game was oftentimes the cause of some lively debates in our house!

Last week, I was reminded by a friend that Spring Training is underway. It's a time to sharpen skills, review the fundamentals and get back in the swing of things. It's also what Lent is all about!

How's your Lent going? It can certainly be a challenging Season, but I often see Lent as “Spring Training for the Soul!”

During Lent, we are given the chance to grow in our relationship with God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This takes discipline, practice and focus to keep our “eye on the ball” - to keep our gaze on God despite the many distractions around us.

When playing baseball or any other sport, we also know the importance of staying hydrated. In today's Gospel, Jesus offers the woman at the well “living water” so that she will never thirst again. It is a surprising encounter with someone who would be considered an outcast in that day and age. Jesus sparks a conversation, revealing the deepest secrets of her heart and then shows her a better way. He was asking her (and us) to put aside the water that perishes, that leaves us thirsty again - those things in our lives that hold us back, those sins and failings. Instead, Jesus offers us eternal life - the water that quenches the thirst of the human heart.



Our RCIC candidates at the Rite of Election at St. Anne's in Brentwood.

In Faith Formation, we've been helping families work on the fundamentals of Lent and are bringing them to the living waters of the Sacraments.

At our March Family of Faith (Grades 1-6) sessions, families came together to learn and live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy! They assisted our Parish Social Ministry's Street Ministry in folding and sorting clothing and making wash kits for those in need in addition to participating in interactive lessons.

For Levels 7 & 8, we've welcomed guest speakers, including Fr. Joe Catafago and Tess Austin, Director of Catholic Identity and Mission for the diocese. Fr. Joe spoke to our Level 8 students about the topic of Vocations, while Tess gave a witness and led us in song during Eucharist Adoration for our Level 7 students, with Fr. Patrick presiding.

Reconciliation is being offered for Grades 3-8 this month. Our Level 2 students will be receiving their First Reconciliation in a couple of weeks—please keep them in your prayers! At our services, all present—adults and children—are invited to go to confession.

Finally, we have four students seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church through our RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) program. They will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil - please pray for them. In addition to our normal classes, Mike & Lynn Walsh have been meeting with them once a month.



Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers and staff who serve our families by helping them grow in the faith. We are grateful for the many families who participate in our program and look forward to journeying with you this Lent!

-Michelle Pirraglia

Preparing for the Week



Obligation to Abstain from Eating Meat

The holy Season of Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for the celebration of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection at Easter, the holiest of days. Through prayer, fasting and works of charity, we draw closer to the Lord, deepen our faith, and prepare for eternal life. The parishioners of St. John the Evangelist have been granted a special dispensation from abstaining from meat on Friday, March 17th, so that you may enjoy your family traditions – God Bless.

Easter Flower & Mass Remembrance Envelopes

Envelopes were included in the monthly envelope mailing and are also available at the doors of the church. Those names that are included on the envelopes will be remembered during the Easter Novena Masses. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped at the rectory office.

Saturday, March 11th

5:00 p.m. **Thomas Tebbens, Sr.**
7:30 p.m. *Spanish* **People of the Parish**

Sunday, March 12th

8:00 a.m. **Dorothy Evans**
10:00 a.m. **Richard and Frances McKenney**
12:00 a.m. **Stephen Ciolano**
6:00 p.m. **Jean Gallagher**

Monday, March 13th Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. **Lorraine Snyder**
12 Noon **John Rowley**

Tuesday, March 14th Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. **Lorraine Hickey**
12 Noon **Vivian Orafino**
7:30 p.m. *Spanish* **People of the Parish**

Wednesday, March 15th Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. **Liz DellaRatta**
12 Noon **Gloria Tornabene**

Thursday, March 16th Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. **Mark Mesiano**
12 Noon **Walter Harburger**

Friday, March 17th Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. **James Miller**
12 Noon **Mark Mesiano**

Saturday, March 18th Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. **Diane Saetran**
5:00 p.m. **Patricia McDowell**
7:30 p.m. *-Spanish* **Orlando Narvaez**

Sunday, March 19th Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. **Richard Shimane**
10:00 a.m. **Richard J. Marrin IV**
12 Noon **Joseph Malone**
6:00 p.m. **Paul DiDia**

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.

	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	44	38
Total Pledged to date	\$17,660	\$10,020
Avg. Gift	\$401	\$263

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$166,203	10	\$16,620
2022	\$149,916	10	\$14,692

SJE Lenten Mission

The Call to...
Conversion
Transformation and
Renewed Hope

March 27th, 28th & 29th
7:30 p.m. in the Church

Presented by:
FATHER FRANCIS PIZZARELLI,
SMM, LCSW-R, ACSW, DCSW



40 ways for 40 days



Be sure to take your 40 Ways for 40 Day Lenten checklist with you today. Try to take another way each day or so to grow closer to Christ and His Church, particularly here at SJE and in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Each week, when you enter the Church, put the number of pom-poms for the activities you did in the cross! Let's pray we will have a beautiful resurrection cross filled with our Lenten works this Easter!

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

This Lent, St. John's is once again offering everyone a little black book. These books are available at the doors of the Church.

You can carry it with you, leave it in your car or keep it in a place at home where you will see it every day. It's a nice, simple way to bring the spirit of the season to each day of your Lenten journey. **The books are free of charge.** If you'd like to make a donation, please place it in the Poor Box to support the work of Parish Social Ministry.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for financially helping us to provide these books.

Sinners Welcome & Wanted

Come and celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Monday—Friday after 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses
Saturdays after 8 a.m. Mass and
from 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)
Sundays from 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 3, 2023

3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Of course, you may call the Parish Office and make an appointment with one of our priests. Confessions are heard in Our Lady's Chapel which is located in the Church to the right side of the altar.



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!)

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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 of the year!

Here's how you can 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 make phone calls to families to schedule pickup times, **week of March 27th**
- Yes, we can help with set up on **Saturday, April 1st from 8am—9:30 am**
- Yes, I can help with distribution on **Saturday, April 1st from 10 am 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

A word of gratitude to the Clayton Huey Elementary School, who made a “Soup-er” donation to Ernie’s Place this past week. In the month leading up to the Super Bowl, Room 30 held a Soup-er Bowl Drive in honor of the Super Bowl. They decorated boxes for the Chiefs and the Eagles and spoke to every class in the school asking for soup donations and talking about the different ways the students can help others in our community.



Students placed their donations in the box of the team they hoped would win, based on the pictures it appears most of the school was rooting for the Chiefs! Thank you to teacher Lise Defrese and Principal Dennis Ricci for working with us to make the donation possible. And thank you to the students, families, teachers, and administration at Clayton Huey for supporting St. John’s.



Please reach out to Katie Spellman at kspellman@sjecm.org to learn how you and your organization can support Ernie’s Place.

Ernie’s Place

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.

- Bag split peas
- Shelf stable milk
- Ramen noodles
- Cup of soup

Street Ministry Needs

- Mens Jeans—all sizes.



“Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.”

- Pope Benedict XVI

March, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics

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)

For the month of March, our families came together and participated in activities to help them learn about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, as well as the first four Beatitudes. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped make these sessions such a success!



April Parent/Student Sessions:

**Tuesday, March 28 @ 5PM ONLY
(7PM Cancelled for Parish Mission)**

**Thursday, March 30 @
5PM or 7PM, Church.**



Confirmation Prep: (Levels 7 & 8)

RECONCILIATION SESSIONS THIS WEEK!

Parent/Student Event

This will take place during regular class time, beginning at 7:15PM. All present—adults and students— will be invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

LEVEL 7:

Tuesday, March 14 @ 7:15PM, Church

LEVEL 8:

Monday, March 13 @ 7:15PM, Church



Level 2—First Reconciliation Rehearsal This Week!

Parent/Student Event

Those students preparing to receive First Reconciliation next week will meet for a rehearsal this Thursday, March 16 at 7PM in the Church. Please check the letter sent in January for your child's First Reconciliation date.

Family Ministry...

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

Would you like to participate in our presentation of the Passion of our Lord at our Good Friday Children's Prayer Service? If you love to read, enjoy wearing a costume and want to share the gospel with our parish family, then sign up today. To sign up, email us at familylife@sjecm.org or call the Office of Family Ministry at 631-878-0009 x 124.

Mark your calendars for the following events sponsored by Family Life Ministry.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

If you'd like to volunteer for any of these activities, please call the Office of Family Ministry

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. Join in this Corporal Work of Mercy and help feed those in need in our local area.

We meet 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 box 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 will help our children to truly understand the significance of Holy Thursday and it will provide an opportunity for all to 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. The Good Friday Children's Service will take place at 12 noon on Friday 4/7/2023.

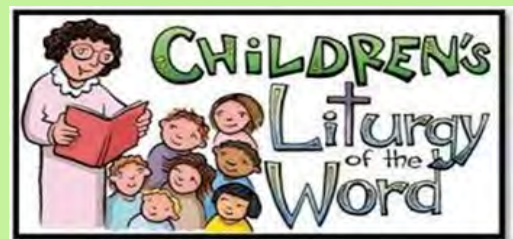


Our Moms on the Journey

group will meet on Wednesday 3/22/2023 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Meeting Room of the Barn. This month we will be working together to support our Parish Social Ministry- "Sponsor a Family for Easter" program. Come join the fun by preparing Easter treats for our families in need. For more information call of the Office of Family Ministry or email Carolyn Lapham at clapham@sjecm.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Program

All children ages 4 through Grade 6 are invited to the . We meet every Sunday during the 10:00 Mass. The children leave the church with our CLTW team and share the Liturgy of the Word at their level. An interactive homily and universal prayer provide opportunities for the children to become fully engaged in this part of the liturgy. The children return back to the church in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All children are welcome!



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St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

LETS EAT, DANCE AND BE IRISH

Saturday, March 18th

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

Bring your own adult beverage

STARTS AT 7 PM

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

313 Frowein Rd. Center Moriches
Queen of All Hearts Knights of Columbus

Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

***We are not called to great penances.... But
the Holy Hour is a sacrifice in union with Christ.***

(Archbishop Fulton J Sheen)

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

Michael Capozzola + Kathleen Zorn

We Pray..

Elizabeth Croce, Thomas Lipani,
Henry Flite, Joseph Maldonado,
Armond Stanzoni

"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.



Stations of the Cross

"Yesterday I died with Him, today I live with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him, today I am raised with Him."

-Pope Francis

This Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross on **Fridays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church, beginning **March 3rd**



Because no marriage is beyond hope...

A **marriage-saving** program is here in the
New York/Metropolitan Area
April 21-23, 2023

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille* can help.

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230

<https://www.helpourmarriage.org>

info@HelpOurMarriage.org

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges

It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage. Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are encouraged to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

To contact the Long Island/New York Business Office:
516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org

SJE 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...

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.

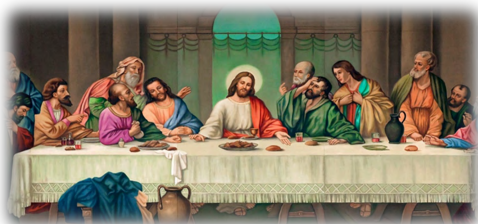


"Lord, is it I?"

Bring Family and Friends
to this dramatic presentation

Sunday, March 26th @ 3pm

St. John the Evangelist RC Church
Parish Auditorium



Free Admission

**Free will offering to support
the ministry of Bridge for Peace**

For more information call:
Bridge for Peace 631-730-3982
www.bridgeforpeace.org

Important DRVC Information....

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page:

<https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

Did you know...

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

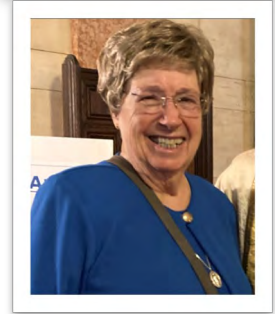
Our first 'Sister Ann', was Sister Ann Kathleen Bolton. Sister Ann Kathleen, devoted 72 years of her life faithfully as member of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville. She received her Dominican habit on August 7, 1948. It was not until 1984 that Sr. Ann Kathleen arrived here at St. John's, and began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





Knights of Columbus
Fraternal Benefits Night

Thursday,
March 23, 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

Come have coffee and cake with us
and learn about protecting your family
with **FREE** insurance benefits as
a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Council Building
313 Frowein Rd.
Center Moriches, NY
(Next to the High School)

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invites you to grow closer to Jesus, to be his hands and feet in this world. Ascend the Hudson Highlands & the Appalachian mountains this summer to serve the poor, each other, and ourselves; in so doing, we serve our merciful Lord.

Register now to join us for our: **Summer Outreach Week** (service retreat in Hudson Valley, June 25 - June 30, 2023),

our **30th** Capuchin Appalachian Mission (July 8 -July 16, 2023, Mission to Harlan, KY), and

Catholic Literature & Arts Summer Program (Catholic Theater Arts camp, Wappingers Falls, July 30 - August 05, 2023). Join our community of friars, young people & families who proclaim the Gospel and aid those in need. Especially in this season of Lent, there is no higher calling!

See details at <https://www.capuchin.org/cyfm/summer-programs/> and register today; all programs have *limited space!* Follow our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram: @CYFMGarrison) for news and announcements. PO Box 268, Garrison, NY 10524 (845) 424-3609

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!

2023

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"...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 Alcance Social de nuestras Parroquias- cada año apoya programas que ofrecen alimentos para los más necesitadas de nuestra comunidad.



Estaciones de la Cruz

-Aygo esse con El hoy nro con El Aygo las essetida con El hoy esseis con El -Papa Francisco

Esta Cuaresma, celebraremos el Vía Crucis los viernes a las 8:00 p.m. en la iglesia



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

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

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

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

-Pope Francis



Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 13th, 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, March 14th, 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 15th, 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 16th, 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 17th, 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 18th, 2023

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

Sunday, March 19th, 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