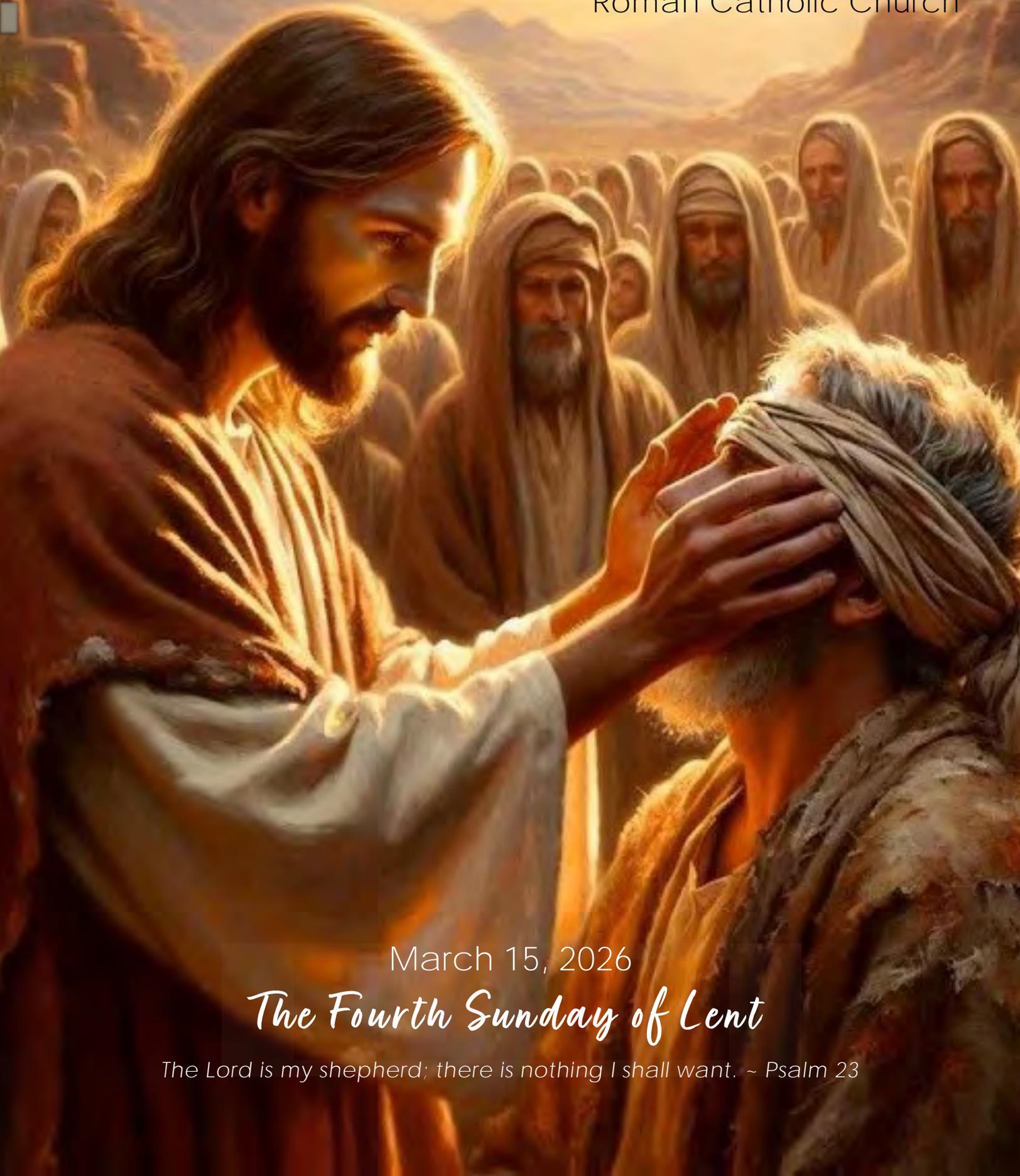


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. ~ Psalm 23



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OUR PARISH MISSION

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

-Mission Statement

Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 2:45 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
in Seton Chapel (Convent)
Monday through Friday
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, March 21st

5:00 PM - Fr. Hugh
7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charlince
(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass
will be livestreamed. Videos remain
on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Sunday, March 22nd

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick
10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry
12 noon - Fr. Francis
6:00 PM - Fr. Charlince

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Charlince 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

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Mass Schedule

OLQA

Our Lady Queen of Apostles
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Office Hours

Office Hours

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 Deacon Ed Grieb ...

As we continue our journey through Lent this year, the 'light' of Easter awaits us. The theme of 'light' and 'seeing clearer' appears in our scripture readings today.



First Reading (1st Samuel) A young David is brought into the light for all to see, as he anointed by Samuel on behalf of God. He has been chosen and is destined to be the future King of the Jewish people. As Samuel gazes at Jesse's sons and evaluates their appearance, he is reminded (as are we) that *'not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance and the Lord looks into the heart.'* Overlooked as too young, David had been sent to the fields to work, but God could see into David's heart and saw the character and qualities of a future king. And with God's insight into his heart, David was brought into the light so the others gathered would see him publicly anointed.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23) *'The Lord is My Shepherd, There is Nothing I Shall Want.'* This beautiful psalm is another reminder to us to Trust in the Lord, and with the Lord's guidance, we can find true peace and joy. Through His will, 'goodness and kindness' will find us, though maybe not always in the way we may want, but certainly as we need (because as we heard, it's *'not as man sees that God sees'*). As we walk day-in and day-out in this world and encounter darkness and sin, we keep our trust in God's light, and we know we will be refreshed.

Second Reading (Ephesians) In writing to the Christians in Ephesus, St. Paul expresses that it's through our Baptism that we have been enlightened by Christ and are now called to walk in hope, choosing freely to live a life that *'produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.'* Just as it was true for the Christians in Ephesus, so it is true for us today. Because of Christ's salvific work, we too are brought into the light of faith and grace, and we are similarly called to *'take no part in the fruitless works of darkness [and sin].'* Our lives are now grounded in charity and should correspond to living in the light [of Christ].

Gospel (John) The story of the miraculous cure of the unnamed man born blind shows us the path to seeing the light. While the gift of sight allows him to now 'see' the world in which he lives, he also comes to 'see' the gift of God in his presence and the freedom that comes from living in truth.

Other players in the story remain in the dark and are weighed down by their inability to open their hearts and minds to God's presence and glory. The Pharisees refuse to accept or see who Jesus is, buried in their own rules and blindly digging themselves deeper into the dark. They try to reconcile the miracle of the man's sight, first insisting he was never really blind, and then banishing him as a sinner when he asks them to simply look and see the reality of what had happened....'I was blind, and now I see; if He were not from God, He would not be able to do anything.' The man's parents were likewise unable to see, afraid to celebrate their son's gift of sight and to confront the Pharisees, more concerned with their own stature in the community. When asked for an explanation, they defer to their son who 'was of age himself' and could answer their questions.

Our Lenten Journey The more we come to know Jesus through a personal relationship with Him, the greater He becomes in our lives. This and every Lent, our goal is simply to improve our relationship with Jesus and then sustain it throughout the year. The man born blind in this week's Gospel passage shows us that progression in relationship - the man refers to Jesus first as a man, then as a prophet and finally attests to Him as the 'Son of God.' This lesson in faith parallels Jesus' story of the mustard seed, tiny at first but it can grow to be the largest of bushes. Samuel's experience with the Lord reminds us to keep an open heart and mind so that we too can see the Lord's presence and His work in our life, not assuming that we will/can see him just as we expect.

As we continue our Lenten journey this year, we can be thankful for the blessing of our own Baptism, and the gift of faith in our lives. With this wonderful gift of light, we keep our hearts and minds open to God's call to us. We continue to Listen. We continue to trust. Accepting His invitation to try and see things differently - seeing them from the perspective of God's unconditional Mercy and Love.

Masses for the Week...



Saturday, March 14th Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 AM Steve Poulos
- 5:00 PM Wilma Pirro
- 7:30 PM *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

Sunday, March 15th Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 AM Marianne DiGangi
- 10:00 AM Cornelius McNulty
- 12:00 Noon Kevin Radigan
- 6:00 PM Liz DellaRatta

Monday, March 16th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Joseph Macri
- 12:00 Noon Ana Julia Rodriguez de Seedansingh

Tuesday, March 17th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Deacon Patrick Gerace
- 12:00 PM Charles J. Peters

Wednesday, March 18th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Lisa Ann Dismore
- 12:00 Noon Diane Saetran

Thursday, March 19th Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 AM Steve Poulos
- 12:00 Noon Christopher Bowman

Friday, March 20th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Jennie Joan and Anthony Arcuri
- 12:00 Noon Special Intention-Chris Stevens

Saturday, March 21st Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 AM Karen Gilmartin
- 5:00 PM John Enright
- 7:30 PM *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

Sunday, March 22nd Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 AM Salvatore DiSalvo
- 10:00 AM Robert Sajdak
- 12:00 Noon Joanne Cavalieri
- 6:00 PM Carl and Antoinette Woronka



Easter Novena & Mass Remembrance envelopes are now available at all of the exits of the church. These will be the intentions for all of the Easter Masses. All intentions will remain on the altar throughout the Easter Octave. Please return the envelopes to the rectory before Easter.

March Envelope Mailing Update

Because of Cathedral Letter Concepts' recent equipment issues, they have notified the parish that this month's envelope mailing may arrive later than usual. Some envelopes might reach you close to or after the scheduled start date. Thank you for your understanding and support.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$177,525	10	\$17,753
2025	\$170,858	10	\$17,086



As of 3/10/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	80	72
Total Pledged to date	\$44,575	\$42,565
Percent of Goal	37%	37%

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!



Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Eileen DeRicco

Robert Hawkins

"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

Chuck DeRicco

Bill Hasper

Fr. Peter D'Abele

Toni Newman

Anthony Bianculli

Jim McElvoy

Mark Havens

Michael Lankau

Kevin Coyne

Melissa Branigan

Maria Cardaci

Patricia Mazza

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

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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
2nd LT Christopher Walther

US Navy

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MMN1 Christopher J Esposito Jr
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

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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

US Army

SGT Sean Casey
PVT Joseph Cestare
SPC Michael Garcia Jr
PVT Anthony Koch
2nd LT Aidan O'Neill
PFC David Smith
Steven Valentin
PFC Francis J. Amalifitano
PVT Cara Williams
PVT2 Justin Monaghan

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT 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.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Liz DellaRatta

This week, the St. Joseph candle will be lit with special intentions for:

Kevin Oettinger

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

March 15, 2026

Lift High the Cross

*Moving with Jesus into
the mystery of salvation*

SJE Parish Lenten Mission

Led by: Fr. Hugh J. Gillespie, SMM

(Montfort Missionaries)

March 23rd, 24th, 25th

7:00 PM: Rosary

7:30 PM: Mission Talk

*All are welcome.
Join us as we
journey with
Christ into the
mystery of
salvation.*

Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent



Each Friday evening during Lent, we invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross in the church. This beautiful and prayerful devotion helps us walk with Christ on His journey to the Cross and is a meaningful way to deepen our Lenten reflection and conversion of heart.

7:00 PM - English

On **Friday, March 27th** Stations of the Cross will be geared towards the children of the parish. The stations will be simple in nature and will not follow the traditional format. Be prepared for "a little something different."

All are welcome to take part in this treasured Lenten tradition as we pause, pray, and grow closer to the Lord together.



Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Lent is a beautiful time to return to the Lord through the Sacrament of Confession. In this season of reflection and renewal, God invites us to lay down our burdens, receive His mercy, and begin again with a clean heart.

Confessions are heard at the following times:
Monday-Friday

After the 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Masses

Saturdays

After the 8:00 a.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sundays

5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, March 30th

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Special Holy Week Confession Times

Good Friday, April 3 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 4 | 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All are warmly invited to encounter the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially during this holy season of Lent.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: socialministry@SJECm.org

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. Especially requested at this time of year are sweatpants and blankets. Our donation bin is located in Fellowship Hall at the entrance of Church. Thank you for your generosity! If you'd like



to be a part of our Street Ministry team or help sort and organize donations, we'd love to have you to join us! Please call the Parish Social Ministry office to get started.

Spring is on its way and we could use your help in our vegetable garden, Heaven's Harvest! Located between the rectory and the convent, we grow produce that feed the families who visit our food pantry, Ernie's Place. Starting in the first week of April, we will begin cleaning up the garden area and planting seeds. Please consider joining us; many hands make light work! For more information, call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 or email socialministry@SJECm.org

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

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



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!



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

Sponsor a Family with an Easter Basket!

We are so appreciative of our parishioner's generosity during the times of Christmas and Thanksgiving in helping those in need in our community. We are once again reaching out to ask for donations for our brothers and sisters during the greatest feast of the year!

Here's how it works!

Purchase an Easter basket, fill it with goodies (see suggestions below), bring your donation to the Parish Auditorium on Thursday **March 26th** between 5-6pm. This is a great Lenten project for you and your family to do together to help a family in need. Be as creative as you wish!

We are also distributing food along with the Easter baskets. Help is needed on the morning of **Saturday, March 28th** to distribute everything. If you are able, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or email Easter@SJEcm.org or call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 . **BEFORE March 19th**

Some suggestions to fill your Easter basket

-  Easter coloring book
-  Easter sticker book
-  Chocolate Crosses
-  Prayers or Family book of the Easter Story.
-  Plastic Easter eggs filled with wrapped candy (no jellybeans please)

- YES! We/I can help Sponsor a Family with an Easter Basket!
- YES! I can help with distribution on Saturday, **March, 28th** between 8:45am and 12:00pm.
- I can help contact families via phone with pick up times. This would be done on your own time the week of **March 23rd.**
- We are in need of Spanish speakers to assist with calling our families the week of **March 23rd.**
- I cannot help on campus this year but please accept the following donation.

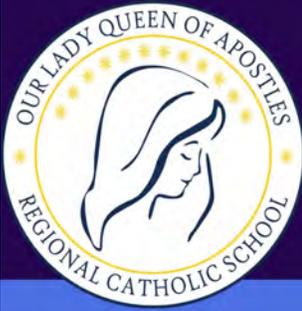
NAME _____

Best Phone # _____

Email _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
Please return before **MARCH 19th**





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Catholic Schools Week 2026



From the "Masked Singer" event and our Brain and Body Bowl challenge to our talent show and VIP Day, we had a great time celebrating Catholic Schools Week this year! We are grateful to all the faculty and staff who made it such a wonderful experience! Special thanks to the SCPD's SRO officers for participating in our annual teachers vs. students volleyball tournament! (The 8th graders played a great game, but our teachers came out on top!)



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UPCOMING

Winter/Spring 2026

events

March 21

Spring Extravaganza!

Our Spring Basket & Food Extravaganza will take place on Saturday, March 21 6PM in the auditorium. Doors open at 5:30PM

> Tickets available thru 2/25. Call 631-878-1033.



MAY 2

Senior Luncheon

Seniors are welcome to sign up for our annual Senior Luncheon on May 2. Our students from The Mission (Grades 6, 7 & 8) will be serving. There will be Mass at St. John's at 11AM, followed by the lunch.

> Sign up before May 1 - Call 631-878-1033.



MAY 5

Project REACH

Beginning in 7th grade, our students choose a topic of interest and, with the help of mentors, conduct a small-scale research project, which they present at the end of 8th grade.

REACH stands for Research, Excellence, Academics, Catholic, Hope. Their projects reflect all these aspects and help them develop strong research and presentation skills. Our 8th graders will be presenting their projects at our symposium on Tuesday, May 5.



MAY 8-9

School Play

Our students will be performing "The Little Mermaid, Jr." on Friday, May 8 at 6PM & Saturday, May 9 @ 1PM.

> Purchase tickets by May 1 - Call 631-878-1033



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Office Hours: By Appointment Only

Those in our "Family of Faith" (Grades 1-6) program learned about the Sacrament of Reconciliation through skits and other hands-on learning opportunities during our February sessions. Special thanks to all our youth and adult volunteers who made this possible!



2025-26 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):

Monday, March 16 at 7:15 PM in the Church

Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles!

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Tuesday, March 17 at 7:15 PM in the Church

Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles!



- Tuesday, April 14 & Thursday, April 16 at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church (attend one).
- **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!

Level 8 Mass: SUNDAY, MARCH 15 at 6 PM, CHURCH

This is a parent/student event. Families attend the 6 PM Mass, where our Level 8 students will receive a special blessing.

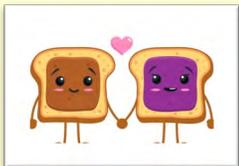
OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's Liturgy of the Word – The Woman at the Well

Last Sunday the children who attended the Children's Liturgy of the Word program were blessed with a surprise visitor. It was none other than the woman at the well! The woman came to draw water at Jacob's well and shared with the children about the time she came to that well and met Jesus. After she shared her story with them, the children had an opportunity to ask her questions. It was a beautiful exchange of childlike curiosity, uplifting insight, and the passionate reflection by the woman at the well who met the Messiah and was set free!



Family Life Ministry



A word of great gratitude to all who participated in Sandwich Sunday on March 8th. Thanks to your service, we brought 488 sandwiches to Lighthouse Mission on Monday to feed the hungry in our local area.



Family

Stations of the Cross

On Friday, March 27th at 7:00 pm in the Church please join us for Family Stations of the Cross. These stations are designed with children in mind and are simple, yet quite powerful for all. Please bring your family and come pray with us.



Children's Holy Week



Holy Thursday Family Prayer Service

All are welcome as the children of the parish experience, The Mandatum-The Washing of the Feet in a unique and personal way. Pray with us as we embrace our individual calls to holiness and service.

Holy Thursday, April 2nd at 4:30 PM in the Church.



Good Friday Family Prayer Service

All are invited to experience the suffering and death of our Lord through this beautiful rendition of the Living Stations of the Cross, presented by the teens and young adults of our parish family.

Good Friday, April 3rd at 12:00 noon in the Church



Holy Saturday Family Prayer Service

On this day of waiting, the children will come together to pray, to listen to a beautiful story about Jesus' resurrection and to joyfully participate in our parish Easter Egg Hunt. Remember to bring your basket!

Holy Saturday Morning, April 4th, at 10:00 AM in Seton Chapel (in the convent).

Easter Egg Hunt to follow on the Convent lawn.



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Sunday, March 29th

After the 10am Mass
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A Dramatic Presentation of the Last Supper

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Sunday March 22nd, 2pm at

St. Louis De Montfort Church

75 New York Ave, Sound Beach, NY 11789

Sunday March 22nd, 7pm at

St. John the Evangelist Church

25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches, NY 11934

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

For more information call 631-730-3982

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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

- o Five First Saturdays
- o Make a good Confession to be in a state of grace.
- o Receive Holy Communion with the intention of Reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Communion of Reparation is the central act in making the Five First Saturdays.
- o Pray the five decades of the Rosary with the intention of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- o Keep Jesus and Mary company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more mysteries of the Rosary.

SJE Parish Social Ministry...

Community Meal

Serving those in need in our community.

Monday, March 30th @ 6 PM

Did you know we host a fabulous meal once a month, right here on campus for people from all sectors of life to sit together and enjoy a hot meal? A delicious, full course dinner is served to those in need, complete with beverages and dessert! We have volunteers who drop off food, help set up, serve the meal and clean up too! Each month we ask volunteers to bring what they can, and each month it comes together as an amazing meal made and served with great love. We serve, usually on the last Monday of every month, from 6:00-7:00 PM. If you know of someone who would benefit from this meal, need more information or would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Social Ministry office at 631-878-0009 ext 120.

"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That is how prayer works."

So please come share your love, your meal and your prayers!

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.drvc.org or clicking here:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>

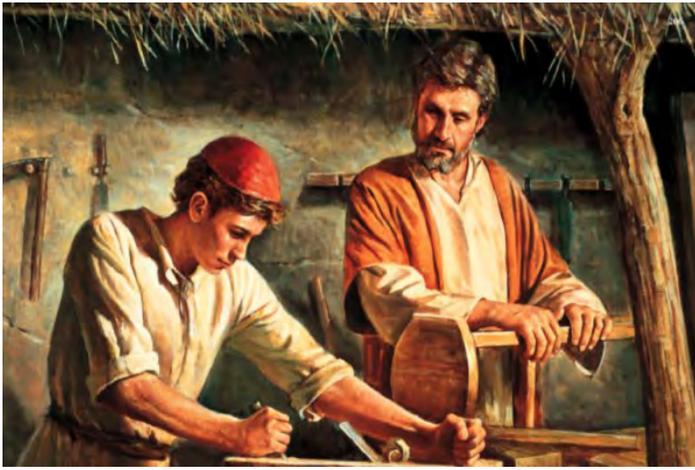


SJE will be offering a training... Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 PM

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 drvc.org.



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.

*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

\$10 donation for the workbook.

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.

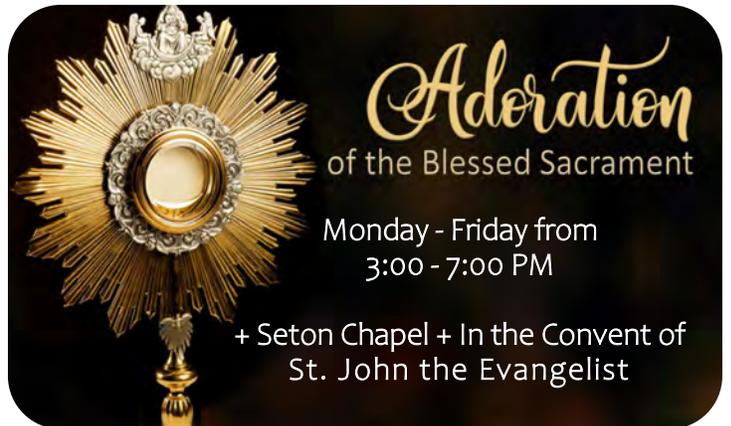
2026 Meeting Dates: March 9 & 23; April 13 & 27; May 11 & 18; June 1, 15 & 29.

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

God Bless you,

Carol & Anita (Moderators)

For info, call 631-878-0009



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.

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If you can be present for a specific hour, email rectory@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at

631.878.0009.

A Message from Monsignor Walden...



There are many wonders to see in our world. I have traveled out west and seen the Grand Canyon. I have been on a cruise ship twice that went to Alaska and saw the awesome beauty of nature there. I have sailed several times for a week on a sailboat and experienced the wonder of being propelled by the wind. How awesome to see the beauty and wonder of nature. But as much as we can be amazed at the wonder of nature, even more we want to see that we are known and loved for who we are and that we see others and love them for who they are. In today's Gospel, we are invited to take that a step further and see who Jesus is and come to see how He sees us. How awesome that He cured a man who was born blind! What a gift that had to be for that man! Now the world he blindly walked through everyday was visible, and he now could physically see the people who he knew and loved and the people who loved him.

Lent is a time given to us to "see" who God truly is and how he "sees" us. We can only become fully alive and see the goodness and wonder in ourselves and others through the vision of faith. The religious leaders in today's Gospel (John 9:1-41) who try to discredit Jesus, miss the wonder and power of God's love by trying to defend their limited vision of who they think God is and how He does what they think he should do. Lent is our opportunity to see how humble, constant and pure God's love is. One of my Lenten resolutions I focus on is praying the Stations of the Cross everyday. I go from station to station just looking at the absolute goodness, power, and mercy that flows from the heart of Jesus. From accepting the sentence of such brutal and unjust death, to falling and getting up three times, to being stripped and nailed to the cross, to suffering so painfully for three hours, and then placed in a tomb, His love

never wavers, His spirit of love never leaves His heart.

We are not like the religious leaders in today's Gospel who try to discredit the wonder of God's love. More than likely we just do not take the time to quietly reflect on the love of God. At the end of today's Gospel some of the pharisees say to Jesus, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you have no sin: but now you are saying, "We see," so your sin remains." Sin is anything that blinds us to the goodness and love of God and His love for us. Lent is far more than just avoiding sin and giving up a few things during 40 days. It is coming to see much more than the wonder of God's creation. It is coming to realize how blessed we are and how merciful, wise, and pure God's love is. All He has to gain is our presence for all eternity, the very reason He created us, came into our world, and continues to walk with us through prayer and the Sacraments. Take some time to pray the Stations of the Cross, read chapters 13-17 in St. John's Gospel, and take time to thank God for the blessings in your life. The more we can see God's presence and blessings, the more joy, wonder, and love in our hearts.

Anima Christi: A Prayer of Deep Love

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds, hide me.

Let me never be separated from you.

From the malignant enemy, defend me.

In the hour of my death, call me,

And bid me come to you,

That with your saints I may praise you

Forever and ever. Amen.

Parishes Praying for Priests



Answering Our Lady's call to pray for our Priests and for the increase of Vocations.

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¡Sacramento de la Reconciliación!

La Cuaresma es un tiempo hermoso para regresar al Señor a través del Sacramento de la Confesión. En esta temporada de reflexión y renovación, Dios nos invita a dejar nuestras cargas, recibir Su misericordia y comenzar de nuevo con un corazón limpio.

Las confesiones se escuchan en los siguientes horarios:

Lunes a Viernes

Después de las Misas de 7:00 a.m. y 12:00 p.m.

Sábados

Después de la Misa de 8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (Español)

Domingos

5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Día Diocesano de Reconciliación

Lunes, 30 de marzo | 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
& 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Habrán confesiones en español de
6:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m.

Horarios Especiales de Confesión en Semana Santa

Viernes Santo, 3 de abril | 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sábado Santo, 4 de abril | 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Todos están cordialmente invitados a encontrarse con la misericordia y la sanación del Señor a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, especialmente durante este santo tiempo de Cuaresma.

Vía Crucis Viernes Durante la Cuaresma



Cada viernes por la tarde durante la Cuaresma, los invitamos a acompañarnos al Vía Crucis en la iglesia. Esta hermosa y profunda devoción nos ayuda a caminar con Cristo en Su camino hacia la Cruz y es una manera significativa de profundizar nuestra reflexión cuaresmal y nuestra conversión del corazón.

7:00 PM - Inglés

8:00 PM - Español

Todos son bienvenidos a participar en esta apreciada tradición cuaresmal mientras hacemos una pausa para orar y crecer juntos más cerca del Señor.

El viernes 27 de marzo, el Vía Crucis de las 7:00 p.m. estará dirigido a los niños de la parroquia. Las estaciones serán en inglés, sencillas y no seguirán el formato tradicional. Prepárense para "algo un poquito diferente".



Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 16th, 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, March 17th, 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, March 18th, 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, March 19th, 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, March 20th, 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, March 21st, 2026

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

Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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

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!

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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.

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