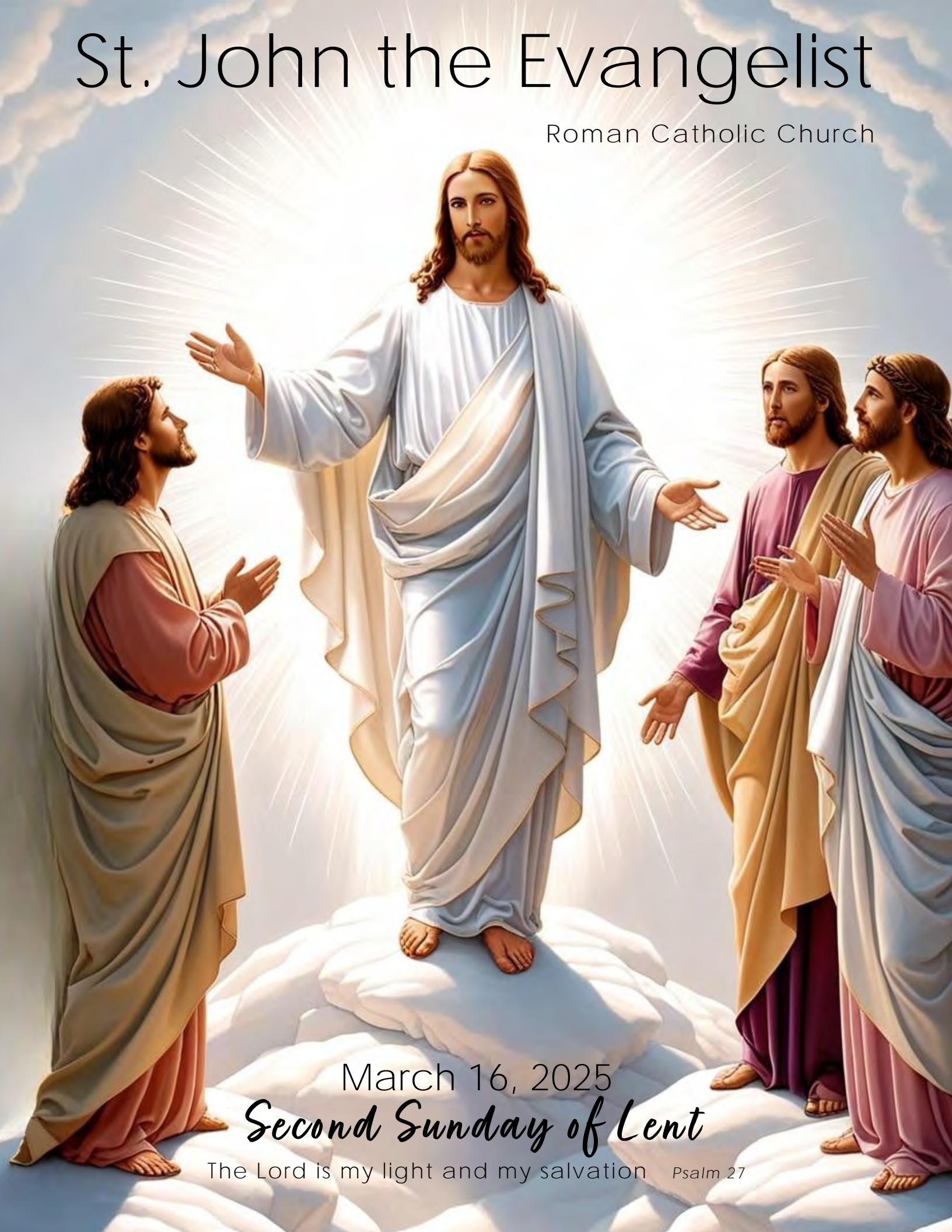


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

The Lord is my light and my salvation *Psalms 27*



March 16, 2025

25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, New York, 11934-3968
631-878-0009 | rectory@sjecm.org

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 22nd

5:00 PM - Fr. Abin

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, March 23rd

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

6:00 PM - Fr. Abin

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

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &

7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Abin Panicker
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele
Parish Assistant

John Pettorino
Deacon

Michael Hoonhout
Deacon

Ed Grieb
Deacon

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller
Director of Operations

Angela Werner
Director of Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

OLQA

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

2 St. John Place
Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033
www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller
Principal
dwaller@olqany.org (ext. 201)

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House

Monday - Thursday:
9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Friday - Saturday
9 AM - 2 PM

We ask that you call before visiting any parish
offices.

Confession Schedule

A Message from Our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...

Gospel Reflection ~ The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Luke 9:28-36)

A Moment of Great Revelation

During this 2nd Sunday of Lent (and every 2nd Sunday of Lent), we recall the story of our Lord's transfiguration! We see Jesus transfigured before the world, upon the mountain top in all of His glory signifying His oneness with God and His future Resurrection. What a great moment of revelation and affirmation for Jesus during this transitional period! He has now completed His ministry in the Northern Region of Israel, where He was comfortable doing the work of redemption. And before He changes course and heads down to Jerusalem, where the tension and hostility is high, He is being reaffirmed during this great encounter with God that He is on the right side of salvation history. Just like at His baptism on the Jordan, before He ushered in a new era of hope, God reassures Him once again, as He prepares to head to the city of Jerusalem for our salvation, when He says to all, "this is my Beloved Son, listen to Him!"

Again, to hear God tell the world that His Son has the words of everlasting life must have given Jesus a big boost, knowing He was on the right side of history in redeeming the world from their sins! It is clear, through His conversation with Moses and Elijah, that He will lead all of humanity, from all the ends of the world, through a new exodus. He will deliver us from bondage and captivity, and free us from eternal damnation. He will deliver us from evil and darkness into God's marvelous light.

We can only imagine the great joy that our Lord is experiencing at this moment in His public ministry, knowing the rough road that lies ahead in the city of Jerusalem, where He will turn over His life for our redemption. In His humanity, Jesus needed this moment of grace and revelation during this turning point in His public ministry. He needed to be "reassured" of God's great promise for humanity. He needed to be "reassured" that everything He did up to this point in His public ministry, and everything that He would do leading up to His passion and crucifixion, would redeem humanity. For Jesus, this was "D" day. Decision Day! Would He go the distance for our salvation? Or would He give up and remain in the north in Galilee where things were less resistant for Him when ministering?

How true this is of us at times! Like Jesus in today's gospel, we too have our crosses and sometimes we need to be reassured of our faith and future with God forever in heaven. We need to be reassured that we too are on the right side of salvation history in doing the work of redemption. We need to be reminded that we have a secure future with God for all of eternity.

For some of us, this might be a turning point in our lives. Maybe we are at a crossroad or a mid-point in our life. Yet, it is clear in today's gospel that God is close to us, revealing His glory and love through Jesus, especially in word, prayer and the sacraments. The timing of His

transfiguration signifies the inauguration of a new era of restored hope. It was a defining moment whether or not Jesus would remain faithful to the end. It was upon the mountain top close to God where Jesus made the decision to head down to Jerusalem, knowing what was at stake for humanity.

This season of Lent prepares us for the Easter Mysteries. It is an opportunity for us to grow in our awareness and appreciation of all that God has done for us through Jesus, in delivering us from evil into the joys of paradise. It is a time for us to reflect more on the Lord's Resurrection and to enter more deeply into the saving mysteries of God; to reflect on the wonder and the goodness

of the Lord. Lent is a time for us to remember how faithful God has been to His promise for humanity, in bringing us new and everlasting life.

Lent is another opportunity for all of us to believe again. It is another opportunity to be drawn closer to God through the spiritual disciplines of Lent; prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is an opportunity for us to be strengthened in our faith and renewed in God's Spirit. Lent reassures us of our greatest hope, life everlasting! It reassures us that we are on the right side of salvation history regardless of what crosses or crossroads we encounter at times. Lent prepares us for another Easter celebration. If we take this new season of Lent more seriously, we will rise again and walk again in the newness of life once Easter arrives. Hopefully during this 2nd Sunday of Lent, we can reconnect with God once again and renew our hope and trust in Him and Him alone, knowing of the great future that is in store for all of us, as we share in the glory of our Lord's own resurrection!



Masses for the Week...

Saturday, March 15th Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Liz DellaRatta
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, March 16th Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Joan Marie Tricarico
10:00 AM Megan Odle
12:00 Noon Jennie and Anthony Ponzio
6:00 PM Canonization of
Blessed Michael McGivney

Monday, March 17th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Christopher Bowman
12:00 Noon Charles J. Peters

Tuesday, March 18th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Emma Feldman
12:00 PM Richad Boccia

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

7:00 AM Diane Saetran
12:00 Noon John Immel

Thursday, March 20th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Frank Francolino
12:00 PM Special Intention - Christopher Stevens

Friday, March 21st Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Michael Sr. and Michael Jr. Capozzola
12:00 Noon Jennie and Anthony Arcuri

Saturday, March 22nd Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Louis and Marie D'Amara
5:00 PM Rosemarie Washeim
7:30 PM (Spanish) Orlando Narvaez

Sunday, March 23rd Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Robert Sajdak
12:00 Noon Thomas and Mary Capone
6:00 PM Frank and Joan Tricarico



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.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$170,858	10	\$17,086
2024	\$197,874	10	\$19,787

2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission



As of 3/11/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	72	67
Total Pledged to date	\$42,565	\$34,945
Avg. Gift	\$591	\$522
Percent of Goal	37%	30.4%

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!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



If you are in 4th grade or higher and you would like to serve the church in this special ministry, we would love to have you! Altar servers assist the priest or deacon with sincere devotion and decorum in the spirit of the Liturgy by carrying the incense, processional cross, lighting candles at Eucharistic celebrations, Sacraments, funeral masses, benediction, and prayer services. This ministry allows the youth of the parish to become involved and contribute to the Liturgy of the Mass by serving others.

OUR NEXT PARISH TRAINING SESSION WILL BE...

March 17th 4:00-5:30 PM

March 19th 4:00-5:30 PM

March 22nd 11:00AM-12:30PM

(Pizza will be served at the conclusion of the final session)

We will celebrate a special installation Mass of all our new altar servers on **Sunday, March 23rd** at the 10:00am Mass at which all our new trainees will serve at the Mass for the first time.

Please email your child's name, grade level, email, phone number to servers@sjecm.org BEFORE Friday, March 14TH if you are interested in becoming an altar server.



Year of the Eucharist Revival in the United States

The Eucharist Adoration Committee at St. John the Evangelist presents
Talk on the Eucharist in Seton Chapel (in the Convent) from 7 – 8 PM



Given by:
Deacon Michael Hoonhout, S.T.L., Ph.D.
Ph.D. in Sacred Theology
Please bring a Bible to the talks.
The talk will help prepare you for the
40-Hour Eucharistic Adoration



The Eucharist as Memorial Sacrifice Wednesday, March 19th

“Do this in memory of me.” By these words, Jesus instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his sacrifice on Calvary. How does the Mass make present Christ’s Paschal Sacrifice? It is important to understand this in the correct way, and it is even more important to appreciate its significance for your Christian life. This talk will help you understand the Mass more deeply so that you can participate more fully in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and adore Jesus more lovingly in the Eucharist.



Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
at
St. John the Evangelist

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

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 or call the Parish Office at
631.878.0009.


DIocese of Rockville Centre

Return to Me.


40 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Starting on March 7th, visit 40 different parishes across Long Island for the 40 days of Lent.

MARCH	March 30: Sacred Heart	April 4: St. Aidan
March 17: St. Patrick Huntington 12:00-8:00 p.m.	North Merrick 1:00-2:00 p.m.	Williston Park 1:00-3:00 p.m.
March 18: St. Joseph Hewlett 7:00-8:00 p.m.	March 31: St. Joseph Kings Park 6:00-7:00 p.m.	April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Roosevelt 6:30-7:30 p.m.
March 19: Most Holy Trinity East Hampton 8:30-9:30 a.m.	APRIL	April 6: St. John the Evangelist Riverhead 1:00-2:00 p.m.
March 20: Our Lady of Mercy Hicksville 9:30-10:30 a.m.	April 1: St. Bernard Levittown 12:30-1:30 p.m.	April 7: St. Martin of Tours Bethpage 7:30-9:00 p.m.
March 21: St. Aloysius Great Neck 5:30-6:30 p.m.	April 2: St. Jude Mastic Beach 1:00-3:00 p.m.	April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Medal Wyandanch 8:00-9:00 p.m.
March 22: Sacred Heart Island Park 3:30-4:30 p.m.	April 3: St. Gerard Majella Port Jefferson Station 7:00-8:00 p.m.	April 9: Holy Name of Mary Valley Stream 7:00-8:00 p.m.
March 23: St. Anthony of Padua East Northport 7:00-8:00 p.m.		April 10: St. Louis de Montfort Sound Beach 7:00-8:30 p.m.
March 24: St. Mary East Islip 7:00-8:00 p.m.		April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle West Hempstead 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
March 25: Resurrection Farmingdale 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.		April 12: Our Lady of Grace West Babylon 8:30-9:30 a.m.
March 26: St. Boniface Elmont 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.		April 14: St. Rose of Lima Massapequa 8:00-9:00 p.m.
March 27: St. Agnes Greenport 5:00-9:00 p.m.		April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes West Islip 12:30-7:30 p.m.
March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes Massapequa Park 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.		April 16: St. Kilian Farmingdale 12:45-7:30 p.m.
March 29: Good Shepherd Holbrook 7:00-8:00 p.m.		



To learn more, visit: drvc.org/return25



*Come visit Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament this Lent...*



Forty-Hour Eucharistic Adoration

March 21st, 22nd, 23rd Seton Chapel (Convent)

Adoration will begin at 3:00 PM on Friday, March 21st and end at 7:00 AM Sunday, March 23rd

SIGN UP WEEKEND - March 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th and 15th & 16th after Masses or
complete and return below to the basket in the convent chapel or to the rectory office



SELECT A DAY AND HOUR (S)

NAME:

PHONE #:

Friday 3/21 {3:00PM - Midnight} _____

Saturday 3/22 {Midnight - Midnight} _____

Sunday 3/23 {Midnight - 7:00 AM} _____

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" -Mt. 11:28

Parish Social Ministry

Ernie's Place Shopping List

Below is a list of items needed for our pantry.

- ⇒ Jelly
- ⇒ Pasta
- ⇒ Cereal
- ⇒ Oatmeal
- ⇒ Easter Candy
- ⇒ Fruit Cocktail
- ⇒ Peanut Butter
- ⇒ Tomato Sauce
- ⇒ Raman Noodles
- ⇒ Canned Chicken
- ⇒ Canned Red Beans
- ⇒ Canned Black Beans
- ⇒ Small Bags White Rice
- ⇒ Boxed Mashed Potatoes



Street Ministry Shopping List

Below is a list of items that are needed for Street Ministry.

- ◆ Single Razors
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Face/Wash cloths
- ◆ Deodorant (M&W)
- ◆ Men's Winter Gloves
- ◆ Travel Size Toothpaste
- ◆ Long Sleeve T-shirts (L, XL)
- ◆ Warm Socks (crew or tube, not ankle)



Father Jerry Kaywell is the pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Punta Gorda, Florida, known for his engaging and dynamic approach to delivering sermons. He combines eloquence, inspiration and humor in his preaching. Music has been a defining part of his life, with Father Jerry composing music from a young age and working in film and television as a composer and producer. He co-created award-winning digital commercials and contributed to a Grammy-winning gospel album.

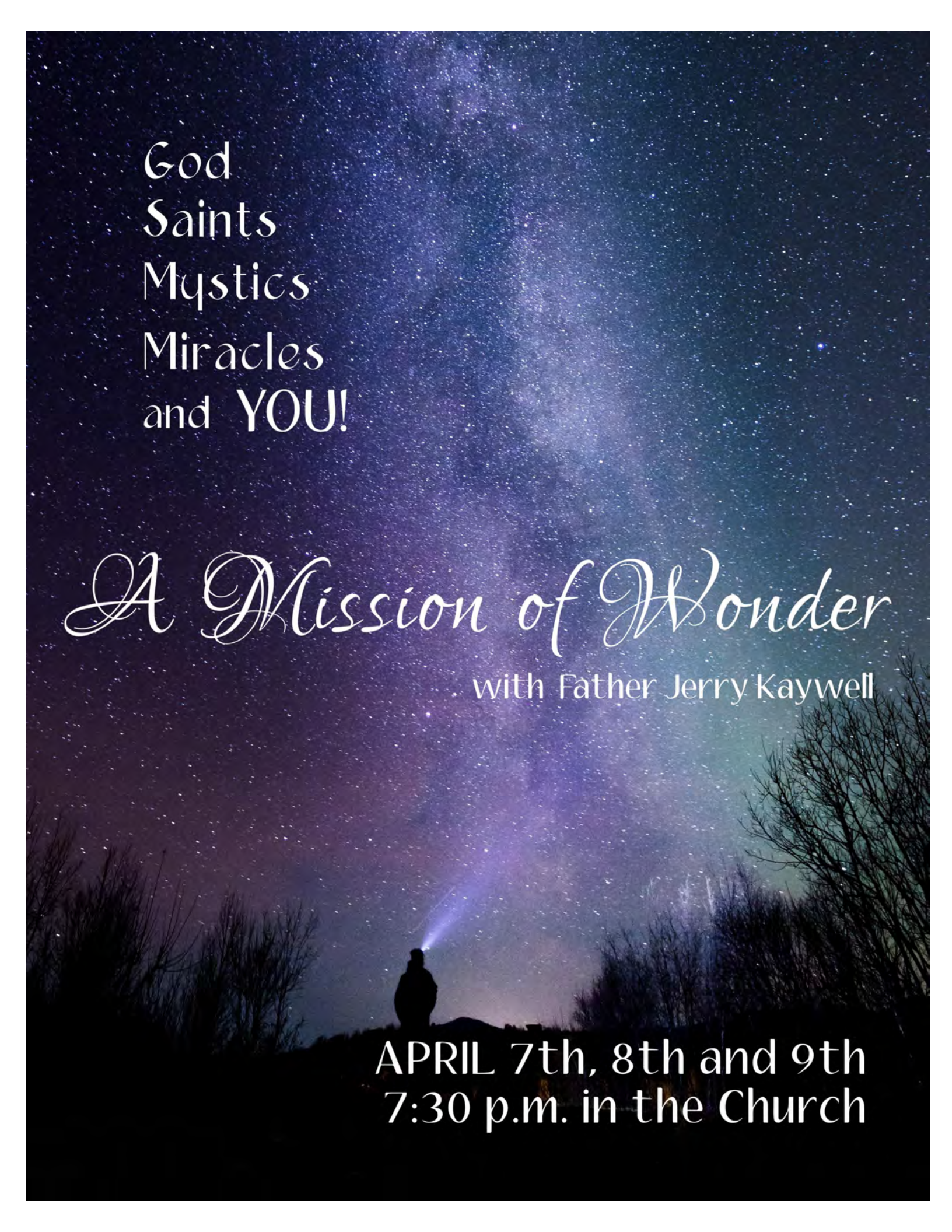
Father Kaywell's life has also been marked by personal struggles, including surviving two bouts of cancer, including stage-three lymphoma. His experiences with cancer deeply influence his ministry, particularly his ability to offer counsel and comfort to those with terminal illness. Father Jerry's journey to the priesthood was delayed by his pursuit of a secular career in music. However, after surviving his cancer battles, he returned to Florida, earned degrees in theology and divinity, and was ordained as a priest in 1991.

Father Jerry's commitment to his parish has extended to the rebuilding of Sacred Heart Church, which was destroyed by Hurricane Charley in 2004. Under his leadership, the church was rebuilt and opened in 2008. He continues to serve his parish with joy. Father Jerry is delighted to be giving the parish mission here at St. John the Evangelist this year.

Join us for our parish Lenten Mission

God, Saints, Mystics, Miracles and YOU!

April 7th, 8th and 9th



God
Saints
Mystics
Miracles
and YOU!

A Mission of Wonder

with Father Jerry Kaywell

APRIL 7th, 8th and 9th
7:30 p.m. in the Church



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Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Elizabeth Onorato

“For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.” -1 Thessalonians 4:14

Pray for the Sick

Barbara Wheeler + Janet Penney

Virginia O’Sullivan + Jill Ragonese

James Green + Maureen Hogan

Logan Coyle + Robert Pauze + Todd Skala

Jennifer Lynn Jankesh + Pope Francis

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

If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.

Our Military

US Marine Corps

LC Michael Abbatiello

CPL Evan Berkemeyer

PFC Sean Brady

SGT Quentin Montemarano

PVT Charles O'Connor

E-1 Christian Raeihle

2nd LT Christopher Walther

PAC Kevin W. Deshler II

US Army

SGT Sean Casey

PVT Joseph Cestare

SPC Michael Garcia Jr

PVT Anthony Koch

CPL Aidan O'Neill

PFC David Smith

Steven Valentin

PFC Francis J. Amalifitano

US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello

STGCS Brian Holzmacher

MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr

ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera

ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr

ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath

CPT Keith Donohue

US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello

SSGT David Giese

SSGT Jason M Hermes

PFC Kyle Kerstiens

SSGT Ryan Kerstiens

SSGT Timothy Kerstiens

SrA Jared T. Rosato

LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza

SSGT William E. McCauley II

1st Lt. Claire McGrath

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



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Liz DellaRatta

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 \$200 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

Gift an Easter Bag Item to a Family in Need!

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!

We are distributing Easter bags this year and ask you and your family to consider giving to a family in need to help fill the bags from the list below. Please leave your donations in the box in fellowship hall labeled "Easter donations". In addition to the Church lobby, you can also drop off donations to the Social Ministry office at the Barn on Wednesday mornings between 9am-12pm. We are accepting donations from now until **April 6th**.

We are also distributing food along with the Easter bags! Help is needed on the morning of **Saturday, April 12th** to distribute the Easter gift bags as well as the distribution of a complete Easter meal to families in need. If you can help, 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 April 6th**.

- ☐ Yes! I can help with distribution on Saturday, **April 12th** 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 **April 7th**.
- ☐ We are in need of Spanish speakers to assist with calling our families the week of **April 7th**.
- ☐ I cannot help on campus this year but please accept the following donation.

NAME _____

Best Phone # _____

Email _____

Thank you!
Please return before April 6th

Items requested for the Easter bags:

- ☐ Easter coloring book
- ☐ Easter sticker book
- ☐ Medium chocolate Crosses
- ☐ Plastic Easter eggs
- ☐ Prayers or small religious Easter articles
- ☐ Easter grass
- ☐ Individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs

(no jellybeans please)



The Office of Family Ministry

The Office of Family Ministry at St. John's focuses on engaging parish families in fun activities, service projects and prayerful experiences. With the purpose of deepening faith, strengthening good Catholic family practices and building our parish family, our office works in conjunction with Faith Formation and Parish Social Ministry to meet the varied needs of our parish families. If you would like to learn more about our ministries or need additional information about any of the upcoming events, please call us at 631-878-0009 x124, or email Clapham@sjecm.org. Here are some of our ministries!

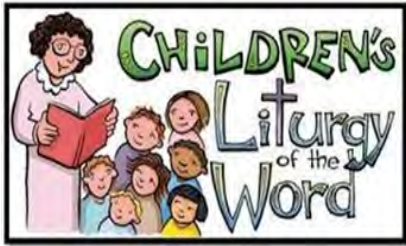


Moms on the Journey



Our moms' group is going strong! We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the upper meeting room of the Barn. A casual, fun-filled, Spirit lead group, "Moms on the Journey" provides an opportunity for busy mothers to be pampered... to grow in their faith... and to share the joys and challenges of Christian motherhood with other moms. This ministry has been a true blessing for all those who come. If you're a mom who wants to go deeper and enjoy the company of other Christian moms, please consider joining this amazing group of women. Our next monthly gathering will be Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Bring a friend and come on down.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



This program meets during the **10:00 Mass every Sunday**. Our young parishioners leave Mass after the Collect (Opening Prayer) and return in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. While at CLTW, the children enjoy the readings, responsorial psalm and gospel presented in language that is easy for them to understand. An interactive homily and prayer of the faithful allow the children to participate more fully in the Liturgy of the Word. All children ages 4 and up are welcome. No registration is necessary...just come to the 10:00 Mass and have your children join the group when the priest invites the children to come up. This program is a joy-filled blessing for all!

Family Life Ministry

Our Family Life Ministry provides varied opportunities for families of all ages to come together to pray, to serve others and to share in some good clean family fun. We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 PM in the upper meeting room of the barn. We pray, brainstorm, share ideas and plan family activities, events and service projects. All are welcome!

Family Life Ministry Events for Lent 2025

- March 21 Lenten Soup Supper ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the School Cafeteria, **followed by Stations of the Cross**
- April 2 Monthly Planning Meeting ~ 7:00 PM in the Upper Room of The Barn
- April 4 Lenten Soup Supper ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the School Cafeteria, **followed by Stations of the Cross**
- April 13 Sandwich Sunday ~ 11:00 AM - 12 noon in the School Cafeteria
- April 17 Holy Thursday Children's Service ~ 4:30 PM in the Church
- April 18 Good Friday Children's Service ~ 12:00 noon in the Church
- April 19 Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt on the Great Lawn after the 11:00 AM Prayer Service
- April 20 Easter Sunday Masses (Sunrise Mass, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon)



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Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

Contact Us!

631-878-1033

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Scan QR Code



Ash Wednesday at OLQA





THANKS!!

A word of great gratitude to EVERYONE who worked so hard to make our parish Mardi Gras celebration such a big success. MANY THANKS to all of the parishioners who prepared festive Mardi Gras foods and baked delicious desserts. We feasted before the Lenten fast thanks to you! To those of you who helped set up, decorate, serve and clean up, "THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! You truly embodied the old adage, "Many hands make light work!" Thanks to our Knights of Columbus for the delicious hot dogs, the drinks and for overseeing the burning of the palms. And of course, a very special thank you to Cathy Mussi who served as our Mardi Gras Coordinator, Christina Koch who coordinator the games for the children and to all the amazing members of our Family Life Ministry who worked tirelessly for many weeks before Mardi Gras to make sure that our celebration went off without a hitch. Thanks ladies...you truly are THE BEST!

Mardi Gras was truly a wonderful parish event...

thanks to our wonderful parish family!



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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 (Mon-Thu - BARN, Upstairs)

Last month, Family Ministries Director Carolyn Lapham spoke to our Level 8 students about the Gospel story of the "Man Born Blind" and how it relates to us today. Students reflected on spiritual blindness and also made a plan for Lent to grow closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Next Class Session:

Tuesday, March 18 at 7:15 PM in the Church.
 Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles!

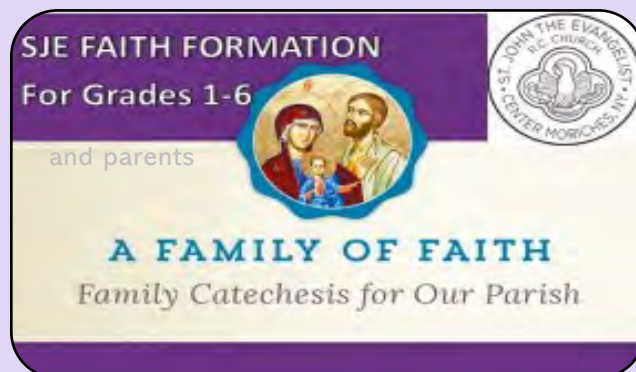
Level 7 Reconciliation Service (Parent/Student Event):

Tuesday, March 25 at 7:15 PM in the Church

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Level 8 Reconciliation Service (Parent/Student Event):

Monday, March 24 @ 7:15 PM, Church



Next Sessions:

Tuesday, April 1 & Thursday, April 3
 @ 5 PM & 7 PM in the Church.



As we celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis has invited us to be Pilgrims of Hope. To honor this, we are introducing a special Lenten project. Next week, we will begin creating doves that represent our hope for the world. These doves will be displayed as part of our Easter celebration, from the Easter Vigil through Pentecost.

A Lenten Project

Here's how you can participate:

- Join us this weekend at all Masses for further details and instructions.
- Take home paper and instructions to create your dove, and if you need assistance, we will be available in the foyer to help you after Masses, March 22nd & 23rd.
- Pick up a Jubilee Year prayer card in the foyer to join in praying as we reflect on what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope.

Important Dates:

- Complete your dove and return it by April 5th & 6th.
- The doves will be part of our Easter display, and we invite you to reflect on the Jubilee Prayer throughout this Lenten season.

We look forward to seeing your doves and praying together as we journey through this special year!

Stations of the Cross



We invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross in the church, Friday evenings during Lent.

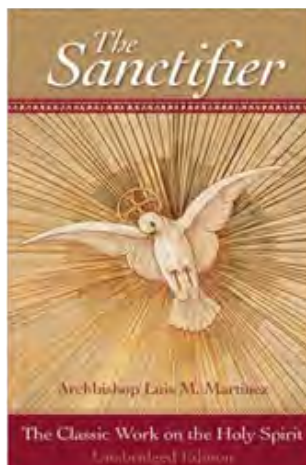
Beginning Friday, March 14th

7:00 PM English

8:00 PM Spanish



Women's Group...



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

The book we'll read together is **"The Sanctifier"** by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, explaining in detail how the workings of the gifts of The Holy Spirit bring us into holiness. It's usually in the sharing part of what we're reading that gives us clearer understanding of the subject especially because it relates to our lives at the present moment. We're living the lessons which is comforting when we're in pain, we have a lot of laughs too. We're there for each other! The book will be provided, We meet in the white house between the school & rectory every other Monday, unless noted with an asterisk *, at 10:00 -11:30 AM, ending in time to go to 12:00 Mass if you want.

Dates:

March 24, & 31, April 14 & 28, May 12 & 19*, June 2, 16 & 30.

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

Men's Prayer Group...



CALLING ALL MEN!

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

Bereavement Support ...

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

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon

First floor meeting room in the Barn.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at

631.878.0009 or via email at

Rectory@sjecm.org

\$10 donation for the workbook.

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



A Message from Msgr. Walden...



One of the new skills I acquired over twenty years ago was learning how to operate a sailboat. I had a motor boat for many years growing up in Greenport. What excites and lifts my spirit when I sail is that nature is moving the boat and I follow her lead to get where I want to go. Life is a journey where we like to be happy, comfortable, and secure. But what energizes us is when we are grateful, joyful, and feel fulfilled. We do not sail through life, but we need to find the right course and energy everyday to find purpose, fulfillment, and confidence.

In the Gospel for today's Mass (Luke 9:28-36), we have St. Luke's account of the Transfiguration. Peter, James, and John go up a mountain with Jesus and see Him transfigured into His heavenly glory. All of a sudden two noted figures from Israel's past, Moses and Elijah, appear and converse with Jesus. How awesome, dramatic, and even fearful that experience had to be for Peter, James, and John. Now they see who Jesus truly is. The more time we spend with people with an open mind and heart, the more we come to see who they truly are. We can read this passage and see the wonder, joy, and awe of these three men. Yet they went down the mountain and, as the last line of this Gospel passage tells us, "They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen."

During Lent we are invited to find a "mountain" or quiet, conducive time and place to look into what we see and experience in who Jesus truly is for us. In all three accounts in Matthew (16:13-16), Mark (8:27-29), and Luke (9:18-20), Jesus asks his disciples "Who do people say that I am?" before asking them "But who do you say that I am?" Lent is a gift of time to all of us to ponder that question. Do we see Him as someone who truly knows and loves us as we are at this very moment? Surely that is

true. To truly know God we must first know ourselves as we truly are. It is not what I can be or will be, but the person I truly am at this point in time that Jesus loves. Ultimately, we all hunger and thirst for God. How, when, and where do we satisfy this hunger and thirst? We do not have all the answers, but our inner longing will not go away. We left the comfort of the womb on the day of our birth and came to experience joy and love from our parents, family, and friends. The ultimate love we all seek is expressed so simply in these words of St. Paul, Romans 5:8: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

As much as we are called during Lent to repent and believe in the Gospel, even more we are uplifted by recognizing the joys and blessings we have and are. Lent is not about you and I, but about God's eternal, redeeming love for us. We are given this time to do far more than repent and believe in the Gospel, we are invited to find that time and place to see God looking down on us with joy, love, and wonder, for surely we are a key part of the wonder of creation.

I close with this thought I pondered last Tuesday from Karl Rahner: "But if you (God) were not incomprehensible, you would be inferior to me, for my mind could grasp and assimilate you. You would belong to me instead of I to you."

Prayer for today's Mass: *O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Knights of Columbus Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



Benefitting Ernie's Place Food Pantry

Date: March 22, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

2 Locations!

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La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en español los sábados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oración, todos los viernes a las 7:30 PM en la Capilla del Convento Parroquial. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

Por favor traiga el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

Requisitos:

1. Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
2. Certificado de registro de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de la charla prebautismal (OBLIGATORIO para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia. Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

CASAMIENTO:

Las parejas que planean casarse deben concertar una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de la boda. Esto les dará tiempo suficiente para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame a la oficina

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

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

espanol@sjecm.org

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to call before you come and visit.

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 7:30 PM

Jueves 3:00 PM a las 4:00 PM.

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley 7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para quienes lo necesiten. Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

What is FASTING?

The **limitation** of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between
But remember to drink enough fluids!

When do we fast?

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday*

*Paschal Fast: Good Friday and Holy Saturday are days of prayer and quiet reflection. We honour the suffering and death of Jesus and prepare to share in the joy of his resurrection at Easter.

What is ABSTINENCE?

Avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods

When do we abstain?

Catholics are obliged to abstain from **meat every Friday** throughout the year (except solemn feast days)

TIP: Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays

ALL ABOUT Fasting & Abstinence

Why fast?

It helps us to **pray better**: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer

Who has to fast?

Catholics aged 18 to 60
Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

Why abstain on Fridays?

It's the day of Christ's saving death on the cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world

Who has to abstain?

Catholics aged 14 and older

During Lent, the money we save on food while fasting and abstaining should be given to others in alms

SOURCE: "Keeping Friday" and "Living Lent" from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops www.cccb.ca

CUARESMA





Profundiza tu oración esta Cuaresma con Hallow

ORACIONES DIARIAS

Comienza tu día con el Evangelio del Día, el Rosario, la oración imaginativa o una de las más de 10,000 sesiones, que incluyen meditaciones diarias, homilias, reflexiones y estudios bíblicos.

CONTENIDO FAMILIAR Y RETO PARA NIÑOS

Ora en familia con la Introducción a la oración para peques y escolares, y enseña a tus pequeños a orar y a fortalecer su conexión con Dios durante esta temporada.

HISTORIAS BÍBLICAS Y CONTENIDO PARA DORMIR

Termina tu día con Cristo con la Oración de la Noche, un Examen o un Rosario con invitados como El Padre Pablo López y Taliana Vargas.

"¡Amén! Hallow me ayudó a caminar en la fe, caminar con el hombre y caminar con Jesús... ¡la mejor Cuaresma de todas!"






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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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Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 17th, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place

Tuesday, March 18th, 2025

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

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

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

Thursday, March 20th, 2025

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

Friday, March 21st, 2025

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

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025

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

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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