

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

“Create in me, Create in me a clean heart, O God”

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15



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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 23rd

5:00 PM Msgr. Walden

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 24th

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Jerry

6:00 PM - Fr. Felix

*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 Felix Akpabio

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno

Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele

Parish Assistant

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Deacon

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Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House

Monday - Thursday:

9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Friday - Saturday

9 AM - 2 PM

We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.

Mass Schedule

Confession Schedule



A Message from Fr. Gary George...



In today's Gospel, the Greeks approached Philip and they wished to see Jesus. We all long to want to see Jesus, but is it always for the right reasons?

- ◆ Do we want to see Jesus to tell Him about our need for something?
- ◆ Do we want to see Jesus to let Him know how upset we are that we did not get what we asked for?
- ◆ Do we want to see Jesus to make sure he is real and not a figment of our imagination?
- ◆ Do we want to see Jesus because we feel we want to be close and touch his holiness?
- ◆ Do we want to see Jesus because we desire heaven and need his forgiveness?
- ◆ Do we want to see Jesus because we are frightened that we harbor so much resentment, anger, and fear that we are no able to let it go?
- ◆ Do we want to see Jesus because we would like to start again and if we could see his reaction to us, we might feel comfortable that we are ready?
- ◆ Do you know why you want to see Jesus?

Whatever the reason for us wanting to see Jesus, the most important part of the story is that they have asked, and this is enough. Are we ready to ask to see Jesus, are we willing to stand in his presence and experience his graciousness, are we ready to look inside and find the answer why we wish to see him and start to walk with him?

Let me take you back to how St. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday converged on February 14th. At first, they seem worlds apart – ashes and penance versus chocolate and roses. Yet, upon reflection, the two may be more connected than we think. One of the fundamental texts for Lent is from the Prophet Ezekiel, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh," Ez36:26. Lent is about conversion, 'a change of heart,' acquiring a new heart. Whereas the traditions around St. Valentine's Day are relatively simple, a card, sometimes anonymous, flowers, and chocolates to express love and affection.

As we draw closer to our parish mission, perhaps we can bring our hearts and affection to the Lord and ask to see him in a profound way that will change our lives. Each night, Monday through Wednesday we will experience a journey that I pray will bring you closer to Jesus, that your hearts will burn with love for Him, for each other as a family, and as a parish community.

Let us ask to see Jesus, and then let us take the steps to walk to him with Mary, the Saints and, most importantly, through the Eucharist.

Fr. Gary George C.Ss.R.

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, March 16th Lenten Weekday

- 5:00 PM Jennifer Sciara
- 7:30 PM *Spanish* Special Intention-Kyle & Bryan Stevens

Sunday, March 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 AM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
- 10:00 AM Charles J. Peters
- 12:00 Noon Rosemary Curtin
- 6:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, March 18th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Emma Feldman
- 12:00 Noon Diane Saetran

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

- 7:00 AM Christopher Bowman
- 12:00 Noon Joseph Sergio

Wednesday, March 20th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Patricia Cuff
- 12:00 Noon James and Ronald Paulsen

Thursday, March 21st Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro
- 12:00 Noon Joseph Sherry

Friday, March 22nd Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Martha McIndoe
- 12:00 Noon Anthony and Irene Bracco

Saturday, March 23rd Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 AM Philip Storch
- 5:00 PM Robert Stoeski
- 7:30 PM *Spanish* People of the Parish

Sunday, March 24th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8:00 AM Daniel Dem Jr.
- 10:00 AM Thomas and Mary Capone
- 12:00 Noon Daniel Dem Jr.
- 6:00 PM Jim Paulsen




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, 2024 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$197,874	10	\$19,787
2023	\$166,203	10	\$16,620

2024
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith -
Renewed by the Eucharist*



<i>As of 3/12/2024</i>	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100
Number of Donors	67	78
Total Pledged to date	\$34,945	\$27,100
Avg. Gift	522	\$347
Percent of Goal	30%	23%

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 goal!

SJE Parish Lenten Mission 2024

A PILGRIMS JOURNEY OF *Faith*

To fall in love with God is the
greatest *romance*; to seek him
the greatest *adventure*;
to find him, the greatest
human *achievement*.

- St. Augustine of Hippo -

Monday, March 18th

A Journey of Forgiveness with the Saints

Tuesday, March 19th

A Journey of Protection with Mary

Wednesday, March 20th

A Journey of Love with the Eucharist

7:30 PM in the Church



Presented by:

Father Gary George C.Ss.R.

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Andrew J. Bartolozzi
Theresa Salvaggio

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

Pray for the Sick

John Fitzpatrick, Tony Variale,
Joseph Stillitano

*"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 Army

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

US Navy

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
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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 Air Force

SSGT David Giese
SSGT Jason M Hermes
PFC Kyle Kerstiens
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
A1C Jared T. Rosato
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

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

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp Candle and the Altar Candles will be lit:

In Memory of Carol Mazza

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

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.



HOLY WEEK

2024

SUNDAY 24 MARCH PALM SUNDAY

- 5:00 pm Saturday 3/23
- 7:30 pm Saturday 3/23 Spanish
- 8:00 am Palm Sunday Mass
- 10:00 am Palm Sunday Mass
- 12:00 noon Palm Sunday Mass
- 6:00 pm Palm Sunday Mass

MONDAY 25 MARCH DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

3:00 - 9:00 pm CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY 28 MARCH HOLY THURSDAY

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 4:30 pm Family Prayer Service
- 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8:45 pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45 pm

FRIDAY 29 MARCH GOOD FRIDAY

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 12:00 Noon Children's Good Friday Prayer Service
- 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy fo the Passion of the Lord
- 4:30 - 6:00 pm Confessions
- 6:15 pm Living Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 30 MARCH HOLY SATURDAY

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm Confessions
- 7:30 pm Easter Vigil

SUNDAY 31 MARCH EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:00 am Sunrise Mass - convent lawn
- 8:00 am Easter Mass
- 10:00 am Easter Mass
- 12:00 noon Easter Mass
- 2:00 pm Easter Mass - Spanish



SJE Family Life Ministry...



EASTER EGG HUNT

24 March 2024 | AFTER THE
10:00 AM MASS

Bring your BASKETS!

Family Ministry



A great big thank you to the many people who answered the call to serve at Sandwich Sunday .We made over 300 sandwiches to feed the hungry in our local area!
WAY TO GO SJE FAMILIES!



Our next Sandwich Sunday is on **Sunday, April 14th** from **11:00 AM-Noon** in the school cafeteria! All are welcome!

Come to our Lenten Soup Supper

**Friday, March 22, 2024
6:00 PM
in the school cafeteria**

Soup, bread, beverages and a simple dessert will be provided by Family Life Ministry. Just come and enjoy!

Stations of the Cross to follow.

There is no cost for the soup supper. All are invited to bring an item for our food pantry.



3/24 Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

After the 10:00 Mass, our parish children will search for candy-filled eggs on the Great Lawn. Bring your baskets.



3/26 Moms on the Journey

7:00 PM Upper Room of the Barn. Come enjoy a simple meal, read scripture and share a Lenten reflection with other busy moms. Step away from the busyness of life and spend the evening with Jesus and your sisters in faith during this most holy week.



3/28 Holy Thursday Family Prayer Service

4:30 PM in the church. Come experience the beauty of Holy Thursday through a prayer service designed for the families of our parish.



3/29 Good Friday Family Prayer Service

12:00 noon in the church. Come and experience the Passion of Christ as presented through the eyes of those who were there.



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Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)

Our Level 2 students prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a special event last week, with Msgr. Walden, Michelle Pirraglia and Carolyn Lapham leading the session.

Next Sessions:

Tuesday, April 2nd and Thursday, April 4th
at 5PM or 7 PM in the Church



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

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

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

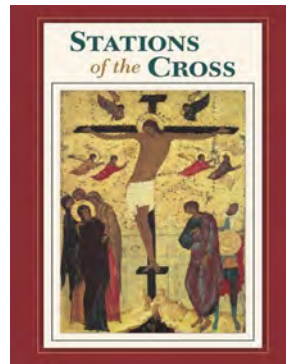
Who has to abstain?
Catholics aged 14 and older

ALL ABOUT Fasting & Abstinence

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

Stations of the Cross



We invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the church, and Stations in Spanish at 8:00 PM.

It is a beautiful opportunity for prayer and reflection on the great sacrifice Jesus made for humanity.

Parish Social Ministry

SJE Thrift Shop Wednesdays - 9 AM - 12 Noon

Are you are looking for a great deal? St. John’s Thrift Shop is the place for you and your family. Everyone is welcome!

When you visit our Shop, you’ll see lots of new and gently used clothes, pocketbooks, shoes, jewelry, housewares, and lots of great toys, all at great prices. The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish Outreach programs and used to assist our neighbors in need in our parish and the local community.

The success of our Thrift Shop relies on the generous donations from our community that are left in the green bins in the school parking lot. If you are looking for a great way to give back to our Parish community, consider donating your new or gently used clothes, or those toys your children have outgrown.

CMA Spotlight...



You Provide Love and Care in Our Community!

Recently, the New York State Department of Health released a new report, with a staggering statistic: more than 1 in 5 Long Island adults worry about having enough money to buy nutritious meals. And while it is heartbreaking that so many of our neighbors worry about the cost of food, the reality is that food is only one piece of the puzzle for someone struggling to make ends meet.

The excessive cost of housing, heating costs, especially during this extremely chilly winter, gas prices, and healthcare costs also add a heavy burden on a family’s budget. It is certainly challenging to live on Long Island. Many families turn to our Parish Social Ministries to supplement their source of food and for relief to some expenses for their families. The PSM is a partnership between Catholic Charities and the parishes in our Long Island faith community. The ministry is rooted in the gifts of the people of God, enabling those within the parish community to receive spiritual nourishment by serving and supporting those in need. These PSM operate robust and incredibly active programs.

We recently spoke with Katie Spellman, Coordinator of the PSM of St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches. Here is what she shared about the program at this parish. “We provide services across many avenues. We started with a food pantry in the 70s, and then a thrift shop. We are always looking to add programs. We have a Street Ministry that goes to the railroad station in Shirley serving folks on the street with hot meals, and clothing. There is a community of people who come for the welcome and love that volunteers share. We have a Chicken Ministry, so we get fresh eggs for the food pantry. The Garden Ministry, known as Heaven’s Harvest grows tomatoes and green, eggplant and cucumber beans, radishes, and summer squash. The plants all started as seedlings and the harvest will go into early October.

We have a monthly community hot meal dinner; volunteers make meals at home and people come to share this meal. This builds community and hospitality by bringing people together and allows volunteers to share talents in different ways.

The needs have grown immensely in the last year, there has been a continual need for food. The increase was so great that we had to tighten our parameters to have food for everyone. In the pantry, clients can serve themselves to get exactly what they want. We can never have enough food. One night we served 37 families in one hour. With the high price of food, the needs in the community are growing especially in our Spanish community so we try to get bilingual volunteers to help these families.

Ernie’s Place

Here is a list of items we will be collecting to help fill our Easter baskets. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie’s Place.

Pantry Shopping List

- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Corn
- Mashed Potatoes
- Cake Mix Icing
- Biscuit Mix
- Canned Pineapple
- Easter Chocolate
- Peeps
- Jelly Beans



To hear more about this program, go the the parish website SJECM.ORG

If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please seek out the assistance of your local Parish Social Ministry.





Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us, and changing the face of the world.
~Saint Maximilian Kolbe

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


EUCHARISTIC
Adoration

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.




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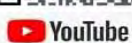
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A Message from Msgr. Walden...

Where were you? Didn't you get the message? This would not have happened if you got the message and responded immediately. These are basically the words of the two sisters of Lazarus who sent a message to Jesus that their brother Lazarus was seriously ill. Jesus did not drop everything and go right away. He waited two days and then went. Of course when He arrived Lazarus was already dead and in the tomb four days. Jesus wept with the sisters and then miraculously raised Lazarus from the dead after first praying to the Father: "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here, I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

Lazarus came back to life in this world but died once again and is now eternally in God's presence. As much as we mourn the loss of loved ones through death, which is a sign of our love for them, they turn our attention to what we will all deal with one day when we die. We also deal with issues and people who challenge us and, at times, drain life out of us. In the message I wrote in last week's bulletin, I spoke about the issue of abortion and the challenges we are facing in our nation in the area of sexuality. These issues drain life out of us and divide us against each other. Those divisions are fueled by anger, hatred, immorality, and a refusal to embrace the truth of who we are as the high point of creation, human beings created in the image and likeness of God. There is no greater example in living in that image than Jesus Himself, who always spoke and lived the truth with love and complete trust in the Father. It is the love and support of God and those He has placed in our lives that brings us the energy

and inspiration to look beyond public opinion to the truth of who and whose we truly are. Truth never comes by ignoring the evils in our midst or trying to cover our tracks for supporting those who enable these evils to exist.

At times we feel like we are in the position of questioning the presence of Jesus in our midst as the sisters of Lazarus. We do wonder at times where He is and how evil can have such a foothold in our midst. Evil prospers when good people ignore the truth and are sucked into passively supporting it. What Jesus called those who witnessed the raising of Lazarus to do ("Untie him and let him go free"), He wants to do and will do for us. All we have to do is recognize His presence in our hearts and, even more, our presence in His mind and heart.

Gracious God and Father,
We are your people embraced by your love.
We thank you for your presence with us
throughout all time.

Create us anew.
Liberate us from all that keeps us from you.
Send your Holy Spirit, enabling us
to recreate our world and restore justice.

Heal us from every form of sin and violence.
Transform us to live your Word more profoundly.
Reconcile us so enemies, become friends.
Awaken us to the sacred;
Nurture our relationships;

Enliven our parishes; reunite our families.
Fill us with joy to celebrate the fullness of life.
Empower us to be a community of love
growing in your likeness by the
grace of Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Queen of All Hearts Council 4126

Palm Sunday

Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage,
Coffee, Tea & Juice

March 24th

SJE Parish Auditorium

After the 10am Mass



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FRIDAY NIGHT'S

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

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Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

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

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

Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

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

Requisitos:

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

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia.

Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

CASAMIENTO:

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

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

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

espanol@sjecm.org

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

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

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

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

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM

auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

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



Estaciones de la Cruz

Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros para el Vía

Crucis todos los viernes durante la

Cuaresma a las 8:00 p. m. en la iglesia.

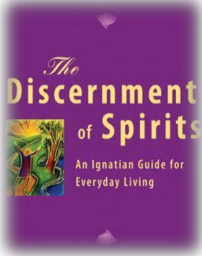
Es una hermosa oportunidad para la

oración y reflexión sobre el gran sacrificio

que Jesús hizo por la humanidad.

Women's Group...

Fr. Timothy Gallagher's book on The Discernment of Spirits, lists St. Ignatius' 14 rules for discernment, then goes through each rule a chapter at a time, describing how to apply it in our lives. In the ups & downs, consolations and desolations of our spiritual life, we go through times of pure joy to "Where are You Jesus?"



St. Ignatius (1491-1556), recuperating from war wounds was given reading material on the life of Christ & the saints. As he thought about what he read, he became aware of his thought patterns, how the thoughts affected his feelings, and how the good feelings remained with him. When he had worldly thoughts, although he felt good while thinking them, he noticed that afterward the feelings left him empty. He continued reading spiritual books, growing in wisdom. God was leading him, fulfilling His Plan for him to be a great saint & to teach us. God's plan for us is the same, the *process is slow*.

As women who love Jesus, we need & want to learn to recognize Jesus' voice & grow closer to Him. At times we feel inadequate, wondering is this Jesus speaking, me or the enemy? In our group we begin to see we're all equal, with the same problems, emotions, weaknesses, confusion, strengths, desires, fears, doing the best we can, we don't have to be perfect. Jesus consoles us through our love for each other. If you feel desire to come but are fearful, we understand because we've been there & at times still are, so just come as you are, no rules or requirements, you don't have to read or share. We respect the privacy of others, sharing is *anonymous!*

We meet **every other Monday** from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the IHM room, white house (convent) between school & rectory.

Dates: March 18, April 8*, 15, 29, May 13, 20*, June 24 (summer break).

*Dates with * are makeup dates.*

Facilitators: Carol Ketcham, Anita Luccari.

For additional information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009 . Or... **just show up!**

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, call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at drvc-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.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>

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? 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.

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 18th, 2024

- 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
- 7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous-Men only - BMR

Tuesday, March 19th, 2024

- 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 - Front Mtg Rm - Auditorium

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
- 3-5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

Thursday, March 21st, 2024

- 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 22nd, 2024

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

Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

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

Sunday, March 24th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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