

Fourth Sunday of Lent + March 19

# St. John the Evangelist

## Roman Catholic Church

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

—Mission Statement

March 19, 2023

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**"I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life"**

John 8:12

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### Church Hours:

**Monday through Friday 6:30 am -2:45 pm.**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel (Convent) - Monday through Friday 3:00 pm—7:00 pm**

### Next Weekend's Schedule:

#### **Saturday, March 25th**

5:00 pm - Fr. Jerry

7:30 pm - *Spanish* Fr. Peter

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

#### **Sunday, March 26th**

8:00 am - Fr. Felix

10:00 am - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Frank

6:00 pm - Fr. Patrick

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

### We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday—Friday: After the 7 a.m. + 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. +

7:00—7:15 p.m. (*Spanish*)

Sunday: 5:30—5:45 p.m.

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

### Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**

*Pastor + [pastor@sjecm.org](mailto:pastor@sjecm.org)*

**Reverend Felix Akpabio**

*Parochial Vicar*

**John Pettorino**

*Deacon*

**Carolyn Lapham**

*Director of Family Ministries*

**Andrew McKeon**

*Director of Music Ministries*

**Michelle Pirraglia**

*Director of Faith Formation*

**Katie Spellman**

*Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry*

**Katie Waller**

*Director of Operations*

### Mass Schedule

### OLQA

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles**

**Regional Catholic School**

*(on the campus of SJE)*

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033

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

**Dawn Waller**

*Principal*

*[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller@olqany.org) (ext. 201)*

### Office Hours

**Parish Office - Blue House**

**Monday—Thursday:**

**9 a.m. — 8 p.m.**

**Tuesdays -**

*5-8pm Spanish speaking support.*

**Friday -Saturday**

**9 a.m. — 2p.m.**

*We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.*



## A Reflection on the Gospel...

John 9:1-41

*"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."*

Even the disciples of Jesus made the mistake of relating misfortune to sin. God's love has nothing to do with whether we sin or not. He does not love us any less when we sin, or any more when we don't. He went so far as to die for us sinners, proving the very depth of his love for humanity.

Why do bad things happen to good people?

The fact that God permits suffering is a mystery that we will only fully know in eternal life. But faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit suffering if he did not cause something good to come from that very suffering.

If God chose to control everything that happens in the world, and we all lived in perfect harmony every minute of every day, then we would be nothing more than robots. We would not have the gift of free will, and there would be no opportunities for us to love. The decision to love stems from a reaction to some type of brokenness in this world.

We all experience suffering at times in our lives, and because God loves us so much, he chose to enter into our suffering, and our brokenness. But instead of removing it, he allowed it to affect him, even to the point of his Passion and Crucifixion, so as to conquer death and sin. God humbled himself to the point of taking part in our human nature, with all its limitations. He faced every temptation, and was susceptible to illness and bodily weakness. He entered into our humanity so completely, that none of us could ever say to God, "You don't understand what I'm going through."

It's interesting to note, in today's Gospel, that this man (born blind) never asked to be healed. Jesus chose to heal him. When Jesus told him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam," the blind man went, and washed. He heard Jesus, and responded, even before he saw him. After their first encounter, the man who was blind had referred to Christ as 'the man called Jesus.' But when the man was thrown out from the presence of the Pharisees, Jesus sought him out, and a relationship was formed; and by the end of their conversation, the man was worshipping Christ. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the downtrodden, and the outcasts.

The most important aspect of this story is not that this man received his eyesight, but that he formed a relationship with God, which is what God wants to have with each of us.

The Pharisees called Jesus a sinner because he healed on the sabbath, but since when do we need to take a day off from loving our neighbor? These men were so concerned with the letter of the law that they didn't realize that the 'entirety of the law' was standing right in front of them. Instead of acknowledging the incredible miracle that had just taken place, they let their 'pride of place' get in the way. They left no room in their hearts for humility, and the sense of awe. And because the Jews were intimidated by Jesus' popularity, they used intimidation to keep people (such as the blind man's parents) from openly acknowledging Jesus as the Christ.

It is always a spiritual danger to believe that we have it all figured out, like the Pharisees believed. Their pride was always getting the best of them. They were not uncomfortable ridiculing the man, for the simple reason that he believed in Jesus. We also must be prepared to be ridiculed for the sake of our faith.

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

If we ever start believing that we see everything in this life clearly, that's when we should be even more careful, because pride is the very thing that leads us to sin.

It is better to become blind to the ways of this world, if it helps us to see more clearly the ways of God. A good 'rule of thumb' is to use our far-sighted vision for the things of this world, and our near-sighted vision for the things of God.



## Preparing for the Week

### Saturday, March 18th

5:00 p.m. Patricia McDowell

7:30 p.m. *Spanish* Orlando Narvaez

### Sunday, March 19th

8:00 a.m. Richard Shimane

10:00 a.m. Richard J. Marrin IV

12:00 a.m. Joseph Malone

6:00 p.m. Paul DiDia

### Monday, March 20th Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Cavallero

12 Noon Jennie and Anthony Arcuri

### Tuesday, March 21st Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. **Special Intention-  
Rosemary Slattery**

12 Noon Goncalo Rego

7:30 p.m. *Spanish* People of the Parish

### Wednesday, March 22nd Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Anna Geraci

12 Noon Patricia Barry

### Thursday, March 23rd Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Rosemary D'Angelo

12 Noon Louise Catalano

### Friday, March 24th Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Ralph Lopez

12 Noon Jason C. Nichols

### Saturday, March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Tanya Kennelly

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Kisspert

7:30 p.m. *-Spanish* Douglas Sanmartin

### Sunday, March 26th Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Marie Prudenti

10:00 a.m. Maryanne Coleman

12 Noon Madeline Bradicich

6:00 p.m. Javien Lavall Coleman

## Tax statements...

Simply call the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) for your 2022 statement. Statements are available. You can have your form mailed to you, emailed to you.

## Easter Flower & Mass Remembrance Envelopes

Envelopes were included in the monthly envelope mailing and are also available at the doors of the church.

Those names that are included on the envelopes will be remembered during the Easter Novena Masses. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped at the rectory office.



	2023	2022
<b>Parish Goal</b>	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
<b>Number of Donors</b>	78	98
<b>Total Pledged to date</b>	\$27,100	\$43,000
<b>Avg. Gift</b>	\$347	\$438

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$183,878	11	\$16,716
2022	\$160,708	11	\$14,610

# Easter Sponsor-a-family



Our parish was so generous and so good during the times of Christmas and Thanksgiving. How can we not reach out to our sisters and brothers in need during the greatest feast of the year!

## Here's how you can help!

### Donate Food

Fill the purple bags you can find at the doors of the church with the items on the list included to donate to Ernie's Place. Donations can be left in the brown bin in front of Ernie's Place or in the fellowship hall of the church.

### Donate Gift Cards

In support of our program and to assist with the purchase of food as needed, we are asking for \$25 gift cards to any of our local grocery stores, King Kullen, Lidl, or Stop & Shop. Cards can be left at the Rectory or in the collection baskets during Mass.

### Sponsor a Family

Have your family/friends come together to provide the fixings for a full holiday meal, maybe providing the items that you share at your Easter table. We ask that you package your donation in sturdy, reusable shopping bags. You can drop off your meal at the OLQA auditorium on **Thursday March 30th** between 4pm and 6pm.

### Donate your time

We will need some help on Saturday morning, **April 1st** to put our meal bags together and to distribute to our families. (Please note some lifting is required for these jobs!)

Please return the form below or email to [Easter@sjecm.org](mailto:Easter@sjecm.org) by **March 25, 2023** to let us know how you can help.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Best Email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, we can sponsor a family of (please circle one) 4, 5, 6 or more for Easter
- Yes, we can make phone calls to families to schedule pickup times, **week of March 27th**
- Yes, we can help with set up on **Saturday, April 1st from 8am—9:30 am**
- Yes, I can help with distribution on **Saturday, April 1st from 10 am to noon.**
- I can not help on Campus or by shopping, but please accept my donation. Attach a check or make your donation at [WWW.sjecm.org](http://WWW.sjecm.org) and click giving.

# Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5 +

Faith Formation Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>

Email: [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)

Office Hours: By Appointment Only  
(Monday-Thursday—BARN, Upstairs)

## Family of Faith Program (Grades 1-6)

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



### April Parent/Student Sessions

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

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



March 26, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

#### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.

#### **GO EVANGELIZE**

##### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

**ACTION** As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org).

SJE Lenten Mission

The Call to...  
Conversion  
Transformation and  
Renewed Hope

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

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



# Parish Social Ministry...

Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus at all times.  
Please call to make an appointment.  
Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 to make an appointment

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



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



Please reach out to Katie Spellman at [kspellman@sjecm.org](mailto:kspellman@sjecm.org) to learn how you and your organization can support Ernie's Place.

## Ernie's Place

### Pantry Shopping List

The items listed to the right are items that Ernie's Place is in most need of this week. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

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

### Street Ministry Needs


- Mens Jeans—all sizes.



*"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."*

- Pope Benedict XVI

**March, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

 DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
**Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics**



# 40 Ways for 40 Days

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

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



## THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

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

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

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

## LENTEN BAG CHALLENGE

During Lent, we are called to the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Rest assured, you can do all of those things here!

Please take two reusable shopping bags. Be sure to look inside...there's a lot of good stuff in there!



We ask you to keep one for yourself and return the other with the requested items throughout the weeks of Lent. (Yes, of course, you can return both and even take more than two!)

## Sinners Welcome & Wanted

Come and celebrate the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation!

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

## Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 3, 2023

2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

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

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



# Family Ministry...

Please contact us at 631-878-0009 ext. 124  
or email [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org)

**A word of thanks** to all who made our Lenten Soup Supper such a very special evening. Homemade soups and bread provided for a simple yet delicious Lenten meal. The fellowship between and among families and friends was awesome. We concluded our evening by praying the Stations of the Cross outside in the Prayer Garden. It was absolutely beautiful. We are so very blessed here at SJE!



## THIS WEEKEND -Sandwich Sunday! 3/19! ALL ARE WELCOME!



Our Sandwich Sundays provide an opportunity for families to come together to make sandwiches for Lighthouse Mission. Join in this Corporal Work of Mercy and help feed those in need in our local area. We meet after the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria.

## Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on **Sunday 4/2/2023** after the 10:00 Mass on the Great Lawn. Come and enjoy the fun and then head down to the school cafeteria for a Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Knights of Columbus.



We will be accepting donations of plastic Easter eggs and wrapped candy to fill the eggs. If you'd like to donate please place the eggs and/or candy in the box in the fellowship area of the church. We will be accepting donations until **Sunday, March 26th**.

## Family Holy Thursday Prayer Service

**Thursday, 4/6/2023 at 4:30 pm :**

This family prayer service will help our children to truly understand the significance of Holy Thursday and it will provide an opportunity for all to experience the Washing of the Feet.



## Children's Good Friday Prayer Service

This is a beautiful way for children to experience the Passion of our Lord in a very personal way. The Good Friday Children's Service will take place at 12 noon on Friday 4/7/2023. To have your child participate, email us at [familylife@sjecm.org](mailto:familylife@sjecm.org) or call the Office of Family Ministry at 631-878-0009 x 124. Rehearsals will be held in the church on Saturday 3/25 @ 12:00 and Tuesday 4/4 @ 6:00 pm.



## Our Moms on the Journey

Our Moms on the Journey group will meet this Wednesday 3/22/2023 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Meeting Room of the Barn. This month we will be working together to support our Parish Social Ministry-"Sponsor a Family for Easter" program. Come join the fun by preparing Easter treats for our families in need.

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*"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

- Lk 15:10

# Reconciliation Monday

*Experience the liberating grace of the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).*

**Monday, April 3**  
**2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.**

**Confessions will be heard at all parishes in the  
Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Diocese of Brooklyn  
and the Archdiocese of New York.**

To find a parish near you, visit: [drvc.org](http://drvc.org).



# Praying for and With One Another...

## We Remember...

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

James Paulsen + Armond Stanzoni  
Sabatino Napolitano + Robert Fredette  
Michael Capozzola + John Robert Klaus IV

## We Pray..

Elizabeth Croce, Thomas Lipani,  
Henry Flite, Joseph Maldonado,  
Thomas Turner, Nicholas Lee,  
Louis Montanaro II, Nolan Horn,

Roy and Joan Lundquist, Frank Ferraro

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

-1 Peter 1:6

*Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.*

## Praying for Our Military

### US Army

PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith,  
SPC Jack Dyer, SPC Michael Garcia Jr.,  
CPL Aidan O'Neill,  
SPC Daniel Sisco, SGT. Sean Casey, Steven Valentin

### US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SSgt Ryan Kerstiens,  
SSgt Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens,  
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

### US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, E-1 Christian Raeihle, ,  
PVT Charles O'Connor, SGT Quentin Montemarano,  
CPL Evan Berkemeyer, CPL Michael Abbatello

### US Navy

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

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue

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



## Stations of the Cross

*Yesterday I died with Him; today I live with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I am raised with Him.*

-Pope Francis

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



*Because no marriage is beyond hope...*

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

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

**Retrouvaille\* can help.**

To register or for more information:

**1-800-470-2230**

<https://www.helpourmarriage.org>

[info@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:info@HelpOurMarriage.org)

**Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges**

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

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

# Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar bread and wine for the month of March has been donated:

## *In Memory of Liz DellaRatta*

SJE offers a number of ways to remember loved ones, or honor someone living.

### Mass Intentions

Remembering one who has passed away at Mass is a most noble practice calling us to pray for one who has died at the most powerful prayer we know—the celebration of the Eucharist.

### Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.  
For the month an offering of \$150 is requested

### Votive Candles/Altar Candles

A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful statues in our church. You may have a particular devotion to one of these saints. These candles are next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection.

Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week

To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to [rectry@sjecm.org](mailto:rectry@sjecm.org)



## *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Monday - Friday  
3p.m. - 7PM @ Seton Chapel

*The future belongs to those who worship God in silence.*

*(St. John Paul II)*

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.  
If you can be present for a specific hour, email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

## SJE History...

## Pictures & Memories...



We are asking our parishioners to celebrate and participate with us by contributing any photos, documents, news clippings, etc. that relate to our parish history. Over the course of the next year we will be sharing our history in our bulletin, during **125th Anniversary** events and on Social Media.

**125th Anniversary** committee is looking for your pictures and memories of SJE!

Please email to [History@SJEcm.org](mailto:History@SJEcm.org). If you are unable to scan and email please stop by the rectory office and we will be happy to make a copy. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

*Kevin Both*

*History Committee Chair*

## Safe Environment Updates...

All volunteers and employees at SJE are required to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the VIRTUS classes by visiting [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) or clicking here:

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

### REMINDERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

All SJE employees and volunteers must wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your "spam" or "Junk" folder.)

### PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

The dedicated telephone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse (516-694-9063) continues to be available. If the caller does not reach someone directly, messages can be left on an answering machine connected to the phone. Those messages will be retrieved by a member of the Intervention Team and returned as soon as possible. All appropriate steps will be taken to protect the reputation and privacy of those involved. For more information on the Charter for the Protection of Children / Young People, please visit [drvc.org](http://drvc.org).

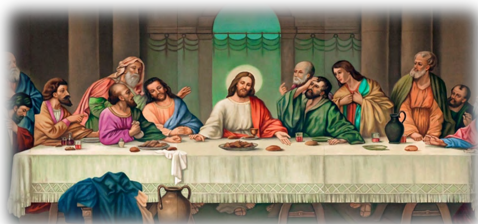


## "Lord, is it I?"

Bring Family and Friends  
to this dramatic presentation

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm

St. John the Evangelist RC Church  
Parish Auditorium



## Free Admission

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

For more information call:  
Bridge for Peace 631-730-3982  
[www.bridgeforpeace.org](http://www.bridgeforpeace.org)

## Important DRVC Information....

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

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

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5:8-14 | Jn 9:1-41

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DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Five days, five minutes of sunshine: That's how the city where I live greeted 2023. As the month wore on, the gloom seemed unrelenting with only momentary breaks in the clouds. When the sun did return, people posted photos on social media with a combination of joy and relief. That experience hints at the effect Jesus had on St. Paul and the early Christians. As he writes, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Today, just as then, Jesus brings light and healing to the darkness within us and within our world. Unlike the elusive sun, we can see the light of Jesus every day - in the people we love, the kindness of strangers, moments of prayer, unexpected joys. In turn, St. Paul encourages us to "live as children of light" by being the face of Jesus to others.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Even in the midst of Lent as a penitential season, the Sunday readings offer us much hope. Consider today's familiar story of Jesus healing the blind man. He doesn't just tell the man to open his eyes. Instead, Jesus smears clay on the man's eyes and has him wash in the Pool of Siloam; only then does the blind man see. He was transformed through Christ. Through our baptism we, too, have been transformed and "enlightened," becoming sons and daughters of light (CCC 1216). As we continue to observe Lent, perhaps we're working on areas in our life where we have been spiritually blind - or at least not seeing 20/20. Through our baptism and the sacraments, we can be healed and transformed by Jesus, the "light of the world." In turn we can share that light with others, as we continue to grow in the virtues of "goodness and righteousness and truth" of which St. Paul speaks.

**PRAY** Psalm 23 is a favorite of many and for good reason. Read or listen to it this week as encouragement on your Lenten journey:

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.*



# Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Espanol los Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia, y los Martes a las 7:30 p.m en La Capilla del Convento.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oracion, todos los Viernes a las 7:30 p.m. en la Capilla del Convento de la Parroquia. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

## MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

**Bautismos:** Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia. Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

### Requisitos:

1. Certificado de nacimiento del niño o/de la niña.
2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

### Matrimonios:

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

## Permítanos ayudarlo!

### DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 p.m. a las 7:30 p.m.

Jueves 3 p.m. a las 4 p.m.

### TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Barn

Miércoles de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.

### COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 p.m.

Auditorio de la escuela

### MINISTERIO DE LA CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 p.m. (aproximadamente)

Comidas sencillas y ropa disponible.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para aquellos que lo necesiten

**Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!**

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes! Asegúrese de venir a visitarnos y permítanos servirle! por favor llame a la oficina de la rectoría 631-878-0009 o envíe un correo electrónico al ministerio español a

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

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. Be sure to come and visit and allow us to serve you!

2023

CAMPAÑA DE APOYO A LOS MINISTERIOS CATÓLICOS

Una Familia Caminando juntos en  
Comunión, Participación y Misión



*"...hagámonos prójimos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que pasan dificultades, compartiendo con ellos nuestros bienes espirituales y materiales."  
Papa Francisco*

### Dar limosna en Cuaresma

En cuaresma, se nos invita a poner en práctica la oración, el ayuno, y a entregar limosnas.

La Cuaresma es tiempo propicio para orar por nuestros hermanos más necesitados, por su bienestar material, emocional o espiritual. Durante estos cuarenta días, cuando usted haga ayuno y abstinencia, por favor recuerde a aquel que no tiene algo que comer, y considere compartir sus bienes con el hambriento.

Una forma de hacerlo, es mediante un donativo a la **Campaña de los Ministerios Católicos** -la cual a través de Caridades Católicas y las oficinas de Alcance Social de nuestras Parroquias- cada año apoya programas que ofrecen alimentos para los más necesitadas de nuestra comunidad.



## Estaciones de la Cruz

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-Papa Francisco*

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





Knights of Columbus  
*Fraternal Benefits Night*

Thursday,  
March 23, 2023  
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Center Moriches, NY  
(Next to the High School)

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# Every Friday Night

Doors open  
@ 6:30 p.m.

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@ 7:30 p.m.

In the Parish Auditorium

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## 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.

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

-Pope Francis



## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, March 20th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 10:00 a.m. | Women's Group—SC
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Food Pantry Open—Ernie's Place
- 7:00 p.m. | Holy Hour for Priests—SC
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—Men only—BMR
- 7:30 p.m. | Spanish RCIA—RBUR

### Tuesday, March 21st, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC
- 7:30 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Divine Will—Front Mtg Rm-Aud

### Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon | Thrift Shop Open—Thrift Shop
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC
- 6:00 p.m. | Choirs—Church
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR

### Thursday, March 23rd, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 3-4 p.m. | Food Pantry Open—Ernie's Place
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC
- 4:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary—BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Street Ministry—Convent
- 7:30 p.m. | Al-Anon—BMR

### Friday, March 24th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC
- 7:30 p.m. | Bingo Night—Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Spanish Prayer Group—SC

### Saturday, March 25th, 2023

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

### Sunday, March 26th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 10:30 a.m. | English RCIA—IHM Chapel Room
- 12:15 p.m. | CYO Games—Auditorium

BMR—Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room

BUR—Upper Room

SC—Seton Chapel