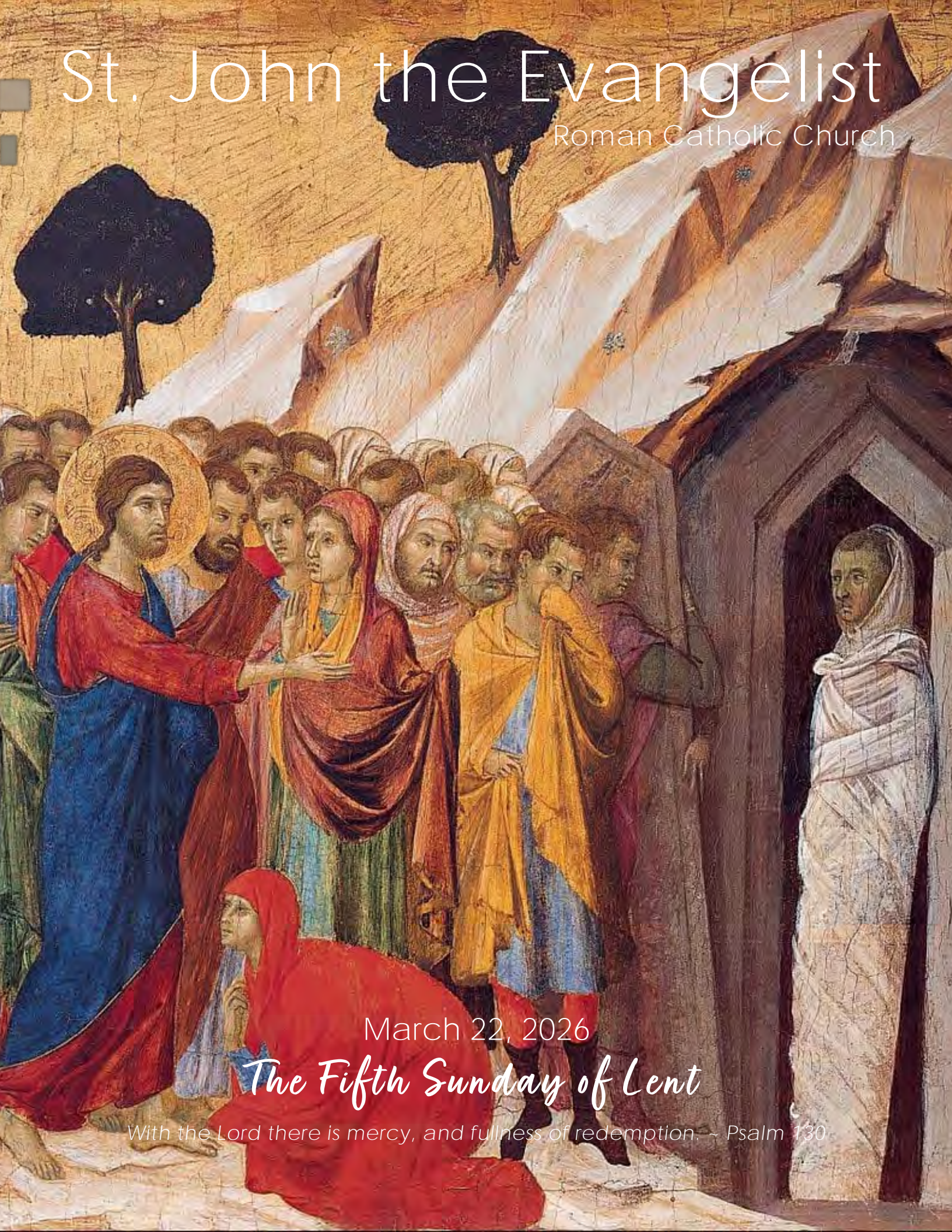


# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 22, 2026

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption. ~ Psalm 130



March 22, 2026

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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 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

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

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

## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**  
Pastor

**Reverend Charline Vendredy**  
Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden**  
Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Francis Lasrado**  
Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**  
Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**  
Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**  
Deacon

**Michael Hoonhout**  
Deacon

**Ed Grieb**  
Deacon

**Katie Waller**  
Director of Operations

**Carolyn Lapham**  
Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Heather Crayne**  
Director of Parish Social Ministry

**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 (ext. 201)  
[www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org)

**Dawn Waller**, Principal  
[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller@olqany.org)

## Office Hours

### Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

## Confession Schedule

We celebrate the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses  
Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass  
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &  
7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)  
Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM  
Confessions will take place in Our Lady's  
Chapel in the Church.



We are delighted to welcome Fr. Hugh J. Gillespie, SMM, to our parish for a truly inspiring Lenten Mission: "Lift High the Cross: Moving with Jesus into the Mystery of Salvation."

Join us Monday, March 23; Tuesday, March 24; Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 PM for the Rosary, followed by the mission talk at 7:30 PM each evening.

Ordained in 2006, Fr. Gillespie is a Montfort Missionary with extensive experience in parish ministry, retreats, and catechesis both in the U.S. and abroad. He holds degrees in Physics, Materials Science, and Theology, is fluent in Spanish, and brings deep spiritual and academic insight to his preaching.

Currently serving as Acting Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island and National Moderator of the Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts, Fr. Gillespie continues to lead missions, retreats, and spiritual programs across the U.S. and internationally.

Mark your calendars! Don't miss this opportunity for grace, renewal, and deeper preparation as we approach the Easter Mysteries.

# Masses for the Week...



**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Lenten Weekday**

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

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Weekday**

- 7:00 AM Elizabeth Smith
- 12:00 Noon Charlie Kirk

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday**

- 7:00 AM Elizabeth Smith
- 12:00 PM Special Intention – Kyle Stevens

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord**

- 7:00 AM Steve Poulos
- 12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday**

- 7:00 AM Alex Pretti
- 12:00 Noon Terrance Demoto

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday**


- 7:00 AM Joan O'Connor
- 12:00 Noon Maria Voulo

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday**

- 8:00 AM James Lovelace
- 5:00 PM Lewis and Jeane Thorner
- 7:30 PM *(Spanish)* Emely Alcantara

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- 8:00 AM Salvatore DiSalvo
- 10:00 AM Rita Jacino
- 12:00 Noon Don and Patricia Reiber
- 6:00 PM People of the Parish



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


### March Envelope Mailing Update

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

### PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$194,430	11	\$17,675
2025	\$191,472	11	\$17,407



As of 3/17/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	86	83
Total Pledged to date	\$46,085.00	\$45,290
Percent of Goal	38%	40%

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!



Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your ongoing financial contributions and prayers for our many ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. I am writing today to ask you to help us once again to serve the Long Island community by making a gift to the 2026 CMA.

As we approach the holiest season of Easter, we focus on Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, preparing through reflection, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to embrace the hope and new life signified by Christ's victory over death.

Easter represents hope, redemption, and eternal life, a reminder that darkness gives way to new beginnings, a core message for daily living, not just a single day. As Pope Leo reminds us, the Risen One is found in *"small daily acts of compassion and love toward others."*

One simple but beautiful way of living Jesus' command to love is by participating in the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which invites us to share in the Church's mission. Just last year, because of the funding received through the Appeal, ministries here on Long Island were able to: sustain Catholic Charities in its mandate to lift up the needy and the poor; help our young people to grow in their faith through education, campus ministry, and youth ministry; support those shackled by addiction at rehabilitation facilities like Talbot House; help pay tuition for our future priests and deacons; further the life-affirming work of the Office of Human Life, Family, and Bioethics, particularly in their commitment to the unborn.

Please join me in making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, so that we can continue to perform daily acts of compassion and love through our vital diocesan ministries.

My prayers and best wishes to you and your family for this Holy Season of Lent and Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

**ADULT**



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**Confirmation  
Preparation  
Classes**

### Confirmation for Adult Catholics

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a strengthening in the indwelling, action and grace of the Holy Spirit that confirms your Baptism and empowers you to live as a disciple and witness of Jesus Christ. Adult Catholics can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation only on the Solemn Feast of Pentecost, which this year falls on the weekend of May 23-24, 2026. The process to be confirmed as an adult requires a mature grasp of the Catholic faith and freely committing oneself to live it.

At St. John the Evangelist, the required classes to prepare adult candidates who have never received Confirmation are held on **Wednesday evenings from April 8 to May 20, 2026** (seven weeks). These classes will also prepare those who have never made their first holy communion. The Sacrament of Confirmation (and first holy communion) will be given to those who complete this preparation at the Vigil Mass of Pentecost, Saturday May 23, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

For more information on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult, contact Deacon Michael at [mhoonhout@sjecm.org](mailto:mhoonhout@sjecm.org).

**Bridge for Peace  
PRESENTS**



**"Lord, Is It I?"**

*A Dramatic Presentation of the Last Supper*

Bring family and friends  
 Sunday, March 22nd, 2 PM at  
 St. Louis De Montfort Church  
 75 New York Ave, Sound Beach, NY 11789

**Sunday, March 22nd, 7 PM**  
 Here at St. John's

Free will offering to support the ongoing ministry of Bridge for Peace. For more information call 631-730-3982  
 Bridge for Peace — Healing to the Nations



**Knights of  
Columbus**

Queen of All Hearts Council 4126  
 KOFC4126.com



**Palm Cross**  
**FUNDRAISING SALE**  
 \$15 per cross  
**This weekend**  
**AFTER MASSES**



Proceeds from the sales will benefit the many charitable causes supported by the Knights of Columbus.

March 22, 2026

# Lift High the Cross

*Moving with Jesus into  
the mystery of salvation*

SJE Parish Lenten Mission

Led by: Fr. Hugh J. Gillespie, SMM  
(Montfort Missionaries)

March 23rd, 24th, 25th

7:00 PM: Rosary

7:30 PM: Mission Talk

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



# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Steven Harold Fredricks

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

## Pray for the Sick

Mark Havens	Michael Lankau
Bill Hasper	Kevin Coyne
Fr. Peter D'Abele	Melissa Branigan
Toni Newman	Maria Cardaci
Anthony Bianculli	Patricia Mazza
Jim McElvoy	Mary M. Abrusato

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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

## Our Military

### US Marine Corps

LC Michael Abbatiello  
CPL Evan Berkemeyer  
PFC Sean Brady  
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II  
SSGT Claudia Kerstiens  
TSGT Timothy Kerstiens  
SGT Quentin Montemarano  
PVT Charles O'Connor  
E-1 Christian Raeihle  
PFC Kyle Toscanini  
2<sup>nd</sup> LT Christopher Walther

### US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello  
MMN1 Christopher J Esposito Jr  
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr  
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera  
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero  
SA Thomas Taylor III  
SR Jack Patrick Walsh  
SR Michael Paduana  
EM3 Andrew R. Casey

### US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello  
SSGT David Giese  
A1C Brenden M. Hayes  
SSGT Jason M Hermes  
SSGT Kyle Kerstiens  
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens  
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens  
SrA Jared T. Rosato  
LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza  
SSGT William E. McCauley II  
1st Lt. Claire McGrath  
A1C James Pfister  
A1C Peter A. Traina

### US Army

SGT Sean Casey  
PVT Joseph Cestare  
SPC Michael Garcia Jr  
PVT Anthony Koch  
2<sup>nd</sup> LT Aidan O'Neill  
PFC David Smith  
Steven Valentin  
PFC Francis J. Amalifitano  
PVT Cara Williams  
PVT2 Justin Monaghan  
US Coast Guard  
BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

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



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

The 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 \$250 is requested.**

### Votive Candles/Altar Candles

A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful statues in our church. You may have a particular devotion to one of these saints. These candles are next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection. **Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.**

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

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

# Post-It Note Lenten Project



You are invited to share your prayers with our parish family this Lent.  
**How does it work?**  
Simply take a Post-it note and write your prayer intention on it.

- What can you write?
- ♥ Prayers for your loved ones
  - ♥ Prayers for the sick or dying
  - ♥ Prayers of gratitude
  - ♥ Prayers of praise
  - ♥ Prayers for graces you are asking God for
  - ♥ Prayers for those who have died
  - ♥ Prayers for ANYTHING for which you are asking God's help

After writing your prayer, stick your Post-it note on the cross. Throughout Lent, the cross will become a visible sign of the many ways we depend on our God. Feel free to add more prayers each time you come to church.

On Good Friday, the cross will be removed from the sanctuary and stripped of its prayers. The Post-it notes will become the kindling by which the fire is lit at the start of the Easter Vigil. Each year, that fire is used to light our new Paschal Candle.

*Throughout Lent, let's pray for all of the intentions on the cross.!*

# Popsicle Stick Project!

Each of us is invited to grow closer to Jesus, especially during this beautiful season of Lent.

When you come to Mass, or stop into the church to pray, think about the different ways that you have prayed and served and fasted and given to others during Lent. Write down what you have done on a popsicle stick and put it in the basket in the fellowship area.

As we sacrifice and pray our way through Lent, we will collect popsicle sticks from everyone in our parish who wants to share a piece of their Lenten journey. These popsicle sticks will be used to build a cross for our parish...a cross created by our good works, our prayers and our sacrifices. By Easter Sunday, the beautiful cross will become a visible sign that we are a Resurrection People!

*Let's try to support each other on our Lenten journeys!*



## Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent



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

7:00 PM - English

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

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



## Sacrament of Reconciliation!

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

Confessions are heard at the following times:  
Monday-Friday

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

Saturdays

After the 8:00 a.m. Mass

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

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

Sundays

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

### Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

**Monday, March 30th**

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

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

Special Holy Week Confession Times

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

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

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

Please join Queen of All Hearts Council 4126  
for a complementary...

# Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Tea & Juice

**Sunday, March 29th**

**After the 10am Mass**  
in the parish Auditorium



# **Family**

## **Stations of the Cross**

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



# Children's Holy Week



## Holy Thursday Family Prayer Service

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

*Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 PM in the Church.*



## Good Friday Family Prayer Service

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

*Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon in the Church*



## Holy Saturday Family Prayer Service

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

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

*Easter Egg Hunt to follow on the Convent lawn.*

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: [socialministry@SJEcm.org](mailto:socialministry@SJEcm.org)

Spring is on its way and we could use your help in our vegetable garden, Heaven's Harvest! Located between the rectory and the convent, we grow produce that feed the families who visit our food pantry, Ernie's Place. Starting in the first week of April, we will begin cleaning up the garden area and planting seeds. Please consider joining us; many hands make light work!

For more information, call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 or email [socialministry@SJEcm.org](mailto:socialministry@SJEcm.org)



*It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

Acts 20:35

## ERNIE'S PLACE

Ernie's Place Food Pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday's from 6:30 -7:30 PM and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering to serve when we're open or to help re-stock and organize our pantry shelves, please call to join us!

- \* Salt
- \* Jelly
- \* Ketchup
- \* Hot Sauce
- \* Drink Boxes
- \* Salad Dressing
- \* Canned Chicken
- \* Jar Pasta Sauce
- \* Small Bags of Flour
- \* Pancake Mix & Syrup
- \* Bags of Black & Red Beans
- \* Individually Wrapped Snacks
- \* Small Bottles of Cooking Oil



## STREET MINISTRY

Every Thursday night our Street Ministry team provides a hot meal, bagged lunch, toiletries, clothing, coats, blankets and shoes to those in great need. Especially requested at this time of year are sweatpants and blankets. Our donation bin is located in Fellowship



Hall at the entrance of Church. Thank you for your generosity! If you'd like to be a part of our Street Ministry team or help sort and organize donations, we'd love to have you to join us! Please call the Parish Social Ministry office to get started.



## THRIFT SHOP

We are open every Wednesday from 9 AM-12 PM and feature great items at fantastic prices! The proceeds from our shop are used to support SJE outreach programs that benefit those in need. Come visit and find an amazing gift or something special for yourself!



*Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.*

- St. Teresa of Avila



Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School

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# Catholic Schools Week 2026



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

# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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[faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)  
Office Hours: By Appointment Only

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



## 2025-26 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website. [sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org), (click on "Faith Formation")

### LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

**Monday, April 20 at 7:15 PM in the Church**

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

#### REMINDERS:

The Saint Report Worksheet was due in March. If you have not yet submitted it, please email it to [confirmation@sjecm.org](mailto:confirmation@sjecm.org). It is due no later than April 17.

All Level 7 community service must be complete by 4/17

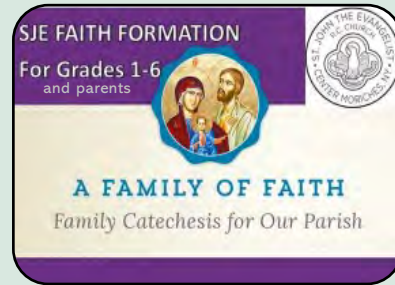
### LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

**Tuesday, March 21 at 7:15 PM in the Church**

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

#### REMINDER:

The Level 8 Service Project was due in March. If you have not submitted it, please email it to [confirmation@sjecm.org](mailto:confirmation@sjecm.org). It is due no later than April 17



- **Tuesday, April 14 & Thursday, April 16** at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church (attend one).
- **RESCHEDULED Grade Level 5 Mass: March 22 at 12 Noon**

Come as a family to your child's assigned grade level Mass in the Church, where they will receive a special blessing. Please bring your completed activity sheet (which was given out at the November sessions) and hand it in at the Main Lobby when you enter the church!



April 2<sup>nd</sup>

# Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday marks the beginning of the Sacred Triduum and commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples. On this night, the Church remembers the institution of the Eucharist, when Jesus gave us His Body and Blood, and the institution of the priesthood. Holy Thursday also recalls Jesus washing the feet of His disciples, a powerful sign of humble service and love. The Mass of the Lord's Supper invites the faithful to reflect on Christ's self-giving love and His call to serve one another.

## Morning Prayer

9:00 am in the church.

Come begin the Triduum with morning prayer.

## Family Prayer Service

4:30 pm in the church. 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.

## Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 pm in the church.

Come and pray this beautiful liturgy, experience the washing of the feet and process to the auditorium for the response of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:45 pm (after the Mass of the Lord's Supper) until 11:45pm.

Come and pray in the quiet peace of Christ.

## Holy Thursday Night Prayer

11:45-12 midnight in the Auditorium.





## 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.

## Women's Group...

Our Women's Group meets Mondays from 10:00-11:30 AM and welcomes newcomers at any time. There are no rules—just a desire to grow in Jesus and enjoy fellowship.

We are reading *The Sanctifier* by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, reflecting on devotion to the Holy Spirit, His gifts, fruits, and the Beatitudes. Sharing is always optional; we're simply happy you choose to be with us.

There is no charge for the book. Meetings are held in the IHM Room in the convent (white house next to the school) and conclude in time to attend the 12:00 PM Mass if you wish.

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

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

God Bless you,

**Carol & Anita (Moderators)**

For info, call 631-878-0009

## Bereavement Support...

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

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

**Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon**

First floor meeting room in the Barn.

**REGISTRATION:** Contact the Rectory at

631.878.0009 or via email at

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

\$10 donation for the workbook.



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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at

631.878.0009.



April 3<sup>rd</sup>

# Good Friday

Good Friday is the solemn day when Catholics remember the Passion and death of Jesus Christ on the cross. It is a day of prayer, fasting, and reflection on Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. The Church does not celebrate Mass on Good Friday; instead, the faithful gather to venerate the cross and listen to the story of the Lord's Passion, holding hope in the promise of the Resurrection.

**Morning Prayer** 9:00 am in the church.  
Come continue the Triduum with morning prayer

**Family Prayer Service** 12 noon. All are invited to experience the suffering and death of our Lord through this beautiful rendition of the Living Stations of the Cross, presented by the teens and young adults of our parish family.

**Stations of the Cross** 1:00 pm in the church. Come pray the Way of the Cross.

**Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord** 3:00 pm in the church. Pray through the Passion of our Lord, Receive the Eucharist and venerate the cross.

**Confessions**  
4:300 - 6:00 pm in the church.

**Living Stations of the Cross**  
6:15 pm in front of the church. Walk as our Spanish Ministry leads us in this profoundly personal way of the cross.



# FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

*On the First Saturday of every month, the Church invites all to come and take part in a special time of prayer and devotion.*




7:30 AM Fatima prayers and Holy Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

Confession and continuation of rosary after Mass

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



SJE Parish Social Ministry...

# Community Meal

*Serving those in need in our community.*

**Monday, March 30th @ 6 PM**

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

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

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

Knights of Columbus



# BINGO

## Night

Every Friday  
Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.  
Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.

### \$3000 IN PRIZES

SJE Parish Auditorium

# Parishes Praying for Priests

## UNITED IN ADORATION

Please Join Us...

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH**  
**3PM - 7PM**

Answering Our Lady's call to pray for our Priests and for the increase of Vocations.  
Without our priests we have NO Eucharist and NO Sacraments

**SETON CHAPEL**  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CONVENT




Please offer any amount of time during these hours to be in unified prayer within our Diocese.



Holy Saturday is a quiet day of waiting and prayer, as the Church reflects on Jesus' burial in the tomb. That evening, we gather for the Easter Vigil, the most sacred liturgy of the year, when light overcomes darkness and Christ's Resurrection is joyfully proclaimed.

April 4<sup>th</sup>

# Holy Saturday

## Morning Prayer

9:00 am in the church.

Come continue the Triduum with morning prayer and blessing of the food.

## Family Prayer Service

10:00 am at Seton Chapel in the Convent,

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

Remember to bring your basket!

## Confessions

4:00 - 5:00 pm in the church.

## Easter Vigil

7:30 pm in the church. This liturgy begins in darkness and takes us into the light of Christ. Celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation with our OCIA candidates.



## A Message from Monsignor Walden...



There are those days and moments where we are filled with joy and gratitude, and those days and times when we experience negative and challenging thoughts and situations. Joy comes when we experience the goodness and love of others and are the source of goodness and love for others. How good it is to willingly share our time, talents, thoughts, resources and personal, attentive presence! On the other hand, we can feel life being drained out of us because of fear, disappointment in ourselves and others, situations beyond our control such as sickness, war, and the death of those we love. In today's Gospel (John 11:1-45), we see Jesus being greeted by the sisters of Lazarus who had died with these words: "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died." They had sent word a few days before that their brother was dying, hoping Jesus would come immediately and cure him. Jesus saw their grief: "He became perturbed and deeply troubled." He went to the grave of Lazarus and miraculously called him back to life after four days in the tomb.

In Jesus we see that love never dies. Two Sundays ago, the Gospel gave us the account of His encounter with the woman at the well who had been married five times and was presently with a sixth man. Not only did Jesus acknowledge her and listen to her, He opened her heart to God's love for her. Her encounter with Him changed her life as she was so full of joy and gratitude that she went back to the town and shared her good news and joy. Last Sunday in the Gospel, we reflected on how Jesus cured the man born blind. What a joy that was for him. But sadly some religious leaders saw this as bad news because they thought they had life with God all figured out and Jesus did not fit into their self-informed idea of God.

In the face of skepticism, rejection, and even abandonment, Jesus never stopped seeing the good that needed to be done through His words and actions. His words on the cross were words of pure faith, hope, and love: "Father forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34), "This day you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43), "Son, there is your mother; mother, there is your son (John 19:26-27)", "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

We all need to hear and be enriched by the

words of Jesus and His very presence to us when we pray and encounter Him in the Sacraments. This coming week we have the blessing of a Parish Retreat given by Fr. Hugh Gillespie this coming Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, beginning with the rosary at 7:00 PM, followed by his words to us. What a wonderful opportunity to be enriched! I spoke with people who went to his retreat a few weeks ago at St. Patrick's in Smithtown and they were very grateful and enriched by him each night. As we personally seek to encounter Jesus and hear His words to us, this is a pure gift to enable that to happen. See you there!!!!

### **I offer Psalm 23 for your prayerful reflection.**

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.*

*He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.*

*You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.*

*Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. Glory...*

**Psalm Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in the waters of Baptism; you anoint us with oil, and call us to salvation at your table. Dispel the terrors of death and the darkness of error. Lead your people along safe paths, that they may rest securely in you and live for ever in your Father's house.

*Easter Sunday Masses celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the heart of the Catholic faith. Filled with joy, music, and prayer, these liturgies proclaim Christ's victory over sin and death and invite the faithful to rejoice in new life and hope.*

# *Easter Sunday*



*Sunrise Mass*

6:00 AM Convent Lawn

*Masses*

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon in the Church

*Misa de Pascua Española*

2:00 pm en la Iglesia

# Divine Mercy Sunday

**Please join us on  
April 12, 2026  
at 3:00 PM  
in the church  
to celebrate the  
Divine Mercy of  
OUR LORD,  
JESUS CHRIST**

*Led by  
Al Barbarino*

- ◆ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- ◆ Messages Jesus gave to St. Faustina

- ◆ Hymns to strengthen our Personal Relationship with Our Lord (very much needed these days !)
  - ◆ Concluding with Benediction & Veneration
  - ◆ Confession will be available

A DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE from Al Barbarino.....

"Please know I consider it a blessing for me to be offering the Divine Mercy Service at your magnificent Parish. I am truly honored!"



## ¡Sacramento de la Reconciliación!

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

Las confesiones se escuchan en los siguientes horarios:

Lunes a Viernes

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

Sábados

Después de la Misa de 8:00 a.m.

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

7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (Español)

Domingos

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

### Día Diocesano de Reconciliación

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

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

Horarios Especiales de Confesión en Semana Santa

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

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

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

## Vía Crucis Viernes Durante la Cuaresma



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

7:00 PM - Inglés

8:00 PM - Español

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

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



# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7-8 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

## Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

## Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7 PM **NO Choir Rehearsal tonight**

## Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 3:30-5:30 PM Legion of Mary- BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

## Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

## Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

## Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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

## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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