

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful. Psalm 103



March 23, 2025

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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 29th

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 30th

8:00 AM - Fr. Abin

10:00 AM - Fr. Abin

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

6:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

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

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &

7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Abin Panicker
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele
Parish Assistant

John Pettorino
Deacon

Michael Hoonhout
Deacon

Ed Grieb
Deacon

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller
Director of Operations

Angela Werner
Director of Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

OLQA

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

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

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

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House

Monday - Thursday:
9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Friday - Saturday
9 AM - 2 PM

We ask that you call before visiting any parish
offices.

Confession Schedule

A Message from Grand Knight, James O'Connor...



Third Sunday of Lent Luke 13: 1-9

Why do bad things happen to good people? It is a question most of us have pondered. Jesus doesn't directly answer it in today's gospel but he does remind us that bad things do indeed happen to many people. He tells us that the people killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them were by no means guilty of anything, but we should understand that we all will perish if we do not repent or *turn away* from sin. In biblical times, when tragedy or disaster struck, it was believed that the befallen deserved it for something that they or their family was guilty of. Jesus says this is not the case. He repeats twice (and when Jesus repeats things in scripture, it is significant!) "...if you do not repent (turn away from sin/change your heart) you will all perish as they did." He was referring to recognizing our own faults, shortcomings and sin; changing our hearts by turning away from sin and turning to Him. Lenten repentance calls us to self-examination. Are we living our faith as God intended? Can we be more loving, patient, show more kindness and generosity and be slower to anger? There is always a better version of ourselves we should strive toward. When we reconcile ourselves with God in the confessional, by asking forgiveness, vowing to improve and accepting His forgiveness and mercy through penance, we are promised eternal life. Living our lives according to His will is how we bear fruit for God.

Many Catholics have **confession-phobia!** Jesus reminds us (twice!) how consequential repentance is to achieve eternal life. Our Father calls us to live the gospel, we hear this at the end of every Mass. When we fall short of God's expectations and just go through the motions of living a good 'spiritual' life by being 'a good person' and attending Mass, we are like a fig tree that does not bear fruit. In today's parable, the fig tree looks like a fig tree, it has the proper leaves, bark and roots but does not bear fruit. The man who had the tree planted (God the Father) expects more of the tree than looks. He expects figs, without which the tree is of no use and just taking up space. Luckily the gardener (Jesus) intercedes and promises that with some cultivation of the soil, fertilizer and more time, the tree (us) will yield fruit in the future. The gardener asks the owner to grant a reprieve so that we may be cultivated and fertilized by the Word and inspired to be better versions of ourselves, seeking out the Lord and living the gospel in our daily lives. The sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity to seek out the Lord, humble ourselves before Him and ask His forgiveness. If you are a Catholic who hasn't made a confession recently, reflect on today's gospel and Jesus' call to repentance and make time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten season.

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him when he is near. Let the wicked forsake their way and sinner their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord to find mercy; to our God who is generous in forgiving." (Isaiah 55: 6-7)

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, March 22nd Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Rosemarie Washeim
7:30 PM (Spanish) Orlando Narvaez

Sunday, March 23rd Third Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 24th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Caroline Bishop
12:00 Noon Special Intention-Kyle Stevens

Tuesday, March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 AM For the Deceased Members of the DeFillipi Family
12:00 PM Paul Donahue

Wednesday, March 26th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Marie DiDomenico
12:00 Noon Benedict Vitale

Thursday, March 27th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Joan O'Connor
12:00 PM Agatha Proto Annino

Friday, March 28th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Michael Sr. and Michael Jr. Capozzola
12:00 Noon Marlene Beck

Saturday, March 29th Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Michael Jr. and Michael Sr. Capozzola
5:00 PM Louis Carnesecca
7:30 PM (Spanish) Emily Alcantara

Sunday, March 30th Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Jerzy Gozdziaik
10:00 AM Dennis Murray
12:00 Noon Ann Nanzolillo
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.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$191,472	11	\$17,407
2024	\$210,865	11	\$19,170

2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission



As of 3/18/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	83	81
Total Pledged to date	\$45,290	\$42,370
Avg. Gift	\$546	\$523
Percent of Goal	40%	37%

Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! We receive back 20% of whatever is raised below the goal. If we go above the goal, we also receive 80% of all monies that are raised above the goal! Please help us go above the goal!

Gift an Easter Bag Item to a Family in Need!

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

Here's how it works!

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

We are also distributing food along with the Easter bags! Help is needed on the morning of **Saturday, April 12th** to distribute the Easter gift bags as well as the distribution of a complete Easter meal to families in need. If you can help, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or email Easter@SJEcm.org or call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 **BEFORE April 6th**.

- ☐ Yes! I can help with distribution on Saturday, **April 12th** between 8:45am and 12:00pm.
- ☐ I can help contact families via phone with pick up times. This would be done on your own time the week of **April 7th**.
- ☐ We are in need of Spanish speakers to assist with calling our families the week of **April 7th**.
- ☐ I cannot help on campus this year but please accept the following donation.

NAME _____

Best Phone # _____

Email _____

Thank you!
Please return before April 6th

Items requested for the Easter bags:

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

(no jellybeans please)





Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament
at
St. John the Evangelist

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

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM. All are invited to pray for our Shepherds. Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you can be present for a specific hour, email rectory@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Return to Me.

40 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

MARCH

March 17: St. Patrick
Huntington | 12:00-8:00 p.m.

March 18: St. Joseph
Hewlett | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 19: Most Holy Trinity
East Hampton | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

March 20: Our Lady of Mercy
Hicksville | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

March 21: St. Aloysius
Great Neck | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

March 22: Sacred Heart
Island Park | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 23: St. Anthony of Padua
East Northport | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 24: St. Mary
East Islip | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 25: Resurrection
Farmingville | 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 26: St. Boniface
Elmont | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 27: St. Agnes
Greenport | 5:00-9:00 p.m.

March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes
Massapequa Park | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 29: Good Shepherd
Holbrook | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

APRIL

March 30: Sacred Heart
North Merrick | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 31: St. Joseph
Kings Park | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

April 1: St. Bernard
Levittown | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

April 2: St. Jude
Mastic Beach | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 3: St. Gerard Majella
Port Jefferson Station | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 4: St. Aidan
Williston Park | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary
Roosevelt | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 6: St. John the Evangelist
Riverhead | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

April 7: St. Martin of Tours
Bethpage | 7:30-9:00 p.m.

April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Medal
Wyandanch | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 9: Holy Name of Mary
Valley Stream | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 10: St. Louis de Montfort
Sound Beach | 7:00-8:30 p.m.


April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle
West Hempstead | 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

April 12: Our Lady of Grace
West Babylon | 8:30-9:30 a.m.


April 14: St. Rose of Lima
Massapequa | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes
West Islip | 12:30-7:30 p.m.

April 16: St. Kilian
Farmingdale | 12:45-7:30 p.m.



To learn more, visit: drvc.org/return25





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Columbus®**

Queen of All Hearts Council 4126



2025 Palm Cross


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\$15 per cross

March 29th & 30th
AFTER MASSES

Proceeds from the sales will go to
assist vocations to religious Life.

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

A Lenten Project

Here's how you can participate:

- Take home paper and instructions to create your dove, and if you need assistance, we will be available in the foyer to help you after Masses this weekend.
- Pick up a Jubilee Year prayer card in the foyer to join in praying as we reflect on what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope.

Important Dates:

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

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



A Mission of Wonder

with Father Jerry Kaywell

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

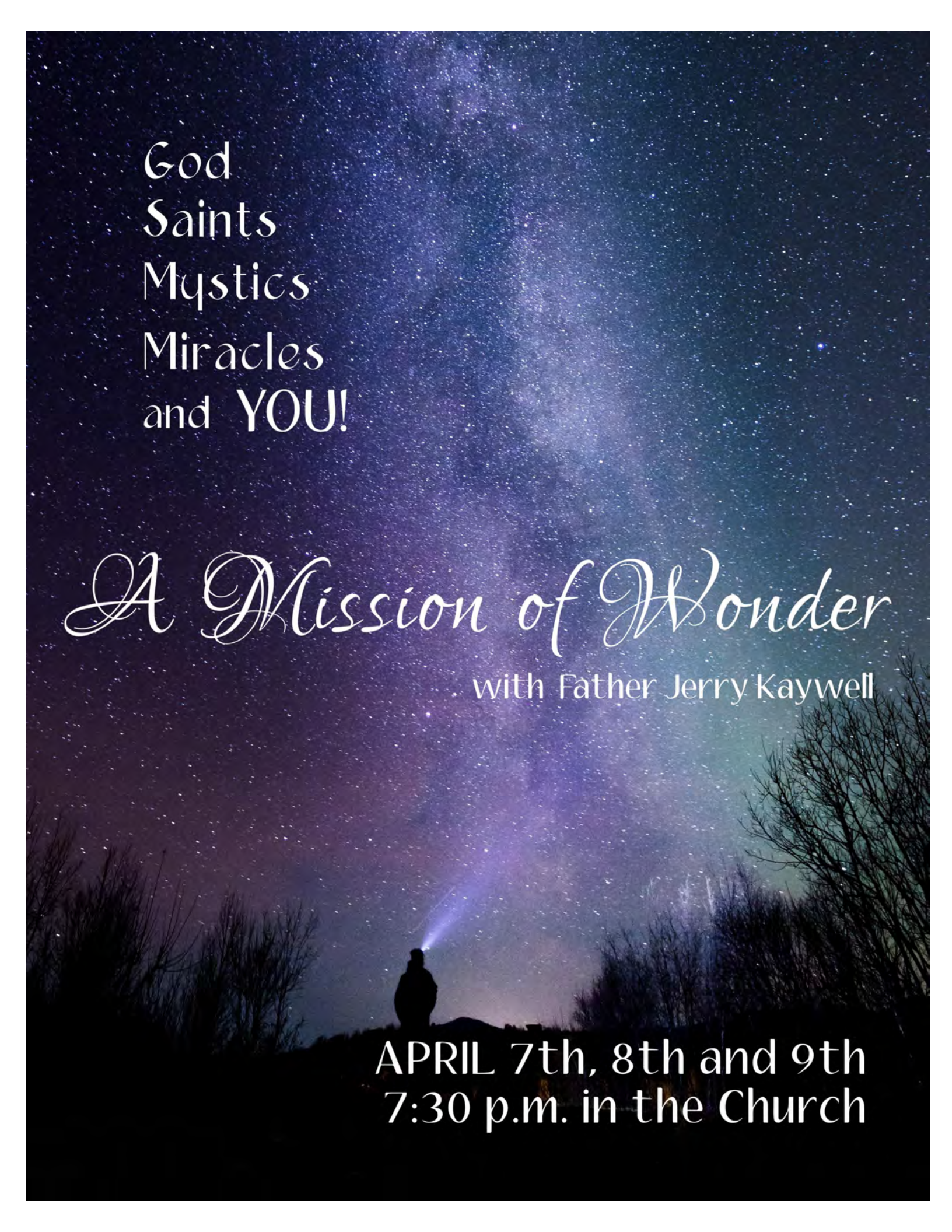
Father Kaywell's life has also been marked by personal struggles, including surviving two bouts of cancer, including stage-three lymphoma. His experiences with cancer deeply influence his ministry, particularly his ability to offer counsel and comfort to those with terminal illness. Father Jerry's journey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

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

Join us for our parish Lenten Mission

God, Saints, Mystics, Miracles and YOU!

April 7th, 8th and 9th



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A Mission of Wonder

with Father Jerry Kaywell

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



March 23, 2025

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Walter Daniel Grund + James Green
Diane Horsford + Catherine Brown

"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

Jill Ragonese + Daniel Garcia
Logan Coyle + Robert Pauze
Todd Skala + Jennifer Lynn Jankesh
Virginia O'Sullivan + Pope Francis

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

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

Our Military

US Marine Corps

LC Michael Abbatiello
CPL Evan Berkemeyer
PFC Sean Brady
SGT Quentin Montemarano
PVT Charles O'Connor
E-1 Christian Raeihle
2nd LT Christopher Walther
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II

US Army

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

US Navy

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello
SSGT David Giese
SSGT Jason M Hermes
PFC Kyle Kerstiens
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
SrA Jared T. Rosato
LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza
SSGT William E. McCauley II
1st Lt. Claire McGrath

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



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Liz DellaRatta

Mass Intentions

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

Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the
course of that month.

An offering of \$200 is requested.

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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

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

To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to rectory@sjecm.org



Confessions

Sinners
Welcome & Wanted

Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 14th
3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 17th
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19th
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bereavement Support ...

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

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon

First floor meeting room in the Barn.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at

631.878.0009 or via email at

Rectory@sjecm.org

\$10 donation for the workbook.

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



Stations of the Cross

Estaciones de la Cruz

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

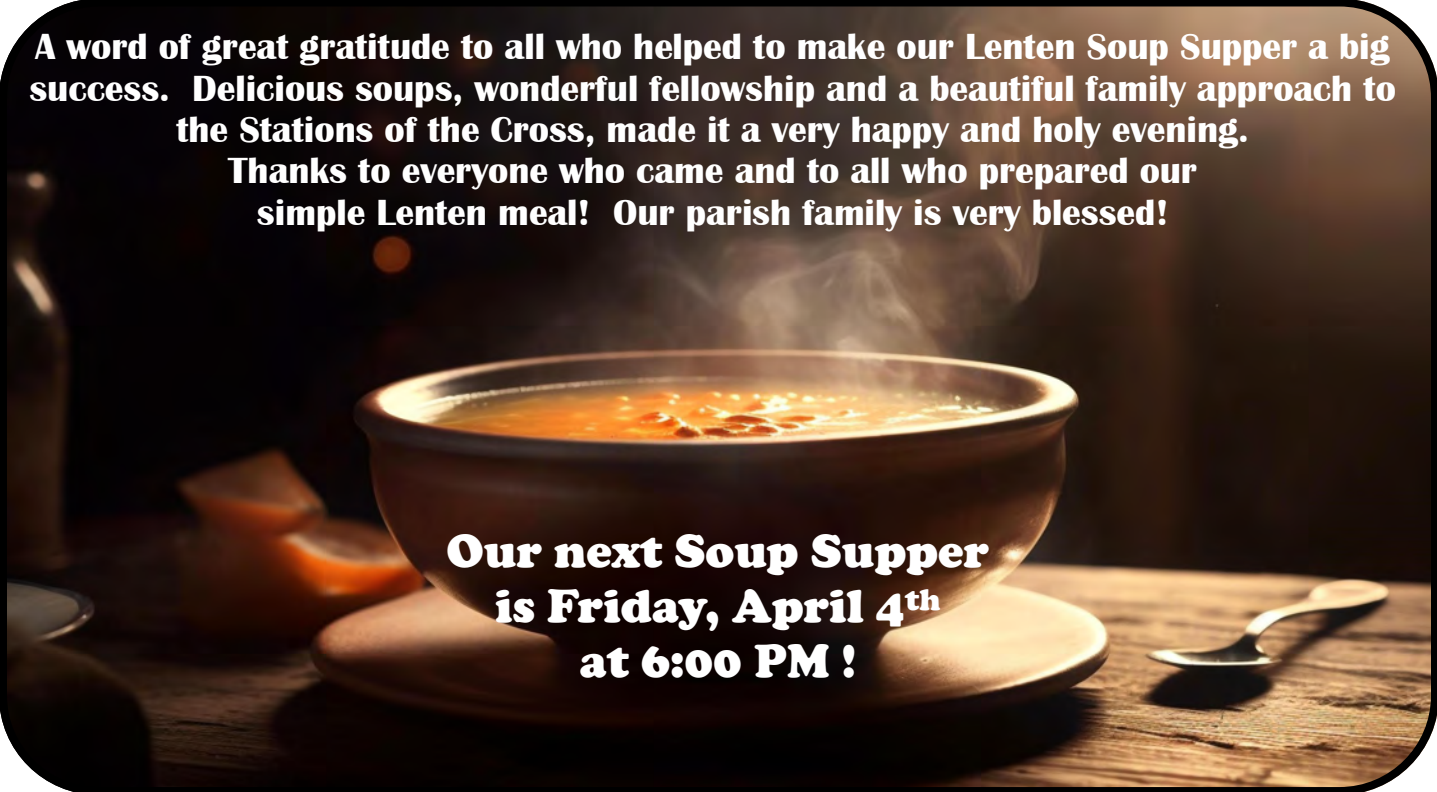
7:00 PM English
8:00 PM Spanish



The Office of Family Ministry

A word of great gratitude to all who helped to make our Lenten Soup Supper a big success. Delicious soups, wonderful fellowship and a beautiful family approach to the Stations of the Cross, made it a very happy and holy evening.

Thanks to everyone who came and to all who prepared our simple Lenten meal! Our parish family is very blessed!



**Our next Soup Supper
is Friday, April 4th
at 6:00 PM !**



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Holy Saturday

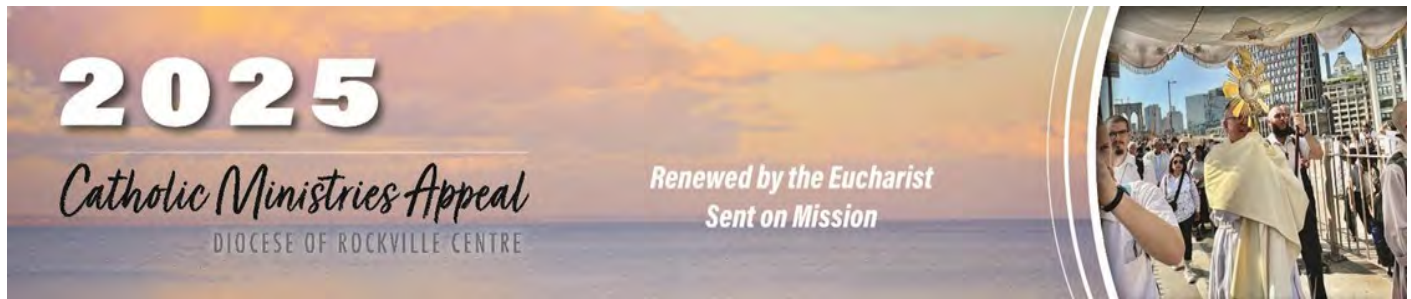
Youth Volunteers are needed for our Family Holy Week Services.

If you are in Middle School, High School or College and would like to help with one of our Family Holy Week Prayer Services, please email clapham@sjecm.org. Our prayer services are on Holy Thursday at 4:30 PM, Good Friday at 12:00 noon, and Holy Saturday at 11:00 AM. There are many ways to help. Community Service hours can be earned. Rehearsals will be required for certain presentations (definitely for the Good Friday prayer service). **Please share your time and talents with your parish family!**

Adult volunteers are needed for many of our Family Ministries including:

- ♦ **Martha & Co. :** Our parish hospitality ministry!
- ♦ **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Our children's liturgy program that takes place during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass.
- ♦ **Family Life Ministry:** The ministry that does it all! Fun family events of all kinds!

For more information or to volunteer for any of these ministries, please email clapham@sjecm.org. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!



Dear Friends:

In announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis asked us to celebrate, “with deep faith, lively hope and active charity.” During this most holy season of Lent, let us be reminded that we are called to discover hope in current times and to be the instruments of hope for others.

One tangible way to accomplish this is by giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Through our shared support of our pastoral, educational and charitable ministries, we are assisting those most in need and spreading the message of hope in the Lord.

Your gifts to the Appeal support the education of our seminarians and priests who are dedicating their lives to serving Christ and His Church; assist college students and our young people to grow in their faith and relationship with the Lord; and ensure that vital resources are made available for children and families through Catholic Charities, Respect Life, and our Parish Outreach programs.

During this time of Jubilee in the life of our Church, I ask you to consider contributing to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can enrich the lives of others and that the hope of Christ may abound more fruitfully throughout our diocese.

Thank you for your support and prayers.



Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

“...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them.”

- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit
CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
 Faith Formation Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>
 Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org
 Office Hours: By Appointment Only (Mon-Thu - BARN, Upstairs)

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



2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Next Class Session:

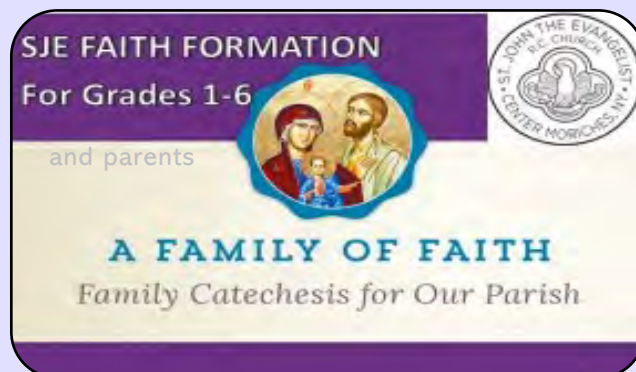
**Level 7 Reconciliation Service
(Parent/Student Event):**

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

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

**Level 8 Reconciliation Service
(Parent/Student Event):**

Monday, March 24 @ 7:15 PM, Church



Next Sessions:

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

Women's Group...

Join us as we read, learn, and share life's experiences in a welcoming, open group. No commitment required—come when you can! You don't have to share or read aloud, and everything is confidential. We respect each other and are here for support. Bring a friend!

This year, we'll read "The Sanctifier" by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, exploring how the gifts of the Holy Spirit lead us to holiness. Our discussions often provide clarity and comfort, especially as we relate the lessons to our own lives. The book is provided.

We meet every other Monday from 10:00-11:30 AM in the white house between the school and rectory, ending in time for 12:00 Mass if you'd like.

Dates:

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

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

Men's Prayer Group...



CALLING ALL MEN!

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



Are you a baptized, practicing adult Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Holy Communion but not the Sacrament of Confirmation?

For those who were never confirmed as a child, there is a way to receive this holy sacrament as an adult. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a strengthening in the indwelling, action and grace of the Holy Spirit. Without it, one is not fully initiated into the Catholic Church, because this Sacrament confirms your baptism and empowers you to live a genuine life of witness as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Preparation is needed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is given to adult Catholics once a year on the Solemn Feast of Pentecost (Sunday, June 8, 2025). The process to be confirmed as an adult requires a mature grasp of the Catholic faith and freely committing oneself to live it. Informal classes on the Catholic Faith are given to adult candidates for Confirmation over the seven weeks leading up to Pentecost (April 23 – Jun 4, 2025).

For more information on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult, contact Deacon Michael at mhoonhout@sjecm.org.

Parish Social Ministry

Lent... Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving



Once again, we are asking the parish community of St. John's to support the work of our food pantry, Ernie's Place and our Street Ministry. Your donations will be given to those we are privileged to serve in our community. Giving alms, Jesus teaches, means making the needs of others our own, especially the needy of our world. They are all around us: children and the old, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, and next-door neighbors. Whatever we give, we will receive blessings from God in return.

Throughout the season of Lent, you'll find bags at the exit doors of the Church. They will have the shopping list below in them. If you are able, please fill the bag with the items listed and leave your donation at the doors of the church. Non-perishable food items can be left in the brown bin in front of Ernie's as well. **Thank you very much for your generosity.**

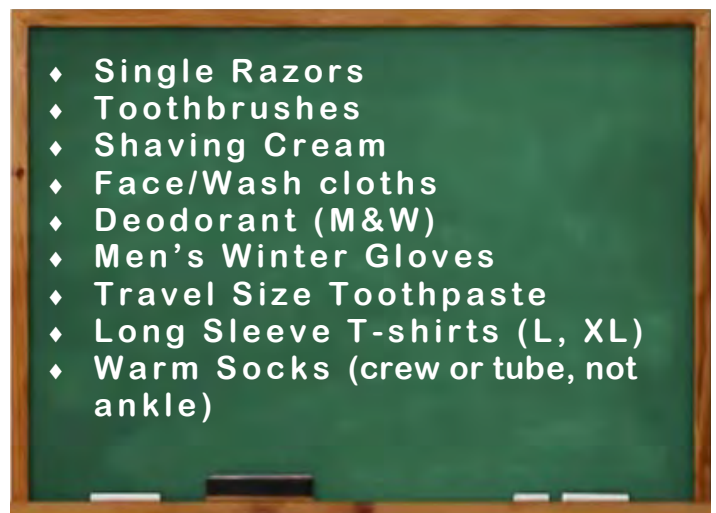
Ernie's Place Shopping List

Below is a list of items needed for our food pantry.

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

Street Ministry Shopping List

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



A Message from Msgr. Walden...



As we hear the readings at Mass this Liturgical year, we are in the C cycle. On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, we read from the A cycle at the Mass when we pray for those who will be baptized and those who will be received into the Church on Holy Saturday night at the Easter Vigil. The Gospel from the A cycle this Sunday (John 4:5-42) gives us the account of Jesus meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. The first reading for the A cycle (Exodus 17:3-7) recounts the complaints of the Jewish people who have miraculously been freed from slavery in Egypt through the Exodus experience and now experience the lack of water in the desert. Moses takes their complaint to God and God works a miracle through him as he strikes the rock in Horeb as God instructs and water gushes out to satisfy their physical thirst.

That miracle is a great introduction to the Gospel in the A cycle where Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at a well. She comes seeking water from the well, but with the ultimate thirst we all have in the very depths of our being, the thirst for God and His love and mercy. This woman quickly comes to see that Jesus knows her struggles in life with her five failed marriages and now living with a sixth man. Jesus does not take her to task for her multiple divorces, but wonderfully opens her mind and heart to see God's love for her. She believes and is so full of wonder, joy, and gratitude that she goes to the very town where surely she is a subject of gossip and proclaims her new found treasure - God's unconditional love for her.

Yes, God's love is unconditional, but it only gives life when, like the Samaritan woman, we take His words to heart. Basically those words are, "I know you exactly as you are at this very moment and I love you. Let me assure you that you are in my mind and heart, and I thirst to be invited and accepted into your mind and heart." That does not mean we will be preachers of this good news and become missionaries, but that our words, attitudes, thoughts, and actions will be nourished, sustained, and inspired by our faith. For many people of her time, the Samaritan woman had to be thought of as a loser, and those who judged so thought of themselves as winners. It is not always easy to get beyond

thinking I am a winner or loser to the point where I simply love as Jesus did with the woman the well. Jesus, seemingly the ultimate loser on the cross, continued His quest to love all people as He prayed for those who hated and condemned him: "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34). Jesus never sought to "win" but to enrich us with His all powerful life-giving love and mercy.

We have an expression that warns us that we "cannot go to the well too often." In reality we cannot go to the well of God's love and mercy often enough. Lent is His gift to us to take some quiet time to pray, that is, to allow Him into our minds and hearts. Prayer is not something I have to do, but spending quality time enmeshed in God's life-giving, merciful, assuring love. The more we do that with open minds and hearts, the more we become like the woman at the well - full of joy, enthusiasm, and good news!

I offer these verses from Psalm 63 for your reflection.

*O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.*

*For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.
On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. Glory...*

Psalm Prayer:

Father, creator of unfailing light, give that same light to those who call to you. May our lips praise you; our lives proclaim your goodness; our work give you honor, and our voices celebrate you for ever.

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!



La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimento al hambriento, ayuda a los refugiados desplazados y llevan el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a los pueblos vulnerables aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta y revelen el amor de Cristo a los más necesitados. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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Profundiza tu oración esta Cuaresma con **Hallow**

ORACIONES DIARIAS

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

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

HISTORIAS BÍBLICAS Y CONTENIDO PARA DORMIR

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

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

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SJE Parish Social Ministry...

Community Meal

*Serving those in need
in our community.*

Monday, March 31st 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."

-Pope Francis

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

March 23, 2025
Please join

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

Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Tea & Juice

Sunday
April 13th

SJE Parish Auditorium

After the 10am Mass



Knights of Columbus Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches Annual St. Patrick's Day parade, March 16th



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

NO BINGO ON Friday, March 28th

March 5 - April 13
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Pray for an End
to Abortion
in your community!

Through prayer, fasting,
peaceful vigils and community
outreach, you can join with
more than 1,000,000 volunteers
worldwide to help end abortion.

Here are the proven results of
30 coordinated campaigns in the
United States and abroad:

- Over **25,000** saved babies.
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- **250** converted abortion workers.

Vigil Location: Sidewalk in front of
the office park at 450 Waverly Ave.,
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Select Vigil Hours convenient for you:
Mon, Wed, and/or Sat, 10am-noon;
Wed, 3-5pm.

Local Contact: Call Bob Williams at
631-615-1735 or email him at
waverlyaverespectlife@gmail.com

You may also sign up directly at
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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? 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 24th, 2025

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

Tuesday, March 25th, 2025

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

Wednesday, March 26th, 2025

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

Thursday, March 27th, 2025

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

Friday, March 28th, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus-**NO BINGO TONIGHT**
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

Saturday, March 29th, 2025

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

Sunday, March 30th, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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