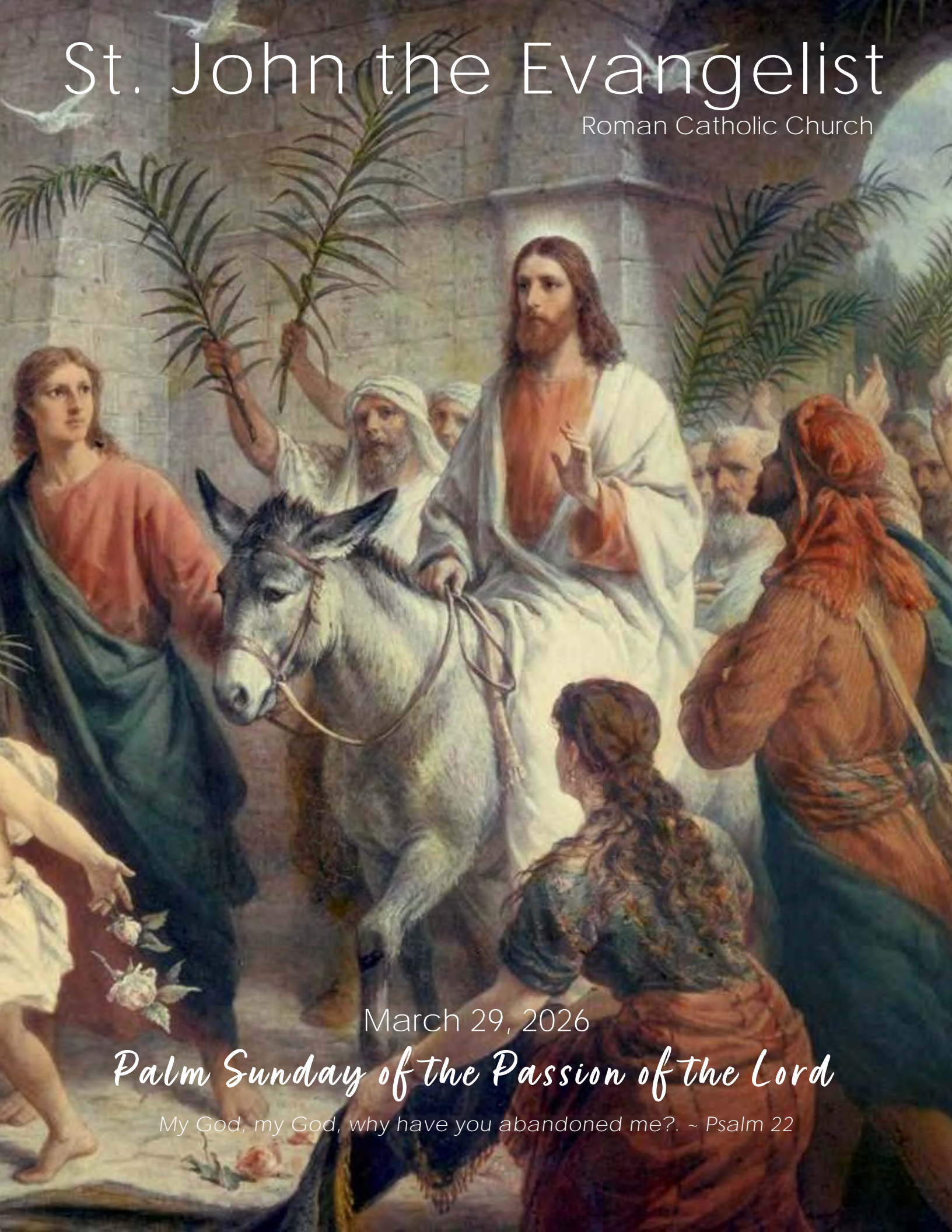


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? ~ Psalm 22



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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

Holy Saturday, April 4th

5:00 PM - **No Mass**

7:30 PM (Spanish) - **No Mass**

7:30 PM (**Easter Vigil**) - Fr. Francis

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Easter Sunday, April 5th

6:00 AM (**Sunrise Mass**) - Fr. Patrick

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Jerry

2:00 PM (**Spanish**) - Fr. Charlince

6:00 PM - **No Mass**

*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 Charlince 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

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Deacon

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Deacon

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Deacon

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Office Hours

Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 3:00 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.

Mass Schedule

Confession Schedule

A Reflection from Deacon Michael Hoonhout...

Palm Sunday



Jesus Christ is not simply the founder of the Christian religion. He Himself *IS* the Christian religion. He is the focus of our faith. His Person, teaching, acts, life, death and Resurrection are our *salvation* and the very *content* of our religion. This comes out clearly in the Holy Week liturgies, through which we actively contemplate all that He did in the last week of His life. In the liturgical ceremonies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, the believers and followers of Jesus Christ are invited to participate in remembering, re-presenting, and receiving all that He did for us "in loving us to the end" (cf. John 13:1).

Did you ever notice that these four celebrations all invite the congregation to actually walk with Jesus? On Palm Sunday, after the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, the ministers, servers, and ideally the people also, are asked to process into the church waving palm branches and singing "Hosanna!" as the crowds did on that first day of the last week Jesus lived on earth. On Holy Thursday, everyone is invited to process out of the church following the Blessed Sacrament to the tabernacle of repose and pray "an hour" with Jesus, similar to how the disciples left the upper room of the Last Supper and went with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus asked them, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matt 26:40). During the Good Friday liturgy, the congregation goes up to the sanctuary to venerate the cross, to love and thank Jesus for hanging on the cross on Calvary until he died for love of us. And at the Easter Vigil, the rite calls the ministers and people to gather outside and then follow the lit Easter Candle into the darkened church. This symbolizes how the Risen Jesus, Victor over sin and death, leads His followers into a communion of faith, hope and love where darkness and evil no longer have mastery over us.

The liturgies of Holy Week also give us opportunity to recognize ourselves in the many different figures in the Passion Narrative. We realize that along with the crowds, we reject Jesus when we sin and prefer Barabbas over our Savior. That with Peter, we too have denied Him at times, that we also fall asleep when Jesus asks us to pray, and that we too have abandoned Jesus in those we have neglected to help and when we run away from the crosses God asks us to carry. Yet maybe this Lent we had a moment when we gave all we had to give, as the woman did who broke open the jar of expensive ointment and extravagantly poured it all on Jesus.

And like Simon of Cyrene there were moments when we helped someone carry their cross by running errands for the homebound, providing meals for our street ministry, or visiting a friend in the hospital. With the apostles we marvel that Jesus stoops down to wash our feet in the way others have humbly helped us, and we too hear Him say in our presence, "This is my body given for you" as we fulfill His command to "do this in memory of me."

But as the people of God united in the sacred rituals of the Church, the one person we most resemble from that time is the Blessed Virgin Mary. For she alone during those days before the Resurrection truly had faith in Jesus and accepted all that He had to undergo as God the Father's plan and will to redeem the world. When we hear the Passion accounts on Palm Sunday and on Good Friday end with Jesus' burial, we are not distraught and confused like the disciples, for we know with full assurance how everything will change on the third day. Yes, we feel with Mary her deep sorrow at her Son's sufferings, but with her we not only believe that by his sufferings and death we are redeemed, but like her at the foot of the cross we offer all that Jesus did at Calvary to God when we offer the Eucharist at Mass. Mary at Calvary, with her faith and fiat, is the type, the model, of the Church at Mass. We join her in her total yes to God's will for her crucified Son. Even as we realize all the more how it is our sins which caused Jesus to suffer so much, still we never want to prevent Jesus from His Passover from death to life, because in celebrating these liturgies we witness, we receive, we rejoice in the tremendous Love and Mercy He proves to be in every sorrow, pain and anguish He so willingly suffered.

The saving grace of the Redemption Jesus Christ achieved for us in the last week of His life is given to us in the liturgies of Holy Week. To allow such powerful grace to truly reach our hearts and make them like His Sacred Heart requires that we fully and actively participate in these liturgies. Attend them with feet that follow Jesus and minds that contemplate what He does; listen to the readings as God speaking directly to you; and pray the prayers and sing the songs from your heart, for that is how we respond to so great a Lover. Above all, have faith in the invisible mysteries hidden under the visible signs. In short, act fully in the Holy Week liturgies as you would if you were with Jesus in the last week of His life, for indeed, in mystery, you are.

Masses for the Week...



Saturday, March 28th Lenten Weekday

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

Sunday, March 29th Palm Sunday

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

Monday, March 30th Monday of Holy Week

- 7:00 AM Robert Fives
- 12:00 Noon Special Intention-Carol Briggs

Tuesday, March 31st Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7:00 AM Stanley Zurawsky
- 12:00 PM Richard and Lucy Gabriel

Wednesday, April 1st Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7:00 AM Kevin F. O'Brien Jr.
- 12:00 Noon Joan Speirs

Thursday, April 2nd Holy Thursday

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 4:30PM Children and Family Prayer Service
- 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8:45 PM (until 11:45 PM) Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 3rd Good Friday


- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 12:00 Noon Children and Family Prayer Service
- 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
- 6:15 PM Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 4th Holy Saturday

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer/Blessing of the Food
- 5:00 PM No Mass
- 7:30 PM **Easter Vigil**
(No Spanish mass tonight) Easter Novenas

Sunday, April 5th Easter Sunday

- 6:00 AM (Sunrise Mass) Easter Novenas
- 8:00 AM Easter Novenas
- 10:00 AM Easter Novenas
- 12:00 Noon Easter Novenas
- 2:00 PM (Spanish Mass) Easter Novenas
- 6:00 PM No Mass

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	\$213,128	12	\$17,761
2025	\$207,587	12	\$17,299



As of 3/24/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	86	96
Total Pledged to date	\$46,085	\$51,865
Percent of Goal	38%	45%

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!

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





Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Please pray for the
Souls in Purgatory

*“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.

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
2nd 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
2nd 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.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Liz DellaRatta

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

Eileen Mary DeRicco

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



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.

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, March 30th

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

and

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Special Holy Week Confession Times

Good Friday, April 3rd 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 4th 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.

Confessions are also heard throughout the year
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.



April 2nd

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.





April 3rd

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.





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 4th

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.



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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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Office Hours: By Appointment Only

CHECK OUT OUR FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE!

Registration Begins June 2026!

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Fast Facts:

- St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth, **beginning in FIRST GRADE**, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments.
- Information on our registration process & programs will be available on our website in June!
- If your child was not baptized here at SJE, we will need a copy of the child's baptismal certificate (or a copy of their birth certificate if they were not baptized).

Help Wanted: Can You Give Back?

Are you looking for a way to serve our community? We are always looking for parishioners to help teach our young people about the faith.

◆ Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)

Would you like to help with our Family Catechesis program for Grades 1-6? Parents and students meet together once a month. We would love to add you to our Family of Faith Team of volunteers who help organize, plan and present at our sessions!

◆ Confirmation Prep! Small Group Leaders: Grades 7 & 8

Are you looking for a new challenge and would like to get involved in our Confirmation Prep - we have a spot for you! Our Confirmation prep program is based on a small-group model and we need your help! Students meet twice a month, with sessions featuring large-group, interactive presentations and small group discussion. **We are particularly looking for Level 7 leaders for the incoming Level 7 class in Fall 2026!**

Interested? Contact Michelle at 631-878-0009, ext. 123 or via email at mpirraglia@sjecm.org

2025-26 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):

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. It is due no later than April 17.

All Level 7 community service must be complete by April 17.

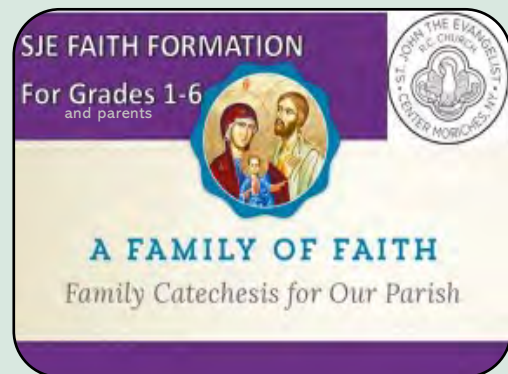
LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

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. 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).

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!"

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.!

Who Can Be a Godparent?

A Simple Guide—and an Invitation

Being asked to serve as a godparent (or sponsor) is a beautiful honor in the life of the Church. It means you are being entrusted with helping someone grow in faith—not just on the day of Baptism or Confirmation, but for a lifetime. Because of this sacred responsibility, the Church asks that sponsors meet a few important requirements. These aren't meant to exclude, but to ensure that those who stand as witnesses are ready to truly live and share the faith.

You may hear this described as part of *Canon Law*. That might sound a little intimidating—but don't worry, it's not as complicated as it sounds! Canon Law is simply the Church's way of keeping things ordered and meaningful—think of it as a guidebook that helps us live our faith well and care for one another in the right way.

According to the Church's law, a sponsor must:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Be a baptized Catholic who has received First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Be living a life in harmony with the faith and the role they are taking on
- If married, be married in the Catholic Church
- Not be the parent of the person being baptized or confirmed

At first glance, this may feel like a high bar—but it's really an invitation. The Church wants sponsors who can confidently say, "Yes, I strive to live what I believe."

If you find that you don't meet one or more of these requirements right now, please don't be discouraged. There are simple and welcoming ways to "make things right," and we are here to walk with you every step of the way.

Missing Confirmation? If you are a baptized Catholic who has not yet been confirmed, our parish offers Adult Confirmation classes. A new session will begin right after Easter—this is a wonderful opportunity to complete your sacraments and deepen your faith.

Married outside the Church? If your marriage was not celebrated in the Catholic Church, it can be "convalidated" (recognized by the Church). This process is often simpler than people expect, and it brings great spiritual peace.

Wherever you are in your journey, know this: the Church's doors are open to you. These requirements are not barriers—they are pathways into a fuller life of grace.

If you have questions or would like to begin any of these steps, please reach out to the parish office. We are here to help.

"Encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do."

(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

That is what a sponsor does—and what we are all called to do for one another.

Would you like to get connected at St. John's

If you are interested in volunteering here at St. John's, but not sure what you'd like to do, just scan the QR code below and provide us with some basic information and someone from our pastoral team will contact you. You can also email us at connect@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office (631) 878-0009 and leave your name and phone number and we will call you back.

- Faith Formation
- Altar Linens
- Thrift Shop
- Lectors
- Holy Grounds
- Street Ministry
- Community Meal
- Family Life Ministry
- Martha & Company
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Ministry of Consolation
- Ernie's Place (Food Pantry)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Altar Servers and more!

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.



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

Contact Us!



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UPCOMING

Winter/Spring 2026

events

March 21

Spring Extravaganza!

Our Spring Basket & Food Extravaganza will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2026 in the auditorium. Doors open at 5:00 PM.

SOLD OUT

Tickets available thru 2/25. Call 631-878-1033.



MAY 1

Senior Luncheon

Seniors are welcome to sign up for our annual Senior Luncheon on May 1. Our students from The Mission (Grades 6, 7 & 8) will be serving. There will be Mass at St. John's at 11AM, followed by the lunch.

> Sign up before May 1 - Call 631-878-1033.



MAY 5

Project REACH

Beginning in 7th grade, our students choose a topic of interest and, with the help of mentors, conduct a small-scale research project, which they present at the end of 8th grade.

REACH stands for Research, Excellence, Academics, Catholic, Hope. Their projects reflect all these aspects and help them develop strong research and presentation skills. Our 8th graders will be presenting their projects at our symposium on Tuesday, May 5.



MAY 8-9

School Play

Our students will be performing "The Little Mermaid, Jr." on Friday, May 8 at 6PM & Saturday, May 9 @ 1PM.

> Purchase tickets by May 1 - Call 631-878-1033



SCAN QR CODE TO SCHEDULE A TOUR! | 2 ST. JOHN'S PLACE, CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934



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Pre-K - 8th Grade

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Visit us and see what makes our school community so amazing!



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OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY



The Office of Family Ministry at St. John’s focuses on engaging parish families in fun activities, service projects and prayerful experiences. With the purpose of deepening faith, strengthening good Catholic family practices and building our parish family, our office works in conjunction with Faith Formation and Parish Social Ministry to meet the varied needs of our parish families. If you would like to learn more about our ministries or need additional information about any of the upcoming events, please call us at 631-878-0009 x 124 or email Clapham@sjecm.org. Here are some of our ministries!



Moms on the Journey

Our moms’ group is going strong! We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the upper meeting room of the Barn. A casual, fun-filled, Spirit lead group, “Moms on the Journey” provides an opportunity for busy mothers to be pampered...to grow in their faith... and to share the joys and challenges of Christian motherhood with other moms. This ministry has been a true blessing for all those who come. If you’re a mom who wants to go deeper *and* enjoy the company of other Christian moms, please consider joining this amazing group of women. **Our next monthly gathering will be April 22, 2026.** Bring a friend and come on down.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Our Family Life Ministry provides varied opportunities for families of all ages to come together to pray, to serve others and to share in faith-filled family fun. We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 PM in the Upper Meeting Room of the barn. At these meetings we pray, brainstorm, share ideas and plan family activities, events and service projects. Volunteers help they can, as we organize various activities throughout the year, which makes this ministry a perfect place for busy people to volunteer. Bring your creativity, joyful spirit and fun-loving faith. Come put your talents to good use here at St. John’s. All are welcome! **Our next planning meeting will be on Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 PM in the Barn.**

Please join us for our Family Holy Week Services—details can be found in this Sunday’s bulletin! These prayer services are specially designed for families, helping children experience Holy Week in a way they can understand.



Vacation Bible Camp

This year our amazing VBC will be held from Monday, July 13-Friday, July 17 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Students who are currently enrolled in Pre-K through Grade 4 are eligible for VBC. This is a wonderful program of faith, fellowship and fun for our young parishioners. Youth and adult volunteers are needed as our program runs completely on volunteer power! Check the parish website and the upcoming bulletins for additional information. **Registration will begin in April for campers and volunteers.**

Martha & Company



All of you “Marthas” out there, this ministry is for you! We are chefs and bakers, movers and shakers, festive environment coordinators, shoppers, organizers clean and specialists when it comes to setting up and cleaning up! This ministry of hospitality provides opportunities for fellowship in conjunction with week-

end Masses, prayer services and special events. The beauty of this ministry is that you do *what you can, when you can*. There is no major time commitment. All are welcome to join this multi-generational ministry comprised of joyful people who generously share their time and talents with our parish family!

SJE Youth Service Corps

YOUNG PEOPLE answering the call to serve!

This ministry provides varied opportunities for the young people of our parish to respond to the call to serve others here at St. John’s and beyond. Geared for middle school, high school and college students, the SJE Service Corps enlists the help of our youth volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities from volunteering as actors and actresses for our faith formation program, to leading our children at our vacation bible camp, to setting up and serving at parish events as well as helping those in need through the outreach efforts of our parish social ministry office. There are so many ways to help throughout the course of the year. Young people help when they are available. There is never any pressure to serve, as we are sensitive to the busy lives that our teenagers lead. The SJE Youth Service Corps is great way for teens to use their talents, connect with other faith-filled young people, serve our God and our parish and have fun!



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 2nd 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 3rd 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 4th, 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

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



"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!



A huge thank you to the local Lion's Heart chapter for the amazing food drive they held last weekend supporting our food pantry, Ernie's Place. They brought cooler upon cooler of protein directly into the pantry this past weekend, all donated by the local community. We received chickens, hams, ground beef and more. We are so blessed by the outpouring of generosity, Ernie's will be able to give each family in need registered for our Easter outreach event a bountiful Easter feast!

*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



Men's Prayer Group...

CALLING ALL MEN!

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

Bereavement Support...

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

*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

\$10 donation for the workbook.

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: 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



Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

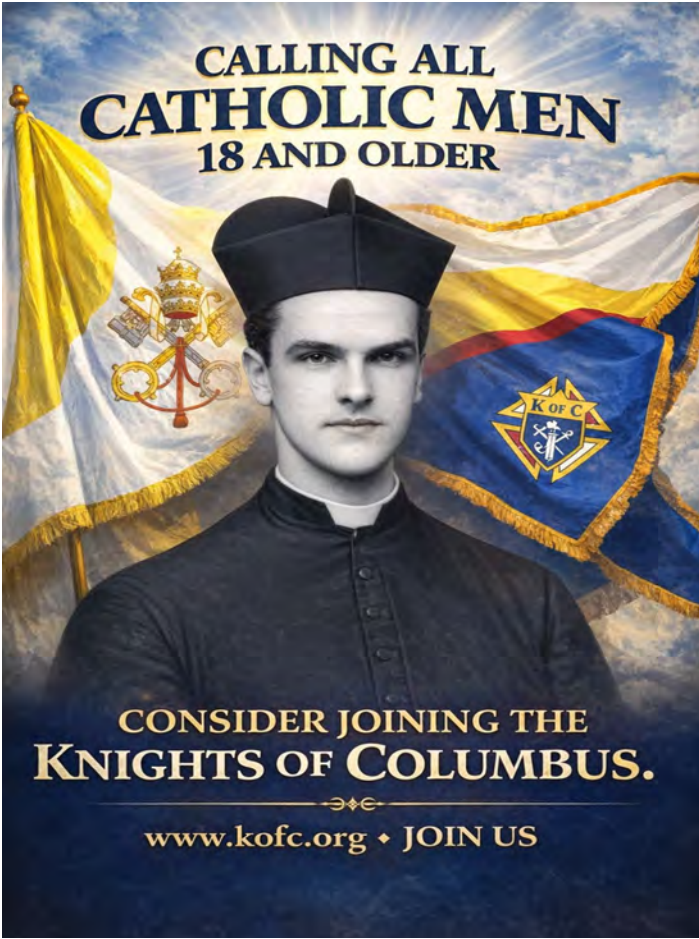
On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM.

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.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Benefitting Ernie's Place Food Pantry

April 11, 2025
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

2 Locations!
King Kullen in Manerville
King Kullen in Center Moriches



Knights of Columbus
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

FRIDAY NIGHT'S

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

\$3000 IN PRIZES

For more information
kofc4126.com

A Message from Monsignor Walden...



Hopes, dreams, and expectations are part of our lives as individuals and as people who live together in a variety groups and situations. We have our hopes, dreams and expectations as families, communities, and nations. As children we go from the wonder and joy of childhood to planning our lives with visions that fulfill our hopes, dreams and joys as individuals, families, communities, and nations. All that seems hopeful and positive can be shattered and challenged gradually and sometimes in an instant. That is exactly what is brought to our attention today as we celebrate Palm Sunday. Mass begins with the blessing of the palms we take home to remind ourselves of Jesus' welcome entrance into Jerusalem, a mere five days before His rejection and crucifixion. Near the end of the Gospel proclaimed at the blessing of the palms (Matthew 21:1-11), we hear these hopeful, joyful words: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." In reality the joy expressed in this passage is the joy we all seek as individuals in whatever our vocation is in life. This joy is not earned but the ultimate hope and treasure we all hunger and thirst for - Jesus Christ who is God Himself giving Himself in merciful, unconditional love. What happened?

The Passion account of Matthew's Gospel proclaimed at this Mass quickly reminds us that the greatest gift that we as human beings hunger and thirst for was betrayed, denied, unjustly convicted, and endured the horrible death of crucifixion. Yet God's hopes, dreams, and expectations for us were not destroyed, forsaken, or shattered. Ultimately peace comes not when one party is defeated and the other victorious, but when both parties are reconciled. God almighty, creator of heaven and earth and all that is, was, and ever will be refused to stop loving, forgiving and reconciling. There is that old maxim that says, "To err is human, to forgive is divine". Not only does God forgive, He does so even before we start to think about our need for it. "Father, forgive them they know not what

they do." (Luke 23:34)

Jesus was in control of who He is, what He came to do, and who He seeks to be part of His life now and for eternity with the Father, Holy Spirit, His Mother Mary, St. Joseph and all the angels and saints. Holy Week is a gift to us to focus on this reality, the reality we all hunger and thirst for and the price He paid to open our eyes, minds, and hearts to this wonder. Taking this Holy Week seriously is the very gift we need as individuals, families, and human beings blessed to live on the planet earth. This Monday we will join with all the other parishes of our diocese and offer the Sacrament of Confession from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We will deepen our experience of God's love in our Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 7:30 PM, The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday at 3:00 PM, and the wonder of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 7:30 PM and at our Easter Sunday Masses (6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 PM). Come and welcome Jesus into your heart as He welcomes us into His.

Victimae Paschali Laudes
(Praises To the Paschal Victim)

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciles sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended in that
combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, reigns
immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw, wayfaring.
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he goes before you."
Christ indeed from death is risen, our
new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

Comunidad Hispano...

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 PM 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!



¡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.

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.



Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 30th, 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 31st, 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, April 1st, 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 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2nd, 2026 (Parish Offices close at noon)

- 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, April 3rd, 2026 (Parish Offices closed)

- 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 - **NO BINGO**

Saturday, April 4th, 2026

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

Sunday, April 5th, 2026 (Parish Offices closed)

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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

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? 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