

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 2, 2025

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Lord, it is good to give thanks to you, to give thanks to you. Psalm 92



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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 8<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

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 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Abin

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

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

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

### Office Hours

**Parish Office - Blue House**

**Monday - Thursday:**

**9 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 Deacon Michael Hoonhout...



## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“**Mardi Gras**” – from the French, meaning “Fat Tuesday.” “Carnival” – from the Latin *carne vale*, meaning literally, “[say] goodbye to meat.” Mardi Gras is a New Orleans tradition. Carnival is a Brazilian celebration. For the days preceding the onset of Lent, both were cultural developments by Catholic peoples to feast before the fast, to have fun until the 40 somber days of abstinence and self-denial. Of course, like all Christian holy days in the modern world, these holidays have become secularized where the good time is still had but the spiritual reason for the holiday is lost. Many today simply like to “eat, drink and be merry” (Luke 12:19). But pray, fast, and give alms? Not so much. But as God said to the fool in the next verse, there soon will be a night when our soul is required of us (Luke 12:20). Lent’s spirit of repentance arises from this sobering truth that we do not have much time before we face the Lord and must give an account of our life.

**In today’s Gospel**, Jesus speaks of the goodness in a person’s heart: “A good person out of the treasure of goodness in his heart produces good.” A few chapters later, he says. “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:34). As we begin the season of Lent this week (this Wednesday we are marked with ashes), we need to ask ourselves: “What is the treasure in my heart?” That is, what are the goods I seek, the desires I pursue, and the evils I avoid? To help us assess whether the good in our heart is the kind that is pleasing to the Lord, let us ponder these questions:

- ◇ **Do I seek simply** my own good, or do I ask God to show me what He wants me to do? Do I bring God into my decision making?
- ◇ **Are the pleasure** and satisfaction in the goods I seek temporary and short-lived, or are they lasting?
- ◇ **Do I live** for my own contentment - a tasty meal, a full belly, an evening of entertainment? Or do I live to do good for other - reaching out to a friend, helping those in need, allowing another person to go first?
- ◇ **What evil tendencies** in me do I attempt to hide from God or others? Is there a selfishness in me that I tolerate, but according to Scripture “has to be put to death” (Colossians 3:5)?
- ◇ **Am I quick to judge**, prone to look for the faults of others (the splinter in another’s eye)? Or do I remember my own weakness and shortcomings (the beam in my own), and then recognize I do not know what lies in their heart?
- ◇ **“From the fullness of the heart** the mouth speaks.” Do I build up, praise, show my gratitude? Or am I quick to criticize, slow to apologize, sarcastic and biting?

**Remembering that our true celebration** is not Mardi Gras or Carnival but Easter Sunday, let us in the light of Christ’s Resurrection look honestly at our hearts. For the Light of the One who suffered, died and rose for us is not a harsh light of judgment, but a soft light of mercy that reveals the great treasure of God’s immeasurable love for us.



# Masses for the Week...

## Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> Weekday

5:00 PM Alice Brown  
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Cornelius Flaherty  
10:00 AM John F.R. Clark  
12:00 Noon Joseph M. Sherry  
6:00 PM Robert Nidzyn

## Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Special Intention - SJE Woman's Group  
12:00 Noon Francis Schimmoller

## Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Special Intention-Miss Lazaroaie  
12:00 PM James Pieper

## Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM People of the Parish  
12:00 Noon People of the Parish  
7:00 PM People of the Parish  
(bilingual)

## Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Spiro Laopodis  
12:00 PM Gene, Mary and Antoinette Savi

## Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Enrico Alasia  
12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

## Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Rita O'Brien  
5:00 PM Joseph R. Picciotti  
7:30 PM (Spanish) Goncalo Rego

## Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Megan Odle  
12:00 Noon Crescenzo Vigliotta  
6:00 PM John Robert Klaus IV



## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$134,606	8	\$16,826
2024	\$155,101	8	\$19,388

## 2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission



As of 2/25/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	56	8
Total Pledged to date	\$35,800	\$5,180
Avg. Gift	\$639	\$647
Percent of Goal	31%	4.5%

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!



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St. John the Evangelist Parish...

# MARDI GRAS

## Celebration

### This Sunday!

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
**in the Parish Auditorium**

Come feast before we fast!  
Delicious food! Great music!  
Games for the kids!  
All are welcome!

Plenty of ways to help!  
Just email us at:  
[familylife@sjecm.org](mailto:familylife@sjecm.org)





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# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Concetta Zotos + Barbara Mulholland  
Daphne Dial-Lieber + Msgr. Frank Schneider  
Robert Fuller

"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

Barbara Wheeler + Janet Penney  
Janice Chivelly + Virginia O'Sullivan  
James Green + Maureen Hogan  
Elizabeth Onorato + 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](mailto: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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
MAJ 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](mailto: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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)

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# Ash Wednesday

## March 5<sup>th</sup>

### ABSTINENCE & FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

## Masses & Services

7 am - Mass

10:30 am - Service

12 noon - Mass

2 pm - Service

4:30 pm - Service

7 pm - Mass (Bilingual)

*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

Ecclesiastes 3:20



# Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5

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

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

Office Hours: By Appointment Only (Mon-Thu - BARN, Upstairs)

Our Level 7 students participated in Eucharistic Adoration last month, with Fr. Patrick presiding. Guest Speaker Liam Gordon shared his witness with students and provided music during adoration.



## 2025 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):

**A. Grade-Level Mass (Parent/Student Event):**

Sunday, March 9 at 6 PM in the Church

**B. Next Class Session:**

Tuesday, March 18 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

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

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

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

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

**A. Diocesan Holy Hour here at SJE (Parent/Student Event):**

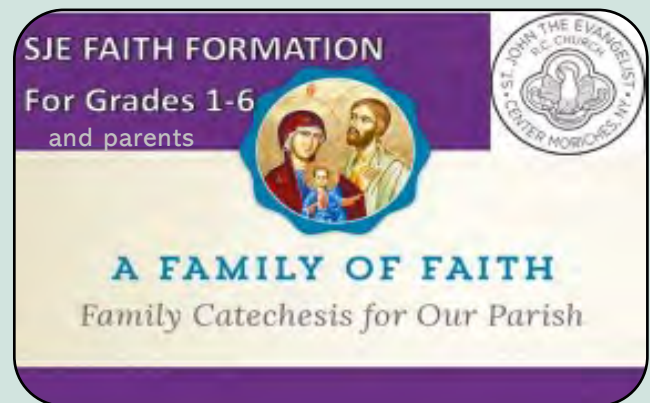
Friday, March 7 (arrive by 7:15 PM in the church)

**B. Grade-Level Mass (Parent/Student Event):**

Sunday, March 16 at 6 PM in the Church

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

Monday, March 24 @ 7:15 PM, Church



Next Sessions:  
Tuesday, March 11 & Thursday, March 13  
@ 5 PM & 7 PM in the Church.





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

# HOLY HOUR *for* VOCATIONS

7:30 PM FRIDAY, MARCH 7th

*We invite all to come together and pray for vocations  
for Priests and Religious as a parish family!*



*We are very excited to welcome back  
Father Louis Cona as the Guest Homilist*

Associate Pastor Church of St. Patrick Smithtown, NY



[drvcvocations.com](http://drvcvocations.com)

DOORS AT 7:00PM

# Year of the Eucharist Revival in the United States

*The Eucharist Adoration Committee at St. John the Evangelist presents*

**Two Talks on the Eucharist in Seton Chapel (in the Convent) from 7 – 8 PM**



**Given by:**

**Deacon Michael Hoonhout, S.T.L., Ph.D.**

*Ph.D. in Sacred Theology*

***Please bring a Bible to the talks.***

*The talks will help prepare you for the 40-Hour  
Eucharistic Adoration*



**The Eucharist in Scripture**  
**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

In his first talk, Deacon Michael will present how the Eucharist is revealed in Scripture. The talk will begin by bringing out the many ways the Eucharist is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, including: manna in the desert, the Passover meal; the “show bread” displayed daily in the Temple. The heart of the talk will focus on the profound teaching of Jesus on the Eucharist in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. It will conclude by explaining the words of institution, “This is my body... this is the chalice of my blood.”

**The Eucharist as Memorial Sacrifice**  
**Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

“Do this in memory of me.” By these words, Jesus instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his sacrifice on Calvary. How does the Mass make present Christ’s Paschal Sacrifice? It is important to understand this in the correct way, and it is even more important to appreciate its significance for your Christian life. This talk will help you understand the Mass more deeply so that you can participate more fully in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and adore Jesus more lovingly in the Eucharist.



*A Holy Hour in front of the  
Blessed Sacrament is worth  
more than 1000 years of  
human glory.*

*~Saint Padre Pio*

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

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.

*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.*



*Come visit Jesus in the  
Blessed Sacrament this Lent.*



# Forty-Hour

## Eucharistic Adoration

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> Seton Chapel (Convent)

Adoration will begin at 3:00 PM on Friday, March 21st and end at 7:00 AM Sunday, March 23rd

SIGN UP WEEKEND - March 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th and 15th & 16th after Masses or  
complete and return below to the basket in the convent chapel or to the rectory office



SELECT A DAY AND HOUR (S)

NAME:

Friday 3/21 {3:00PM - Midnight} \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #:

Saturday 3/22 {Midnight - Midnight} \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 3/23 {Midnight - 7:00 AM} \_\_\_\_\_

*"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" -Mt. 11:28*

# The 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 x124, or email [Clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:Clapham@sjecm.org). Here are some of our ministries!

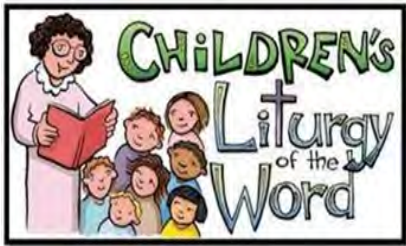


## Moms on the Journey



Our moms' group is going strong! We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from 7:00 - 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 Wednesday, March 26, 2025. 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!

## 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 some good clean 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. We pray, brainstorm, share ideas and plan family activities, events and service projects. All are welcome!*

### Family Life Ministry Events for Lent 2025

- March 9 Sandwich Sunday ~ 11:00 AM - 12 noon in the School Cafeteria
- March 21 Lenten Soup Supper ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the School Cafeteria, *followed by Stations of the Cross*
- April 2 Monthly Planning Meeting ~ 7:00 PM in the Upper Room of The Barn
- April 4 Lenten Soup Supper ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the School Cafeteria, *followed by Stations of the Cross*
- April 13 Sandwich Sunday ~ 11:00 AM - 12 noon in the School Cafeteria
- April 17 Holy Thursday Children's Service ~ 4:30 PM in the Church
- April 18 Good Friday Children's Service ~ 12:00 noon in the Church
- April 19 Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt on the Great Lawn after the 11:00 AM Prayer Service
- April 20 Easter Sunday Masses (Sunrise Mass, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon)



# ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If you are in 4th grade or higher and you would like to serve the church in this special ministry, we would love to have you! Altar servers assist the priest or deacon with sincere devotion and decorum in the spirit of the Liturgy by carrying the incense, processional cross, lighting candles at Eucharistic celebrations, Sacraments, funeral masses, benediction, and prayer services. This ministry allows the youth of the parish to become involved and contribute to the Liturgy of the Mass by serving others.

## OUR NEXT PARISH TRAINING SESSION WILL BE...

March 17th 4:00-5:30 PM

March 19th 4:00-5:30 PM

March 22nd 11:00AM-12:30PM

(Pizza will be served at the conclusion of the final session)

We will celebrate a special installation Mass of all our new altar servers on **Sunday, March 23rd** at the 10:00am Mass at which all our new trainees will serve at the Mass for the first time.

Please email your child's name, grade level, email, phone number to [servers@sjecm.org](mailto:servers@sjecm.org) BEFORE Friday, March 14TH if you are interested in becoming an altar server.





# 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 pantry.

- ⇒ Jelly
- ⇒ Pasta
- ⇒ Cereal
- ⇒ Oatmeal
- ⇒ Easter Candy
- ⇒ Fruit Cocktail
- ⇒ Peanut Butter
- ⇒ Tomato Sauce
- ⇒ Raman 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.

- ◆ Single Razors
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Face/Wash cloths
- ◆ Deodorant (M&W)
- ◆ Men's Winter Gloves
- ◆ Travel Size Toothpaste
- ◆ Long Sleeve T-shirts (L, XL)
- ◆ Warm Socks (crew or tube, not ankle)





# Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School Spring Basket Auction and Food Extravaganza



Saturday, March 29th  
6:00 PM

Doors open at 5:30

Tickets \$40 each

(Ticket price includes food to try from various restaurants)

**CALL TO PURCHASE  
YOUR TICKETS!**

Tickets available till March 7th  
or we are sold out

**NUMEROUS BASKETS  
TO CHOOSE FROM !**

(Basket raffle tickets purchased  
separately at the event)



**(631) 878-1033**

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



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

March 5 - April 13



## 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.
- **150** closed abortion facilities.
- **250** converted abortion workers.

**Vigil Location:** Sidewalk in front of the office park at 450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue. Park behind 7-Eleven.

**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](mailto:waverlyaverespectlife@gmail.com)

You may also sign up directly at [40daysforlife.com/Patchogue](http://40daysforlife.com/Patchogue)

## Stations of the Cross

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

### STATIONS of the CROSS



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

### What is **FASTING**?

The **limitation** of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between  
But remember to drink enough fluids!

### When do we fast?

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday\*

\*Paschal Fast: Good Friday and Holy Saturday are days of prayer and quiet reflection. We honour the suffering and death of Jesus and prepare to share in the joy of his resurrection at Easter.

### What is **ABSTINENCE**?

**Avoiding** certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods

### When do we abstain?

Catholics are obliged to abstain from **meat every Friday** throughout the year (except solemn feast days)

TIP: Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays

### ALL ABOUT

## Fasting & Abstinence

### Why fast?

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

### Who has to fast?

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

### Why abstain on Fridays?

It's the **day of Christ's saving death** on the cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world

### Who has to abstain?

Catholics aged 14 and older

**During Lent**, the money we save on food while fasting and abstaining should be given to others in alms

SOURCE: "Keeping Friday" and "Living Lent" from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)



# A Message from Msgr. Walden...



There are things we know but do not really want to think about or do anything else about. This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the day we begin our forty day journey to Easter. Easter is our celebration of Jesus' triumph over sin and evil as He rose three days after suffering the consequences of human ignorance supported by hearts and minds hardened by sin, fear, and indifference. One of the things that is said when the blessed ashes are put on our foreheads in the sign of the cross is, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." All we have to do to see the power of sin in our lives is to turn on the news and we see one report after another of how violent and destructive we can be as human beings to one another. Hopefully, we will never get to the point in our personal lives where we are the source of sin or suffer the consequences of someone else's sin.

Where is sin in our lives? In the Gospel for today's Mass (Luke 6:39-45), we have these very pointed words from Jesus that are so appropriate as we go forward to Easter beginning with Ash Wednesday: "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye." The power of the devil can be seen blatantly in the way we treat even those close to us, and is more subtle when we want nothing to do with getting involved with confronting evil. In the book I have been quoting these past weeks ("Benedictus, Day by Day with Pope Benedict XVI), there were these words from February 24: "Most people do not explicitly deny the existence of God, but they do not believe that he is of any importance in the realm of human life. Hardly anyone seriously thinks nowadays that men's wrong actions may concern God so much that he regards them as sinful and offensive to himself, with the result that such sin must be forgiven by him alone." As much as we lose our thought of hell with that attitude, even more we weaken our moral compass and the power of all that is good, sacrificial, and life-giving in our lives.

As much as we look to turn away from sin during Lent, even more we look to how our love, goodness, patience, sincerity, gratitude, mercy, apologies, and forgiveness can bring peace and hope to those we live with and encounter everyday. The more we take the time to pray sincerely, focus at Mass, and experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance, the more peaceful, hopeful, and life-giving are our hearts. Yes, we want to turn away from sin. But even more, we want to live sharing who we are and what have with loving, merciful, and generous hearts.

I offer Psalm 139 for your prayerful reflection. God knows us because He loves us and continues to give Himself to us through the Sacraments, the Scriptures, and when we pray.

O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you.

Before ever a word is on my tongue  
you know it, O Lord, through and through.  
Behind and before you besiege me,  
your hand ever laid upon me.  
Too wonderful for me this knowledge,  
too high, beyond my reach.

O where can I go from your spirit,  
or where can I flee from your face?  
If I climb the heavens, you are there.  
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn  
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,  
even there your hand would lead me,  
your right hand would hold me fast.

If I say: "Let the darkness hide me  
and the light around me be night,"  
even darkness is not dark for you  
and the night is as clear as the day.

For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul,  
my body held no secret from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret  
and molded in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw all my actions,  
they were all of them written in your book;  
every one of my days was decreed  
before one of them came into being.

To me, how mysterious your thoughts,  
the sum of them not to be numbered!  
If I count them, they are more than the sand;  
to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

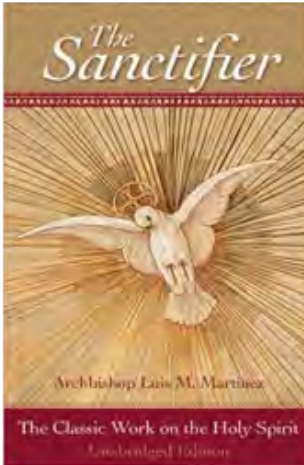
O search me, God, and know my heart.

O test me and know my thoughts.

See that I follow not the wrong path  
and lead me in the path of life eternal.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

## Women's Group...



We welcome back our Members & invite New Members to join us as we read together, learn & share our feelings & life's experiences. It's an open group, come when you want or can. You can join throughout the year. There's no commitment. You don't have to share or read out loud, no homework. Everything we share is kept confidential. We respect each other's sharing. No judgement. All you need is desire to draw nearer to Jesus & to have fellowship with like-minded women who know we're not perfect & it's ok. **BRING A FRIEND!!!**

The book we'll read together is **"The Sanctifier"** by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, explaining in detail how the workings of the gifts of The Holy Spirit bring us into holiness. It's usually in the sharing part of what we're reading that gives us clearer understanding of the subject especially because it relates to our lives at the present moment. We're living the lessons which is comforting when we're in pain, we have a lot of laughs too. We're there for each other! The book will be provided, We meet in the white house between the school & rectory every other Monday, unless noted with an asterisk \*, at 10:00 -11:30 AM, ending in time to go to 12:00 Mass if you want.

### Dates:

March 3, 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.

## 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](mailto: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.*





# 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](mailto: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!

## Ambiente seguro...

Todos los voluntarios y empleados de SJE deben participar en un curso de capacitación VIRTUS y pasar por una verificación de antecedentes. Puede inscribirse en las clases VIRTUS visitando [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) o haciendo clic aquí:

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

### RECORDATORIOS PARA VOLUNTARIOS

Todos los voluntarios de SJE deben usar su insignia de SJE mientras sirven en el ministerio. También revise su correo electrónico periódicamente para completar las actualizaciones mensuales. (Asegúrese de revisar su carpeta de "spam" o "basura").

### EQUIPO DE INTERVENCIÓN PASTORAL

La línea telefónica exclusiva para denuncias de abuso sexual (516-694-9063) continúa disponible. Si la persona que llama no se comunica con alguien directamente, los mensajes se pueden dejar en un contestador automático conectado al teléfono. Esos mensajes serán recuperados por un miembro del Equipo de Intervención y devueltos lo antes posible. Se tomarán todas las medidas apropiadas para proteger la reputación y la privacidad de los involucrados. Para obtener más información sobre la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, visite [drvc.org](http://drvc.org).



The Ministry of St. Januarius would like to extend to all donors who graciously and generously, again, donated their time and much-needed blood for the February 22, 2025 Drive, which seems that no matter when we are having a blood drive, blood is always in demand, and for this, a HEARTFELT THANKS! And please know that without your dedication to these drives we would not be able to reach the goals set up for us. Our goal for this Drive was 80 units, and we reached 79 units, and I say - not bad, not bad at all! There were donors who unfortunately could not donate for one reason or another. We thank you for showing up and next time hopefully you will be able to donate! I would like also to thank the staff of St. Januarius Ministry and the Knights of Columbus for "volunteering" once again in supporting the Blood Drive, and making it come to pass and succeeding in a successful Drive.

*Thank you one and all!*



## PILGRIMS OF HOPE



2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

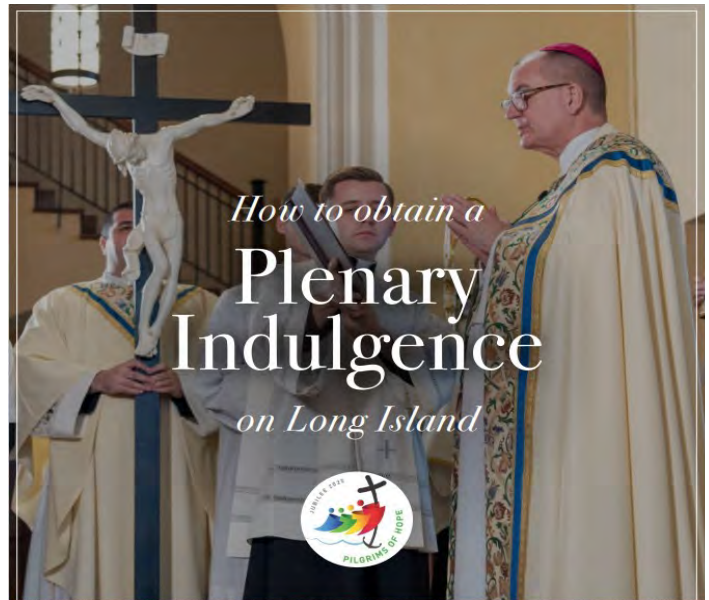
### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into  
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen



### How to obtain a Plenary Indulgence on Long Island



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE



The faithful of Long Island can  
attain this Plenary Indulgence  
by making a pilgrimage to

### THE CATHEDRAL of ST. AGNES

and praying at the

### 2025 JUBILEE YEAR CROSS

enshrined at the Cathedral and installed  
by Bishop John O. Barres.



### Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope

- 1 Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- 2 Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- 3 Be spiritually detached from sin
- 4 Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- 5 Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

"This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord."

POPE FRANCIS



## 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

# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Men only) - BMR

## Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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