

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 30, 2025

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Psalm 23





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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, April 5<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, April 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry Kaywell

12 noon - Fr. Jerry

6:00 PM - Fr. Abin

\*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 Angela Werner...

## A Reflection on the Gospel:

**Luke (15:1-3, 11-32)**

"Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

**In The Parable of the Prodigal Son**, the father already knew that his son's decision was an unwise one. Still, he allowed him to make that choice. If any parent were to give his or her child a gift that was fragile and delicate, it is likely that the parent would have some reservations about whether that child would be careful enough with it, so that it wouldn't fall, and break into pieces. Still, the gift is given, because the parent loves the child. Most people would agree that one of the most difficult challenges for parents is allowing their children to make their own mistakes, which can be a heartbreaking endeavor. Jesus compares the father in this parable to God the Father, who allows His children (all of us) to make our own choices. There are consequences that go along with those choices, however.

**Here, we are given a taste** of the reality that if we were to have everything in this world except God, we would have nothing, and that if we were to have nothing but God, we would have everything. God gave us a perfect, yet breakable world, and we are the ones who broke it. Similarly, we are the ones who break our relationship with God when we sin. Still, God wants us to come to Him with all of our broken pieces, so that He can put them back together for us. He never stops loving us, just like a parent never stops loving his or her child, no matter what. Not only does God give us the gift of life, but He loves us so much that He gives each of us the gift of a free will. This is something He will never take away from any one of us, because our free will is what allows us to choose Him, or not.

**In this gospel**, Jesus highlights the complexity of parental love. We can only guide our children, we can't live their lives for them. If we find this difficult as earthly parents, what must it be like for our Heavenly Father? When anything good or bad happens to a child, it affects the parent as well. Love creates that connection. The love that connected the father to the older son is the same love that connected the father to the younger son. This parable teaches us that God's love for us is unconditional. It would be impossible for Him to love any one of us more than the other, and His forgiveness is available to all of us.

**The older son** found himself being resentful, saying to his father, "Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders...yet for him you slaughter the fattened calf." The father tried to make him understand by saying, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours."

**Sometimes**, we can get so caught up in unnecessary worries, that we fail to see the blessings that are right in front of us, like the older son in the parable. We can easily forget how important it is to cherish all the special people and moments we are given. Martha's sister, Mary, gives us a beautiful example of this, for she knew how to cherish that important moment when Jesus was in their midst. Love is found in the relationship. God will always love us, but He also wants a genuine relationship with each of us, one filled with trust, friendship, and respect. It is why He created us. But when sin gets in the way of that relationship, there is a

need for repentance in order for the relationship to be restored. Repentance is knitted into the fabric of relationships which causes us to long for unity, just as the younger son longed to be reunited with his father. It is how we are patterned by God, who created us in His image and likeness. We are designed for love. Grown children often wonder why time seems to disappear when they visit their parents. Perhaps it's because it reminds them of that part of their lives when schedules weren't important, and worry didn't exist. No one wants the visit to end because it is a little piece of Heaven, and a foretaste of the timeless reality we will enter as we pass from this life into eternity, when we will enjoy the infinite experience of God's unconditional love.

**This brings us** to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son becomes the blueprint for this sacrament: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." God wants us (like the prodigal son) to 'come to our senses' when we realize we have sinned. No matter what goes wrong in our lives, or where we might find ourselves, turning to God in the midst of it is always the right thing to do. God the Father wants us to be honest with Him about our failings (as the prodigal son was), trusting in His love. This is why a good honest Confession is so important in our relationship with God. And when we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation often, it keeps those lines of communication with God open, and flowing with graces. Sin takes us away from God's light, but never His love. God waits for everyone with hopeful anticipation, even the latecomers with dirt on their feet. Reconciliation is important in human relationships as well. Often, the relationship becomes stronger after the reconciliation than it was before the break.

**God wants to embrace us** in the same way the father in the parable embraced his repentant son. We are dead in our sin, but when we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we come back to life, as the father in the parable says, "This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found." The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows God the Father to 'bring the finest robe and put it on us,' and to 'put a ring on our finger, and sandals on our feet' so we can dust ourselves off, and get back on the right path...the path toward Heaven. The joy God offers through a reconciliation with Him doesn't come with words to describe it.

**Reconciliation with God** is a reason to celebrate and rejoice! What could be more sublime than knowing that you have been brought back into a 'right relationship' with God, 'back safe and sound,' as the prodigal son was? Is this not the entire meaning of life? A friendship with God is what gives our life significance, because this life is a springboard to eternity. Being reconciled with God is something we should never put off until tomorrow, for tomorrow is promised to no one. God knows we will make mistakes. But when we do, He wants us to run back to Him, because He will always be there, ready with open arms! The unconditional love of the father in this parable is merely a glimpse of the unconditional love of God. To be on the receiving end of that kind of love can only be described as heavenly. And Heaven is where the celebration truly begins.



# Masses for the Week...

## Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Louis Camesecca

7:30 PM (Spanish) Emily Alcantara

## Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Jerzy Gozdzia

10:00 AM Dennis Murray

12:00 Noon Ann Nanzolillo

6:00 PM People of the Parish

## Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Special Intention - SJE Woman's Group

12:00 Noon Santo Fiumano

## Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Robert Fives

12:00 PM Stanley Zurawski Sr.

## Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Kevin O'Brien Jr.

12:00 Noon Louise Feliceta

## Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Meghan Tobin-Payne

12:00 PM Joan Speirs

## Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Daniel Hickey

12:00 Noon Paul Donahue

## Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday (First Saturday)

8:00 AM Special Intention - Legion of Mary

5:00 PM Kevin Kret

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Jordan Hubbard

10:00 AM Kristen Bigora

12:00 Noon John Immel

6:00 PM Rosemary and Pat Curtin



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

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$207,587	12	\$17,299
2024	\$232,297	12	\$19,358

## 2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission

As of 3/25/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	96	89
Total Pledged to date	\$51,865	\$45,550
Avg. Gift	\$540	\$512
Percent of Goal	45%	40%

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



# Gift an Easter Bag Item to a Family in Need!

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

## Here's how it works!

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

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

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

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!  
Please return before April 6th


## Items requested for the Easter bags:

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

*(no jellybeans please)*







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

## A Lenten Project

Here's how you can participate:

- Take home paper and instructions to create your dove.
- Pick up a Jubilee Year prayer card in the foyer to join in praying as we reflect on what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope.

Important Dates:

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

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



## *A Mission of Wonder*

with Father Jerry Kaywell

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

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

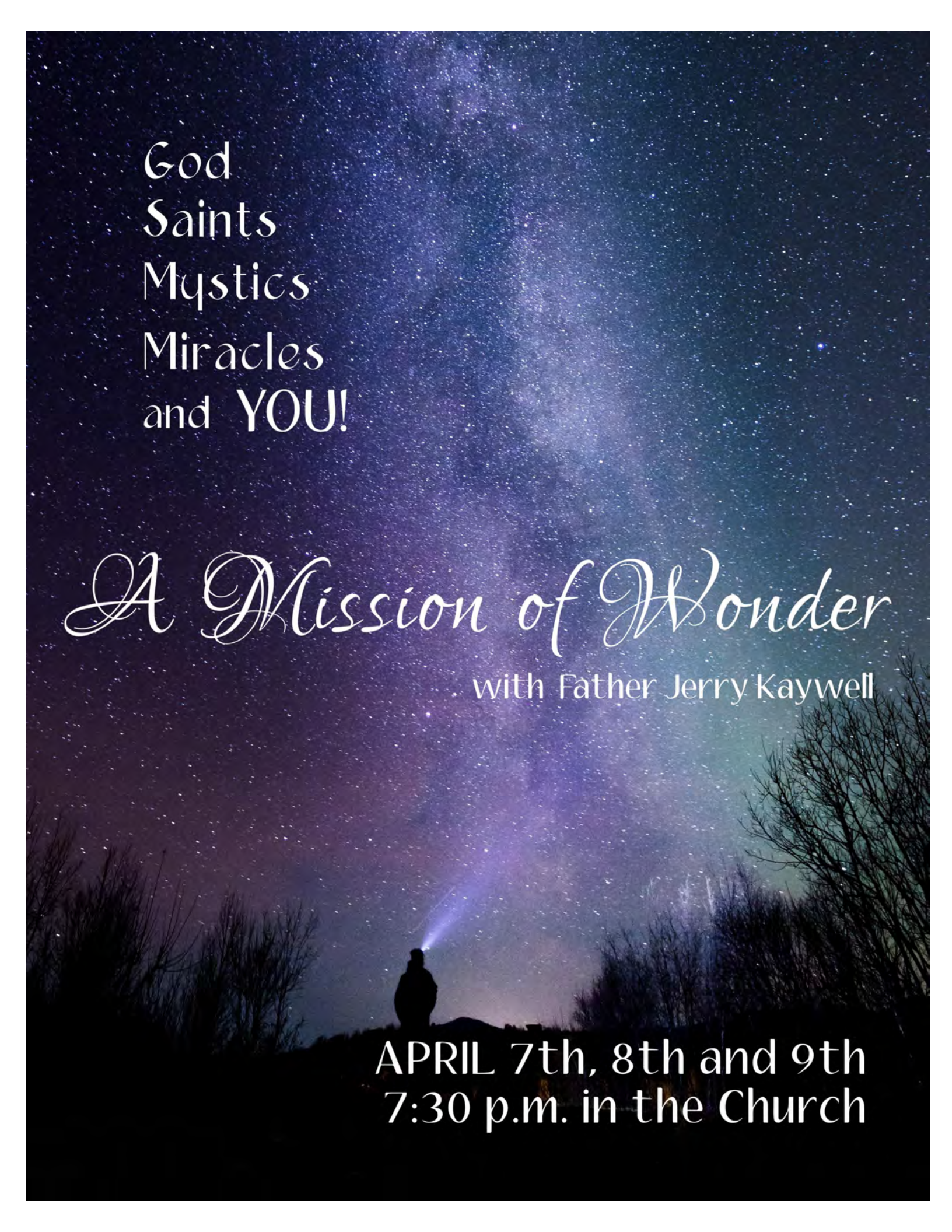
Father Jerry's commitment to his parish has extended to the rebuilding of Sacred Heart Church, which was destroyed by Hurricane Charley in 2004. Under his leadership, the church was rebuilt and opened in 2008. He continues to serve his parish with joy. Father Jerry is delighted to be giving the parish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

Join us for our parish Lenten Mission

*God, Saints, Mystics, Miracles and YOU!*

April 7th, 8th and 9th





God  
Saints  
Mystics  
Miracles  
and YOU!

# *A Mission of Wonder*

with Father Jerry Kaywell

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





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# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

John Gordon Walsh + Virginia O'Sullivan

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

## Pray for the Sick

Jill Ragonese + Daniel Garcia

Logan Coyle + Robert Pauze

Todd Skala + Jennifer Lynn Jankesh

Marilyn Peterson + Maureen Hogan

Danielle Lopez

*"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  
LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza  
SSGT William E. McCauley II  
1st Lt. Claire McGrath

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



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

*Liz DellaRatta*

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

*Theresa Cartolano*

## 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)





SJE Parish Social Ministry...

# Community Meal

*Serving those in need  
in our community.*

**Monday, March 31st 6 PM**

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

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

-Pope Francis

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



# The Office of Family Ministry

## Holy Week Prayer Services for Families

Holy Thursday



Come pray with us on Holy Thursday at 4:30 PM in the church as we learn about the institution of the Eucharist and personally experience the call to serve others, as we share in the Holy Thursday Mandatum - The Washing of the Feet. All are welcome!

Good Friday



On Good Friday we will pray through the Passion and Death of Jesus in a presentation especially designed for children. Join us at 12:00 in the church. *Students in grades 6 through college are needed to assist with our presentation.* Contact Carolyn Lapham if you would like to help – [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org)

Holy Saturday



Come on Holy Saturday as we pray through our “waiting day”. We will gather at 11:00 AM in **Seton Chapel** (in the Convent). Our prayer service will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the convent Lawn. Bring your Easter basket or a bag to collect some eggs!



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

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

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



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SJE Family Life Ministry

# Soup Supper

Friday, April 4th  
at 6:00 PM

All are invited to come to the Parish Lenten Soup Supper in the school cafeteria. Come enjoy a delicious bowl of soup (no meat of course), some tasty bread and a simple dessert. Stations of the Cross to follow in the parish prayer garden (weather permitting). There is no charge for this event. A free will offering can be made and/or donations to our food pantry or street ministry will be gladly accepted. Come one and all for a simple Lenten meal, some faith-filled fellowship and some fun!

Hope to see you on  
April 4th!





# 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)

Last month in our "Family of Faith" program for Grades 1-6, families learned about the Holy Spirit, Pentecost and the structure of the Catholic Church through several creative presentations. Thank you to all who participated and volunteered!



## 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):

**Next Class Session:**

**Tuesday, April 29 at 7:15 PM in the Church**

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

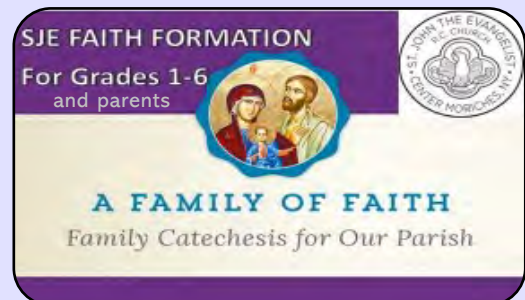
**Level 7 Community Service Sheets Due April 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Next Class Session:**

**Monday, April 28 at 7:15 PM in the Church**

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



**Next Sessions:**

1. Tuesday, April 1 & Thursday, April 3  
@ 5 PM & 7 PM in the Church.
2. Reconciliation in the Church for Grades 3-6  
(Attend One) Thursday, April 10  
@ 5 PM or 7 PM



March 30, 2025  
Please join

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

# Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Tea & Juice

## Sunday April 13th

SJE Parish Auditorium

### After the 10am Mass







## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

at  
St. John the Evangelist

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

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

If you can be present for a specific hour, email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

# Return to Me.

## 40 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### MARCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### APRIL

**April 1: St. Bernard**  
Levittown | 7:30-1:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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


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

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

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




To learn more, visit: [drvc.org/return25](http://drvc.org/return25)



"We pledge to persevere in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life."


- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, June 24, 2022



## Rosary for Life

JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER  
**Every Friday - 3:00 PM**



Scan for Zoom link:




Email [lhonkanen@drvc.org](mailto:lhonkanen@drvc.org) if you would like the link sent to you each week.

Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

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



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:

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- 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)





## 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.*





# Parish Social Ministry

Whether you are 21 or 91, it's never too late to volunteer! John faithfully serves those in need in our community every Thursday from 3-4 PM, we could use your help too! We stock our pantry shelves in the mornings and serve on Thursday afternoons and on Monday nights. Please contact Heather at 631-878-0009 ext.120 or email [socialministry@sjecm.org](mailto:socialministry@sjecm.org) to get more information!

## Ernie's Place Shopping List

Here is a list of items needed for our pantry. These items can be left at the doors of the Church or in the bin outside of Ernie's Place:

- ☐ Jelly
- ☐ Oatmeal
- ☐ Easter Candy
- ☐ Fruit Cocktail
- ☐ Tomato Sauce
- ☐ Raman Noodles
- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Cake Mix and Icing
- ☐ Bags of Red Beans
- ☐ Bags of Black Beans
- ☐ Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- ☐ Small Bags of White Rice



## THRIFT SHOP

Open Wednesdays from 9 AM - 12 Noon

Please visit our shop! You'll see new and lots of gently used clothes, shoes, pocketbooks, jewelry, housewares and many toys all at great prices! The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish Outreach programs and used to assist our neighbors in need in our parish and the local community.

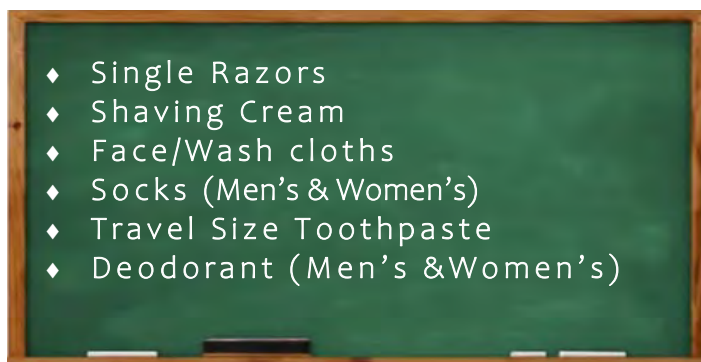
The success of our Thrift Shop relies on the generous donations from our community which can be left in the green bins in the school parking lot, in front of our shop. We gently urge you to donate on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9 - 11 AM.

**Spring cleaning time is here!**

Please consider donating your new or gently used clothing or household items during this time. It's a great way to organize your home and give back to our Parish community at the same time!

## Street Ministry Shopping List

Below is a list of items that are needed for Street Ministry. Please leave donations in the box by the doors of the Church.



Thank you for your generosity!







March 30, 2025

# Early Childhood Pre-K Program (Ages 3 & 4) Full-Day & Half-Day Classes Available!

## Registration Is Open!

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# Knights of Columbus Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



God bless our Knights of Columbus for all the time and effort they put in last weekend to help make the Food Drive for Ernie's Place such a great success!

Queen of All Hearts Council 4126



**2025 Palm Cross**  
FUNDRAISING SALE  
\$15 per cross

**This Weekend**  
AFTER MASSES

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



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**\$3000 IN PRIZES**

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[kofc4126.com](http://kofc4126.com)



## A Message from Msgr. Walden...



As we continue our journey through Lent, this Sunday offers us a familiar Gospel reading (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) which was painted around 1668 by the Dutch painter Rembrandt as he was coming to the end of his life. This painting inspired the spiritual writer Henri Nouwen to go to St. Petersburg in Russia and sit before it a number of days and then to write a book entitled "The Return of the Prodigal Son" in 1992. The painting is actually life size or bigger, and as Nouwen shares his reflection, he challenges us to look at each of the main characters in the painting and see ourselves in the prodigal son, the elder brother, and the father.

In our weaker moments, we have all had the experience of being the prodigal son. We have those moments when we are selfish, ungrateful, unfaithful, wasteful, mean, spiteful, unforgiving and take others for granted. The prodigal son finally decided to return when all other options had been exhausted. But in his decision he recognized how undeserving he was to resume his place as the a son of his father and humbly knelt before him and asked to be a hired servant. Rembrandt painted him kneeling before his father - ragged, dirty, and disheveled, and his father embracing and comforting him with his hands. This passage from St. Luke tells us, "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." From a merely human point of view, how true. "But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe, and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.'" It is not that the father found his son, but that he rejoiced to embrace him once again. How hard to totally banish and exile our own flesh and blood no matter how sinful, ungrateful, and troubling we are tempted to feel about them.

We are also challenged in this passage to rise above the jealousy and cold-heartedness of the elder son. How often we long to see others get

their due for hurting us or at least seeing them grovel in shame. But most of all, we are challenged to believe that God loves us exactly as we are at this very moment in our lives. Yes, we have memories of things we should never have done or said. We feel ashamed and lost because we cannot go back and erase the evil we have done. But to find peace, we must believe that we are loved for who we are, not what we have done. While people can be proud of what we have done and achieved, our true security and joy comes from being loved simply for the person we are in the depths of our minds and hearts where true goodness, love, and joy reside. The joy of the forgiving father gave life where life was lost. His hope for his elder son's jealous, vengeful words were so simple and expressed with these paternal, God-like words: "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Everything we have that is good, starting with life itself, is a pure gift from God. How good it is when we seek to get beyond being self-centered and jealous, seeking forgiveness and becoming the life-giving source of love and forgiveness God is to us. May we live the words we so sorely need to hear when we go to the Sacrament of Penance. Reconciliation with God urges us to be reconciled with one another. I invite you to come and hear these sorely needed words of love and reconciliation in our personal lives and in our world. How blessed we are to have the opportunity to go to confession after each week day mass, on Saturday from 4:00-5:00 PM, and Sunday from 5:30-6:00 PM right here in our parish church.

### Words of Absolution

*God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God grant you pardon and peace. I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



# 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!



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

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

### HISTORIAS BÍBLICAS Y CONTENIDO PARA DORMIR

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

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## Women's Group...

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

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

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

### Dates:

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

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

## Men's Prayer Group...



## CALLING ALL MEN!

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



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

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

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

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





## 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.

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# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</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, April 2<sup>nd</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, April 3<sup>rd</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, April 4<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, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, April 6<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