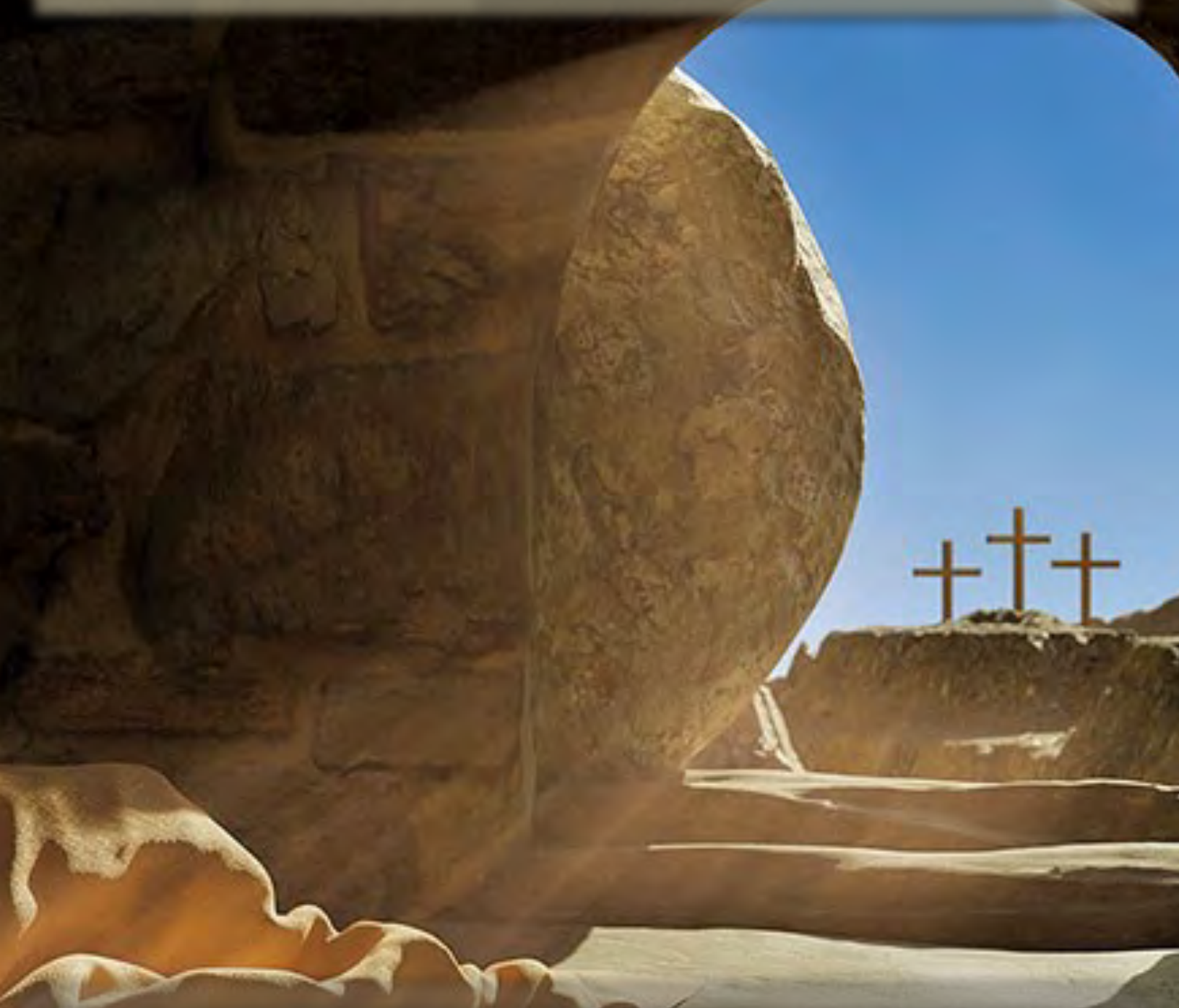


# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 31, 2024

## *The Resurrection of The Lord*

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad”

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23



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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 6<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Peter

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Patrick

(Saturday Evening 5 PM and 7:30 PM Masses will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Felix

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.

ALL Parish Offices will be CLOSED:  
Easter Monday, April 1st

## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**

Pastor

**Reverend Felix Akpabio**

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

**Carolyn Lapham**

Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**

Director of Faith Formation

**Katie Spellman**

Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

**Katie Waller**

Director of Operations

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**Dawn Waller**

Principal

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## 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.

## Mass Schedule

## Confession Schedule

# *A Message from Our Pastor, Fr. Patrick ...*

## **THE JOY OF EASTER**

**Happy Easter! The Tomb is empty!** He is Risen! Alleluia! We now have eternity, eternity without end! We now have the fullness of salvation because of Easter! The Easter Mysteries remind us that Jesus is alive and truly risen! There is no turning back on this historical event. It cannot be undone! Whether or not we choose to believe in the power of our Lord's Resurrection, this event is permanent and everlasting. Jesus has been glorified before the world. He stands before us in all of His glory and wonder. He has saved us from our sins and opened for us the way to paradise. He has risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**God's promise has been fulfilled and we are redeemed.** We can now live in freedom and hope of new and everlasting life. Our faith in Jesus is complete because He has been lifted up from the earth. Death and sorrow and misery are at our backs. We can now look beyond this world and the grave itself as a sign of hope that promises resurrection. Now that death and darkness have been conquered, we can walk in the newness of life with Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, close by our side. How exciting is this, this new Easter celebration, knowing all that God has done for us through Jesus!

**The joy of Easter and the meaning behind Easter** really puts things into perspective. It really makes us think again about the importance of God in our lives. Without Easter, we have no hope and no freedom. St. Paul says, "that if Christ had not been raised from the dead, we are the most pitiable people of all time because our faith would be in vain". Our faith would be incomplete. No Easter, no life in Christ! What separates us as Christians from other religious beliefs is that we believe that Jesus is alive and risen. We believe that He is the way, the truth and the life. It is only through Jesus that we now have eternal life, life without end! It is that simple and that important. Easter is everything! It is what gives our lives purpose and meaning, knowing that we have a future in store with God for all of eternity.

**The joy of Easter is all about living again and believing again.** It is about turning our

lives around. Easter invites us to live in full communion with God. It invites us to approach life more joyfully in the Lord knowing of the great love and sacrifice that

He has made for us and our loved ones. Moreover, Easter invites us into a new relationship with the Lord, knowing the profound joy He can bring us if we stay close to His side. The joy of Easter enables us to see the world differently, knowing how faithful God was to His promise. It changes us. It motivates us. Easter renews and refreshes our souls, knowing how essential this event was for us all. Easter brings us new life. It is our pathway to eternity and the fulfillment of all of our hopes and longings.

**This new Easter celebration is a time of joy and renewal.** It is a celebration of renewed hope and faith in the Risen Lord. Even though we celebrate this great feast for fifty days, in reality Easter is every day because it never ends. It cannot be reversed. All we have to do is believe again and remain close to the Risen Lord knowing the joy He brings into our lives. The Resurrection of Christ is the very foundation of our faith. It is central to our belief and the cornerstone of our Church.

**We now have victory over death because of Easter.** This is why Sunday is the day of the Lord, because it was on that first Easter Sunday that everything changed. Easter threw death aside and changed our outlook on life itself. By God's power, the Tomb is now vacant! Like those first disciples who witnessed the Lord's Resurrection, we too must join them in telling the world that the Tomb is empty, and the Lord is risen. Risen forever!



# Masses for the Week...



## Easter Appeal

Please join in supporting our **Annual Easter Appeal**. We rely on your generosity to continue the mission of the Church here at St. John the Evangelist. We as a parish provide many ministries and services to our community including the food pantry and Street Ministry.



Have a blessed Easter!

### Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday

- 5:00 PM No Mass
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) No Spanish Mass tonight
- 7:30 PM (Vigil) Easter Novena's

### Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday

- 6:00 AM (Sunrise Mass) Easter Novena's
- 8:00 AM Easter Novena's
- 10:00 AM Easter Novena's
- 12:00 Noon Easter Novena's
- 2:00 PM (Spanish Easter Mass) Easter Novena's
- 6:00 PM No 6 PM Mass today

### Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Monday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:00 AM Peter G. Corsones
- 12:00 Noon Stanley Zurawski

### Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:00 AM Kevin O'Brien Jr.
- 12:00 Noon Margaret Spiess

### Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:00 AM Stanley Feldman
- 12:00 Noon Special Intention for the Stevens Family

### Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:00 AM Daniel Hickey
- 12:00 Noon Mack Serres

### Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Friday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:00 AM Kevin Kret
- 12:00 Noon Anne Rafferty

### Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> First Saturday within the Octave of Easter

- 8:00 AM Jordan Hubbard
- 5:00 PM Jack Dyer and his sister, Katy Dyer
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

- 8:00 AM Special Intention for Judy Paulsen
- 10:00 AM Leonardo Castiglione
- 12:00 Noon Natalie Doyle
- 6:00 PM Kristen Bigora

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$232,297	12	\$19,358
2023	\$201,255	12	\$16,771

**2024**  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL  
HOUSE OF HOPEVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith -  
Renewed by the Eucharist*

<i>As of 3/12/2024</i>	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100
Number of Donors	89	107
Total Pledged to date	\$45,550	\$47,425
Avg. Gift	\$512	\$433
Percent of Goal	40%	41%

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 goal!



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2024



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families! Thank you for your love for the inspired Word of God. Thank you for your love for the Resurrection appearances of our Lord in this Easter season and the way your lives are set on fire in your meditation and contemplation of these mysteries.

Thank you for your fidelity to the Eucharist and the Sunday Mass and your Catholic spirit of evangelization. Thank you for being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

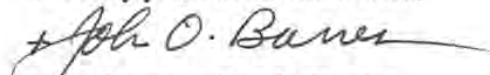
In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis states: "Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force ... Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history ... Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power." (276)

We continue to live through "the storms of history" and we rely on the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds in Ukraine, the Middle East, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the region of the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and Sudan, as well as Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and so many other troubled areas of the world. <sup>1</sup> We ask the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds experienced in our own country.

In *The Everlasting Man*, G.K. Chesterton captured the power of our Lord's Resurrection experienced in the cycles of history. He wrote: "Christendom has had a series of revolutions and in each one of them Christianity has died. Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave."

This Easter and every Easter we celebrate this Everlasting Man who knew his way out of the grave and who invites us and the Catholic Church on Long Island to a great Resurrection.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,



Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Diocese of Rockville Centre

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<sup>1</sup> See Pope Francis' December 25, 2023 *Urbi et Orbi* Message.

# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Joseph Stillitano

*"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

John Fitzpatrick, Tony Variale,  
Laura Boge

*"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 Army

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

### US Navy

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

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

### 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 Air Force

SSGT David Giese  
SSGT Jason M Hermes  
PFC Kyle Kerstiens  
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens  
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens  
A1C Jared T. Rosato  
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

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 April has been donated:

*In Memory of Jerome Dempsey*

This Week, the Altar Candles will be lit:

*In Memory of the Deceased of the Parish*

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)

### 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.  
For the month, an offering of \$150 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.**

March 31, 2024



*Happy Easter*

**HE IS RISEN**

Wishing you and your families  
a very Blessed Easter Season.

From the Priests, Deacons and Pastoral  
Team of St. John the Evangelist

March 31, 2024

Our Parish Mission with Fr. Gary George was just spectacular! It was a beautiful experience of prayer, reflection and grace!! We thank Fr. Gary for leading our hearts closer to Jesus!





*Jesus, I trust in you.*

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 7, 2024

MASS and AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

## 12 Noon Mass

Presider: Fr. Felix  
with Solemn Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy  
concluding with procession to Seton Chapel

1 -4 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel  
(The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 PM in the Church.)  
4 PM Benediction

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29, 2024 and concludes Sunday, April 7, 2024 – the Second Sunday of Easter – the Sunday of Divine Mercy. This novena is another way for us to reach out – or better yet – allow Jesus to reach out to us with the hand of mercy and compassion.

In her Diary, Jesus told St. Faustina, “I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that from there they may draw strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death” (Diary, 1209). While the Chaplet can be said anytime, the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena, promising that “By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls” (Diary 796).

Pamphlets will be available - in Spanish and English - as you leave the Church for those who are interested in praying the Divine Mercy Novena.

*Let us ask Christ for the gift of mercy. Let it engulf us and penetrate us. Let us have the courage to come back to Jesus to meet His love and mercy in the sacraments...let us feel His closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness, and love.” -Pope Francis*



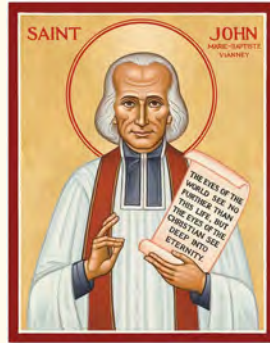


# PARISHES PRAYING FOR PRIESTS

## + United in Adoration +

### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Parishes of DRVC are answering Our Lady's call to pray for our shepherds. All are invited to pray for our priests by name at their parishes.



St. John's has answered Our Lady's call! Please join us for Adoration in Seton Chapel from 3-8 PM on April 9, 2024.

## Faith Formation

CHECK OUT OUR FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE!  
Registration Begins June 2024!

[sjecmff.blogspot.com](http://sjecmff.blogspot.com)

### Fast Facts:

- St. John the Evangelist's Religious Education 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. You don't have to be a theologian - simply have a desire to share the faith and be willing to relate it to our youth.

#### ◆ Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)

Would you like to help with our Family Catechesis program for Grades 1-6? 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

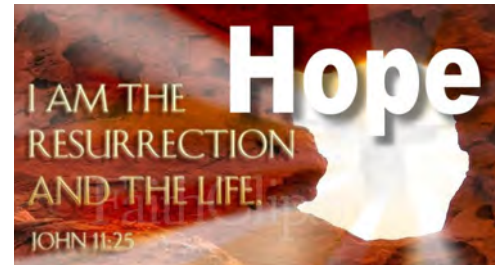
Are you looking for a new challenge and would like to get involved in our Confirmation Prep - we have a spot for you! Our new Confirmation prep program is based on a small-group model and we need your help! We are particularly looking for Level 7 leaders for the incoming Level 7 class in Fall 2024!



Interested? Contact Michelle at 631-878-0009 ext. 123 or via email at [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)

## Happy Easter!

*Our Faith Formation staff wish you a blessed Easter! Thank you to everyone who has been so instrumental in encouraging and guiding our young people in the faith!*



## First Graders / New Students: Registration Begins In JUNE

St. John the Evangelist's Religious Education program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the

Sacraments. Registration for the 2024-25 academic year will begin in mid-June. Those who are entering Grade 1, as well as those with children who may not have been in religious education for awhile, are welcome to register this June. A new online registration form for the 2024-25 Academic Year will be posted. Keep an eye on the bulletin and our Social Media for exact dates!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreats: Saturday, 4/13

**Location:** School Auditorium

**Time:** See your child's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Letter

For those receiving their 1st Communion this Spring (2024), we will be having a parent/student retreat on Saturday, April 13. The retreat will be approximately one hour in length and will begin in the school auditorium. Questions? Email us at [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org).



## "Family of Faith" (Grades 1-6)

Next Sessions: April 2 & 4 @ 5 PM or 7 PM, Church  
For parents & students

## Confirmation Prep—Next Sessions:

Level 7: TUESDAY, APRIL 8 @ 7:15 PM, Church  
Level 8: MONDAY, April 9 @ 7:15 PM, church

# Family Ministry

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Happy and Holy Easter to all! Our St. John's parish family certainly journeyed together through Lent and the Holy Triduum with prayer, sacrifice, fellowship and service. May the days ahead bring joy, peace and hope as we continue praying, serving and growing in faith as an Easter people. God Bless!

A Word of Great Thanks to all who served in our many Family Ministry prayer services, events and service projects during the season of Lent and throughout Holy Week. Your commitment to building the faith community here at St. John's is amazing and a great witness to all of the countless ways that the Lord is working through the many talented parishioners and faith-filled families we have in our parish. There are no words to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many hours of planning and preparation that so many of you put into these past six weeks. May God bless you and your families with the undeniable affirmation that you are beautifully made and greatly loved!

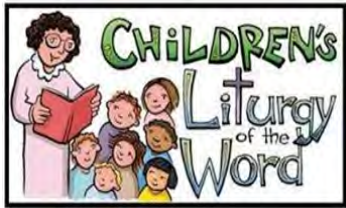
*If you're new to our parish or you'd like to reconnect during this Easter season, here are some of the family ministries at St. John's. All are most welcome!*

## 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, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room of the Barn. Bring a friend and come on down.**

## Our Children's Liturgy of the Word



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. **Our next meeting is Wed. 4/3 @ 7:00 pm in the Upper Room of the Barn. All are welcome!**

## Upcoming Family Life Ministry Events

April 3 - Family Life Ministry Planning Meeting 7:00 PM - Upper Room of the Barn  
April 14 - Sandwich Sunday 11:00 AM – School Cafeteria

## Vacation Bible Camp at St. John's



July 15-19, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Students currently in Pre-K through Grade 4 are eligible for VBC. Older students can serve as youth volunteers. More information will be available next week! Check the bulletin /parish website for details!

March 31, 2024



Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School

# ADMISSION OPEN FOR **2024-25** Academic Year

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- Grounded in our Catholic Faith & Service
- Small, Individualized Educational Program
- Special Education Program
- Before & After Care
- Financial Aid

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## A Message from Msgr. Walden...



There are occasions we rise to with joy, occasions we deal with out of duty, and occasions we dread. Today we celebrate one of the greatest events in human history - the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. A few months ago, we celebrated Christmas, the day Jesus, the Son of God, came into our world. God the creator become one with His human creatures. While there was great joy at His birth, there was also dread, fear, and rejection as Herod tried to kill the child Jesus. His successor accomplished that desire as he was crucified under the successor of Herod. Yet, we do not look back in sadness and fear, but we look at what the Resurrection is all about. It is far more than just Jesus rising from the tomb after three days. It is about all what God has done for us from the very beginning of creation and how He has continually dealt with human doubt, rejection, and injustice from Adam and Eve, to His crucifixion two thousand years ago, to His rejection today.

Our world sorely needs a Savior. Our nation sorely needs a Savior. Our personal lives sorely need a Savior. Today we celebrate how our Savior rose above injustice, betrayal, rejection, abandonment, and denial to once again show His love for us. When He rose on that first Easter morning, He appeared to those who were His intimate friends and followers, almost all of whom ran away in fear when He was arrested and crucified. The one thing that is clear about reading the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John is that God's love in Jesus is a pure gift. We could never earn it, for in human history, for truly countless times, we have abandoned Him, His Way, His Truth, and His Love. For God's love is certainly inexhaustible, unconditional and purely gratuitous. The power of that love is recounted in many ways in the Scriptures, in the Acts of the Apostles, which is the history of the first generation of the Church, as well

as in the Letters of St. Paul and others. How can we not be amazed at the patience, mercy, and love of God in all of the Bible. Our gratitude is seen not just in our words, but in our thoughts, deeds, and commitment to Him and one another in faith, hope, and love.

Our quest is to satisfy the hunger we have for such love, mercy, truth, and wisdom. All we have to do is open our minds and hearts to that love in our daily lives through daily prayer, Sunday Mass, and frequent confession. Relationships that are life-giving are first and foremost a gift and a blessing.

Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again! How blessed we are to have the gift of faith and how blessed we become when we live our lives with complete faith, joy, and gratitude in God's life and are guided to find the joy and love we become through Him, with Him, and in Him. Happy Easter!

I offer these verses from Psalm 42 for your prayerful reflection:

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God.*

*My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God?*

*My tears have become my bread, by night, by day, as I hear it said all the day long: Where is your God?*

*These things will I remember as I pour out my soul: how I would lead the rejoicing crowd into the house of God, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, the throng wild with joy.*

*O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide.*

*Let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.*

*And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God.*

# Parish Social Ministry

## THANK YOU!

If you had been driving by St. John's last Saturday, you would have seen a string of cars filled with grateful families coming to Ernie's Place to pick up their Easter meal, a gift card and a bag of Easter candy along with lots of smiling, soggy volunteers. While the weather didn't work in our favor, our parish community certainly stepped up to make our program a great success. We started with Lent bags overflowing with donations to Ernie's, families sponsored families, and our OLQA students decorated candy bags that were filled with love and candy from our "Moms on the Journey". We started the morning early with NY Five Start baseball players helping us to transport our donations from Ernie's to the auditorium and putting our meal bags together, and our amazing volunteers served with great love, compassion and friendship. Together we provided a full Easter meal to 73 families with 107 children receiving a bag of Easter candy. It was an awesome day in spite of the weather. The donations of time, labor, gift cards and all-around kindness and generous spirit was so very appreciated by the families we serve. When I say we could not have done it without you, I truly mean that.

There are so many ways we can make a difference in our community, both big and small, and together we are making a difference. Thank you for being a parish family that inspires such generosity and kindness.



# 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!

## Tienda de segunda mano SJE los miércoles:

de 9 AM a 12 del mediodía

¿Estás buscando una gran oferta? St. John's Thrift Shop es el lugar para usted y su familia. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

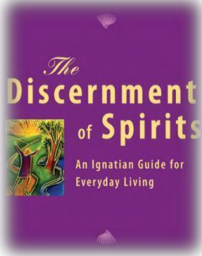
Cuando visite nuestra tienda, verá mucha ropa, carteras, zapatos, joyas, artículos para el hogar y muchos juguetes fantásticos nuevos y en buen estado, todo a excelentes precios. Las ganancias de las ventas semanales en la tienda se devuelven a nuestros programas de Alcance Parroquial y se utilizan para ayudar a nuestros vecinos necesitados en nuestra parroquia y la comunidad local.

El éxito de nuestra tienda de segunda mano depende de las generosas donaciones de nuestra comunidad que se dejan en los contenedores verdes del estacionamiento de la escuela. Si está buscando una excelente manera de retribuir a nuestra comunidad parroquial, considere donar su ropa nueva o en buen estado, o aquellos juguetes que a sus hijos les hayan quedado pequeños.



# Women's Group...

Fr. Timothy Gallagher's book on The Discernment of Spirits, lists St. Ignatius' 14 rules for discernment, then goes through each rule a chapter at a time, describing how to apply it in our lives. In the ups & downs, consolations and desolations of our spiritual life, we go through times of pure joy to "Where are You Jesus?"



St. Ignatius (1491-1556), recuperating from war wounds was given reading material on the life of Christ & the saints. As he thought about what he read, he became aware of his thought patterns, how the thoughts affected his feelings, and how the good feelings remained with him. When he had worldly thoughts, although he felt good while thinking them, he noticed that afterward the feelings left him empty. He continued reading spiritual books, growing in wisdom. God was leading him, fulfilling His Plan for him to be a great saint & to teach us. God's plan for us is the same, the *process is slow*.

As women who love Jesus, we need & want to learn to recognize Jesus' voice & grow closer to Him. At times we feel inadequate, wondering is this Jesus speaking, me or the enemy? In our group we begin to see we're all equal, with the same problems, emotions, weaknesses, confusion, strengths, desires, fears, doing the best we can, we don't have to be perfect. Jesus consoles us through our love for each other. If you feel desire to come but are fearful, we understand because we've been there & at times still are, so just come as you are, no rules or requirements, you don't have to read or share. We respect the privacy of others, sharing is *anonymous!*

We meet **every other Monday** from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the IHM room, white house (convent) between school & rectory.

Dates: April 8\*, 15, 29, May 13, 20\*, June 10, 24 (summer break).

Dates with \* are makeup dates.

Facilitators: Carol Ketcham, Anita Luccari.

For additional information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009 . Or... **just show up!**

# 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, call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

## The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

### Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski  
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

**Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle  
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.org)





### Important DRVC Information...

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

### 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? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. 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, April 1st, 2024 (Parish Offices closed)

- 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
- 7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous-Men only - BMR

## Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024

- 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 - Front Mtg Rm - Auditorium

## Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
- 3-5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

## Thursday, April 4th, 2024

- 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 AI-Anon - BMR

## Friday, April 5th, 2024

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

## Saturday, April 6th, 2024

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

## Sunday, April 7th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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