

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 3, 2024

The Third Sunday of Lent

“Lord, you have the words of everlasting life”

Psalm 19: 8,9,10,11



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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 9th

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 10th

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

**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 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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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 Deacon Michael...



So how is your Lent going? As we enter the third week of Lent, it is a good time to take stock and review how well we are holding to our original resolutions to give more time to prayer, temper our wants through fasting and abstinence, and practice greater mindfulness of the needs of others through almsgiving. The forty days of Lent mean that our attempt to live more for God and for others, and less for ourselves, is not a one-and-done affair, but a sustained effort that means a daily trying again to find concrete ways to be more generous and less selfish. Perseverance in our noble resolutions is a beautiful gift we can give to God this Lent only in a gradual, deliberate and recurring way.

Personally, this Lent for me has not unfolded as a steady progress of growth in holiness, rather my initial enthusiasm has slackened off and my efforts to pray, fast and give alms have been more hit-or-miss. One of my resolutions was to spend less time on my phone, and while I was pretty good about that during the first week of Lent, my phone told me that my screen time went back up last week. Giving up Wordle for Lent has not been smooth sailing. I have been inconsistent in the extra prayer time I set for myself, and I continue to shortchange the hardest of the spiritual practices, almsgiving.

To be frank, failing to live up to my Lenten resolutions is a normal feature of all my Lents. I could almost take as a personal motto what St. Paul wrote in Romans 7:19, “For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing.” As a result, I used to get discouraged, and then often gave up putting in the extra effort to try and keep doing Lenten practices. I let my weakness be an excuse for not persevering. Has this ever happened to you: remember that it’s a Friday in Lent *only after* you’ve taken two bites into the hamburger you ordered for lunch? Did you let that mistake excuse yourself from the obligation to abstain from meat later that day? Did you say to yourself, “since I’ve already blown it, I may as well have steak for dinner?” Do you let the experience of weakness, the lack of success in becoming a more noble version of yourself, become a justification to give up trying? God is much more pleased with perseverance than with perfection.

Lent is not meant to be about filling a book with gold stars for each day of perfect performance. Lent is not really about what we do for God. *Lent is about learning how deeply we need Jesus Christ.* Trying to be a more prayerful, less selfish, and more generous version of yourself is not easy. It takes sustained effort, and in our weakness we discover we can’t really do this on our own. When you find you are failing to live Lent well, don’t let your weakness be an excuse to give up. In your weakness, turn to Jesus. His grace is there for the asking. Indeed, our faith teaches us that the grace every Christian needs for Lent was merited by Jesus by his forty days of prayer and fasting in the desert. Jesus made himself weak with hunger so that we would have the grace we need in our struggles. So keep going this holy season, even if it’s more a matter of stumbling than walking. When you find yourself failing to pray, fast and give as God is calling us to do; do *not* give up on Lent. Let your weakness be the reason to rely even more upon Jesus and his grace. With his grace, you can try again, and by moving past your disappointments, you can keep journeying to Easter. It's all about perseverance, not perfection!

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, March 2nd Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM John F.R. Clark
 7:30 PM *Spanish* Special Intention-for the Stevens Family

Sunday, March 3rd Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Marie Prudenti
 10:00 AM People of the Parish
 12:00 Noon Special Intention-for the Stevens Family
 6:00 PM Marian Denyse

Monday, March 4th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Pat Caputo
 12:00 Noon Martha McIndoe

Tuesday, March 5th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Gene, Mary and Antoinette Savi
 12:00 Noon Theresa Cartolano

Wednesday, March 6th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Lucille Splendoria
 12:00 Noon Katie and Jack Dyer

Thursday, March 7th Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Ernest Zafonte
 12:00 Noon Rita Leary O'Brien

Friday, March 8th Lenten Weekday


7:00 AM Sandy Fabricatore
 12:00 Noon John Klaus IV

Saturday, March 9th Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Christopher Giordano
 5:00 PM Crescenzo Vigliotta
 7:30 PM *Spanish* Manuel Huerta

Sunday, March 10th Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM The Grandparents of Isabel Stevens
 10:00 AM Leokadia Zurawski
 12:00 Noon People of the Parish
 6:00 PM Kristen Bigora



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.

Catholic Relief Services Collection



Next weekend, March 9 & 10, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$155,101	8	\$19,388
2023	\$134,337	8	\$16,792



One Family - Journeying together in Communion, Participation and Mission

	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	311	300
Total Pledged to date	\$116,993	\$115,673
Avg. Gift	\$376	\$386
Percent of Goal	102%	100%

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!

SJE Parish Lenten Mission 2024

A PILGRIMS JOURNEY OF *Faith*

To fall in love with God is the
greatest *romance*; to seek him
the greatest *adventure*;
to find him, the greatest
human *achievement*.

- St. Augustine of Hippo -

Monday, March 18th

A Journey of Forgiveness with the Saints

Tuesday, March 19th

A Journey of Protection with Mary

Wednesday, March 20th

A Journey of Love with the Eucharist

7:30 PM in the Church



Presented by:

Father Gary George C.Ss.R.

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Maureen Tully

"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,
Joseph Stillitano

"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials..."

-1 Peter 1:6

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

Our Military

US Army

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

US Marine Corps

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

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.

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 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

Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

In Memory of Liz DellaRatta

This week, the Blessed Mother Candle and the Altar Candles will be lit:

In Memory of Jeri Eten

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

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.

Easter

SJE Parish Social Ministry

Sponsor-a-Family

Our parish is so generous and so good during the times of Christmas and Thanksgiving. How can we not reach out to our sisters and brothers in need during the greatest feast of the years.

Here is how it works!

We ask you and your family to consider sponsoring a family for an Easter Meal as well as a family Easter basket. We will have family information; including number of children, coming in over the next few weeks. Please also include a prayer or some other religious Easter article.

Consider what you might like to have for an Easter dinner and prepare that for a family in need. We ask you to drop off your donations in reusable shopping bags, or a box and we will take care of it from there.

To prepare the baskets, we need help the following dates and times

Saturday, March 23rd	8:00am to 9:00am	Prepare Baskets
Saturday, March 23rd	8:45am to noon	Basket Distribution

Please complete the form below and drop in the collection basket or email it to Easter@SJEcm.org BEFORE March 16th

- Yes! We can help to sponsor a family of (circle one) 2, 4, 6 or more for Easter!
- Yes! I can help with set up on Saturday March 23rd at 8:00 am
- Yes! I can help with basket Distribution Saturday, March 23rd 8:45 am
- I can not help on campus this year, please accept the following donation.

NAME: _____

Best Phone # _____

EMAIL _____

Please respond by March 16



Year of the Eucharist Revival in the United States

The Eucharist Revival Committee at St. John the Evangelist presents

Second of 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.
Professor of Dogmatic Theology
St. Joseph's Seminary
Yonkers, NY



The Riches of Eucharist Adoration

Wednesday, March 6th

The second talk will focus on the spiritual benefits of visiting, praying before, and adoring the Eucharist, especially when the Blessed Sacrament is displayed in the monstrance. The talk will both encourage and challenge you to respond to Jesus' invitation to "come and see" (John 1:39) and enter into a deeper, transformative relationship with Jesus Christ. The talk will serve as an excellent preparation for the 40 Hours of continuous Eucharistic Adoration, which will be offered at St. John the Evangelist two days later, beginning at 3 PM on Friday, March 8th and ending at 8 AM on Sunday, March 10th.

Adoration is also held Monday - Friday from 3 - 7 PM in the Seton Chapel (in the convent)

40-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS LENT

40 hours is the number of hours the Lord's Body remained in the tomb prior to the resurrection



CAN YOU COMMIT A SPECIFIC HOUR TO SPEND WITH JESUS?

Seton Chapel (in the Convent) March 8th, 9th, and 10th.

Adoration hours scheduled from 3 PM on Friday, March 8th, until 8 AM on Sunday, March 10th.

To schedule your hour, please call the rectory at 631-878-0009, or complete and tear off the bottom of this form and leave it in the Eucharistic Adoration basket in the convent vestibule.

Let's show Jesus how much we love him!

40-Hour Eucharistic Adoration

Select a day and an hour (or hours) desired

Name: _____
Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____

Friday (3 PM - 12 AM) _____
Saturday (12 am to 12 AM) _____
Sunday (12 AM to 8 AM) _____

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

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FINDING PEACE IN LENT...

The Art & Environment ministry of SJE invites all parishioners to help us through our Journey from LENT to EASTER.



The DOVE has long been a symbol of the **HOLY SPIRIT** and **PEACE**.

During Lent, the St. Francis "Peace Prayer" will help guide us to see in a deeper way and become more aware of what speaks to us of peace. We are asking all SJE parishioners to think about the Prayer of St. Francis and what we can do in our own lives to enhance PEACE. Every DOVE will have your individual thoughts encouraging PEACE.

Paper will be provided for making the Dove that we will be beautifully displayed as part of our Easter design.

Please return your Dove to the designated baskets at the church doors **NO LATER than MARCH 10, 2024**

If you're feeling extra creative you can use the link below to watch the YouTube Video on how to fold the Origami Dove.

Andy Origami <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqWE5tp4Doo>

If you are not up for Origami, no problem! Just return your piece of paper with your reflection and the SJE Art & Environment Ministry will fold it for you!



The Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me show love.
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life!
AMEN

Thank you for participating in our special project!

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



Saturday, March 9th
6:00 PM
Doors open at 4:45
Tickets \$35 each

(Ticket price includes food to try from various restaurants)

*CALL TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS!*

Tickets available till March 6th
or
we are sold out

**NUMEROUS BASKETS
TO CHOOSE FROM !**

(Basket raffle tickets purchased
separately at the event)

 **(631) 878-1033**
www.olqany.org

Family Ministry

During the beautiful season of Lent we are invited to bring our relationship with Jesus to a deeper, more personal level through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Here at St. John's we are offering many opportunities to take these steps together as a parish family. We invite you to make the following events part of your family's Lenten journey.



[2/28 Moms on the Journey](#)

7:00 PM, Upper Room of the Barn. Come enjoy a simple meal, read scripture and share a Lenten reflection with other busy moms. Step away from the busyness of life and spend the evening with Jesus and your sisters in faith.



[3/10 Sandwich Sunday](#)

11:00-12:00 in the school cafeteria. Come and make sandwiches for those who do not have enough to eat. We will supply everything that you need, but you are most welcome to bring a loaf of bread, cold cuts, peanut butter or jelly to support this ministry.



[3/22 Soup Supper](#)

6:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Come enjoy a simple Lenten meal including a variety of meatless soups and bread. Beverages and a simple dessert will also be provided. After the meal, all are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross: outdoor family stations in the prayer garden (weather permitting) or traditional stations in the church.



[3/24 Palm Sunday Egg Hunt](#)

After the 10:00 Mass, our parish children will search for candy-filled eggs on the great lawn in front of Our Lady Queen of Apostles School. Bring your baskets. And then...enjoy some delicious pancakes in the gym, compliments of the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome!



[3/28 Holy Thursday Family Prayer Service](#)

4:30 PM in the church. Come experience the beauty of Holy Thursday through a prayer service designed for the families of our parish.



[3/6 Family Life Ministry Planning Meeting](#)

7:00 PM -Upper Room of the Barn. Come and help us plan our Family Holy Week Services.



[3/29 Good Friday Family Prayer Service](#)

12:00 noon in the church. Come and experience the Passion of Christ as presented through the eyes of those who were there.

Looking for Middle School, High School & College students

to help with our Family Ministry Holy Week Events and Prayer Services! Adults are welcome too!

How can you help?



Come and fill the plastic eggs with candy for the Palm Sunday Egg Hunt. We will meet on Saturday, 3/23 at 10 AM to fill over 1000 eggs! Grab a friend and come on down to help.



Participate in our Holy Thursday Family Prayer Service. The prayer service will be held on 3/28 at 4:30 PM. We will need people to help set up, read, act, assist with the washing of the feet, and to help with clean up.



Participate in our Good Friday Family Prayer Service. The prayer service will be held on 3/29 at 12 noon. We will need people to help set up, serve as narrators, actors, readers, assist with the veneration of the cross and to clean up. **There will be three rehearsals prior to Good Friday: Saturdays - March 9, 16, and 23 from 10 - 11 AM in the Church.**

Earn community service hours for helping out at any and all of these parish events. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email Clapham@sjecm.org.

There are so many ways to help! EVERYONE is welcome!

We are really looking forward to working with the amazing young people of our parish so we can prepare beautiful Holy Week Services for our parish families. Please consider sharing your time and talent.

Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
faithformation@sjecm.org mpirraglia@sjecm.org
Office Hours: By Appointment Only

During this month's "Family of Faith" session (Grades 1-6), families learned about different ways of prayer and experienced Eucharistic Adoration together. Special thanks to Deacon Michael Hoonhout, who spoke to parents about the Eucharist and led us in Eucharistic Adoration.



Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)

Next Sessions:

Tuesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 7th
at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church



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

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

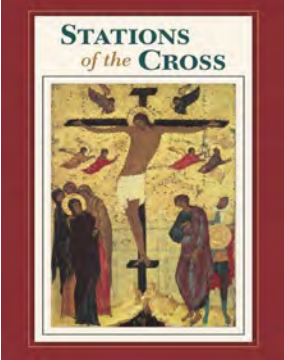
Who has to fast?
Catholics aged 18 to 60
Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

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

Stations of the Cross



We invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the church, and Stations in Spanish at 8:00 PM.

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

Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches



Center Moriches 21st Annual
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SUNDAY  **MARCH 10**  **2PM**



2024 Grand Marshal

George Keller

St. Patrick's Day Parade Dinner

Honoring the 2024 Grand Marshal

FRIDAY  **MARCH 8**  **7PM**

Rock Hill Country Club in Manorville  \$75 Per Person



FOR TICKETS OF MORE INFORMATION CALL 631.878.0003

March 3, 2024



St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Honoring SJE Faith Formation Leaders

Suzan Fitzpatrick, Former DRE
and

Michelle Pirraglia, Current DRE

Saturday, March 16th

Buffet Dinner - Corned Beef & Cabbage
Bangers & Mash 🍀 Soft Drinks & Dessert

\$30 per person

Bring your own adult beverage

STARTS AT 7 PM

For Tickets- Call: George 631-786-1459
or Bill 516-458-6448

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Queen of All Hearts Knights of Columbus

Parish Social Ministry

SJE Thrift Shop Wednesdays - 9 AM - 12 Noon

Are you are looking for a great deal? St. John's Thrift Shop is the place for you and your family. Everyone is welcome!

When you visit our Shop, you'll see lots of new and gently used clothes, pocketbooks, shoes, jewelry, housewares, and lots of great 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 that are left in the green bins in the school parking lot. If you are looking for a great way to give back to our Parish community, consider donating your new or gently used clothes, or those toys your children have outgrown.



Closet Cleanout!

St. John's Street Ministry is in need of:

- **Men's Winter Coats**
- **Men's Sweatshirts**
- **Men's Jeans**
- **Blankets**

Donations can be left in Fellowship Hall of the Church.

Thank you for your support of our Outreach Ministry!

Ernie's Place

Here is a list of items we will be collecting to help fill our Easter baskets. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

Pantry Shopping List

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|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ● Pancake Mix | ● Corn | |
| ● Pancake Syrup | ● Mashed Potatoes | ● Easter Chocolate |
| ● Pasta | ● Cake Mix Icing | ● Peeps |
| ● Peanut Butter | ● Biscuit Mix | ● Jelly Beans |
| ● Jelly | ● Canned Pineapple | |



On behalf of the many families that we serve in our community, thank you for the continued support of all our ministries. Recently we received donations to Ernie's Place, St. John's Food pantry from the Moriches Community Center and the Sylvan Avenue Elementary School in Bayport-Blue Point School District. Grades K-5 donated cereal to practice how to show kindness to others.

Additionally, a huge thank you to Sophia Raimondi, who hosted a coat drive in support of St. John's Street Ministry. Sophia, a senior and member of the National Honor Society at Center Moriches High School, donated 20 coats, 43 pairs of gloves and 30 hats. Her donation is so very appreciated, especially during this time of year when we see an increase in the need for warm coats, hats and gloves. Sophia will be attending Georgian Court University in the fall, where she will major in

business and play lacrosse. If you, your family or community organization would like to partner with us to fill the shelves at Ernie's or the bins for Street Ministry, please reach out to Katie Spellman, our Outreach Coordinator for additional information: 631.878.0009 ext. 120 or via email at kspellman@sjecm.org.



Safe Environment Updates...

All **volunteers** and employees at SJE are **required** to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the VIRTUS classes by visiting www.drvc.org or clicking here: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Our Parish will be offering classes...

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH @ 1:00 PM in the Barn

REMINDERS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

All **SJE employees and volunteers must** wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your “spam” or “Junk” folder.)

PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

The dedicated telephone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse (516-694-9063) continues to be available. If the caller does not reach someone directly, messages can be left on an answering machine connected to the phone. Those messages will be retrieved by a member of the Intervention Team and returned as soon as possible. All appropriate steps will be taken to protect the reputation and privacy of those involved. For more information on the Charter for the Protection of Children / Young People, please visit drvc.org.

ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for new altar servers!

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.

An altar server must have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, and First Communion to participate in this ministry.

Our next parish train session will be...

Monday, March 11, 2024

4:00-5:30 PM in the Church

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

4:00-5:30 PM in the Church

Saturday, March 16, 2024

11:00 AM-12:30 PM in the Church

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

****We strongly encourage you to attend these sessions, if you cannot under extreme circumstances you MUST contact us immediately!****

We will celebrate a special installation Mass of all our new altar servers on **Sunday, March 17, 2024** 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 and age to servers@sjecm.org by **Friday, March 8, 2024** if you are interested in becoming an altar server.



Queen of All Hearts Council 4126

Palm Sunday

Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage,
Coffee, Tea & Juice

March 24th

SJE Parish Auditorium

After the 10am Mass



Knights of Columbus
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

FRIDAY NIGHT'S

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

\$3000 IN PRIZES

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A Message from Msgr. Walden...



There are times when we feel like we are in the right place at the right time, and times we feel like we are in the wrong place at the wrong time. During the season of Lent, I try to make the Stations of the Cross everyday. Lately when I come to the Fifth Station where Simon of Cyrene is taken out of the crowd to help Jesus carry the cross, I think of how he must of felt that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. But ultimately, he was in the right place at the right time. He had the unique privilege that none of the apostles or any followers of Jesus had - he literally helped Jesus to carry his cross. In one of the booklets I use to pray the Stations by St. Pope John Paul II, he has these thoughts about the Fifth Station: "Simon of Cyrene, called upon the carry the cross, doubtless had no wish to do so.... They called on him, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus. They summoned him, they compelled him. How long did he go on resenting being forced into this? We do not know. St. Mark simply records the names of the Cyrenian's sons, and tradition has it that they were members of the Christian community close to St. Peter." That his sons became part of the first generation of the Church must have made him look back on that fateful day and be grateful for the opportunity to help the Son of God carry His cross.

Last Sunday's Gospel (Mark 9:2-10) recounted how Peter, James, and John were absolutely in the right place at the right time, as Jesus took them up a high mountain and was transfigured before them. They saw Him in his heavenly glory with Moses and Elijah and heard the voice of God the Father: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." Whenever we are physically and mentally in "right spiritual place" we too are uplifted, encouraged, and filled with gratitude. But where is that "right spiritual place"? It is not a place but a mind and heart that comes to see the goodness of those we are with and how we are enriched and blessed to be with each other, which in turn is a blessing from God. God's presence in our personal lives enriches us as we spend quality time and attention in prayer and spiritual reading. Lent is a gift to us to rise above all the gadgets and reports we have at our fingertips and quietly spend time in prayer, that is, in God's presence. Any time we spend quality time with a loved one we come away energized, grateful, and joyful. Spending quality time in prayer does not make us naive fools but people grounded in the very essence of our being, people thriving in the very image and likeness in which God created us, His Image and Likeness.

Last weekend we listened to a woman involved in

the Forty Days for Life in front of Planned Parenthood in Patchogue. The goal of our physical presence is not to condemn but to offer concern and truth about the wonder, beauty, and awe of a child conceived in the womb of his or her mother. The right place and time is not easy for everyone in that situation. When I have prayed in front of Planned Parenthood in Smithtown I would hold a sign saying - We Will Help you have your baby. The goal is not to condemn but to offer the right words at the right time in the right place.

As we continue our journey through Lent I encourage and invite you to take some quiet time to pray, say the Rosary and reflect on the Mysteries, pray the Stations of the Cross, read the Scriptures for Mass everyday (go to the USCCB website and sign up for it - I did), come to weekday Mass, and/or make a visit to the Chapel in the Convent where the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM Monday through Friday. These are ways to help make wherever we are the right place at the right time with the right attitude.

I offer this Psalm (63) and prayer from the breviary:

*O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.*

*My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.*

*For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.*

*On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. Glory...*

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

Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en español los sábados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oración, todos los viernes a las 7:30 PM en la Capilla del Convento Parroquial. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

Por favor traiga el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

Requisitos:

1. Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
2. Certificado de registro de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de la charla prebautismal (OBLIGATORIO para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia. Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

CASAMIENTO:

Las parejas que planean casarse deben concertar una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de la boda. Esto les dará tiempo suficiente para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame a la oficina

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes.

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

espanol@sjecm.org

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to call before you come and visit.

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 7:30 PM

Jueves 3:00 PM a las 4:00 PM.

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM

auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para quienes lo necesiten. Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

Tienda de segunda mano SJE los miércoles:

de 9 AM a 12 del mediodía

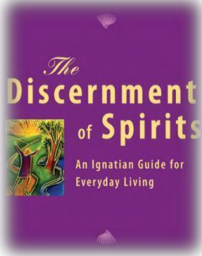
¿Estás buscando una gran oferta? St. John's Thrift Shop es el lugar para usted y su familia. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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: March 4, 18, April 8*, 15, 29, May 13, 20*, June 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.



Lenten Breakfast Retreat

Saturday, March 9, 2024

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Moose Lodge #1742

*On the beautiful Peconic River,
51 Madison Street
Riverhead, NY 11901*



**GUEST SPEAKER:
FR. CHARLES MANGANO**

Father Charles Mangano was born March 4, 1961, the youngest of four children and grew up in Dix Hills, on Long Island. Father Charles attributes his personal relationship with Jesus and Mary to the charismatic prayer meeting he started attending with his parents when he was in 8th grade till his early 20's. After our Lady confirmed his priestly vocation while on a Marian pilgrimage he entered the seminary in Huntington in 1984. Father was ordained a Diocesan priest for the Diocese of Rockville Center in 1990.

Father Charles is a priest for 32 years and has served in six parish assignments, was a pastor for 14 years and then took a two-year sabbatical to take care of his elderly parents until the two passed away. Father Charles and his sister Laurie hosted a television show for 20 years on the Catholic Faith Network and for 30 years have evangelized through their music ministry. Father is presently associate pastor of Our lady of Lourdes Church in West Islip. Serving God is the joy of his heart.

Cost \$50 per person

Scan QR or click code to register.

By March 7, 2024

For more information please email

magnificatofsuffolk@gmail.com





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, March 4th, 2024

- 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, March 5th, 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, March 6th, 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, March 7th, 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 Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, March 8th, 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, March 9th, 2024

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

Sunday, March 10th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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