

Second Sunday of Lent + March 5

# St. John the Evangelist

## Roman Catholic Church

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

March 5, 2023

*Second Sunday of Lent*

**“From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him.”**

Mathew 17:5

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### 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 pm—7:00 pm**

### Next Weekend's Schedule:

#### **Saturday, March 11th**

5:00 pm - Fr. Jerry

7:30 pm - *Spanish* Fr. Peter

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

#### **Sunday, March 12th**

8:00 am - Fr. Patrick

10:00 am - Fr. Felix

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 pm - Fr. Felix

\*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 a.m. + 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. +

7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30—5:45 p.m.

Confessions will now take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.

### Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**

*Pastor + [pastor@sjecm.org](mailto:pastor@sjecm.org)*

**Reverend Felix Akpabio**

*Parochial Vicar*

**John Pettorino**

*Deacon*

**Carolyn Lapham**

*Director of Family Ministries*

**Andrew McKeon**

*Director of Music Ministries*

**Michelle Pirraglia**

*Director of Faith Formation*

**Katie Spellman**

*Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry*

**Katie Waller**

*Director of Operations*

### 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 a.m. — 8 p.m.**

**Tuesdays -**

*5-8pm Spanish speaking support.*

**Friday -Saturday**

**9 a.m. — 2p.m.**

*We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.*



## The Scoop from the Coop...

***“God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of crawling living creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw that it was good.”***

**(Genesis 1:21)**

In the spring of 2019, SJE's community garden, *Heaven's Harvest*, was beautifully constructed by an Eagle Scout. A garden committee was formed, and visions of raised beds teeming with juicy beefsteak tomatoes, pungent broccoli, ginger-hued carrots, and all manner of vegetables danced in our heads, all to be distributed through Ernie's Place or used by the Street Ministry. It was to be an innovative way of using our time, talents, and treasures to serve our neighbors in need.

At one early planning meeting, Alex, our former social worker, casually inquired if we'd be having chickens. The question had been posed to him by a mentor to the group, and Alex was merely relaying it to us. While most members in attendance were incredulous at best, the notion caught the attention of Mike and I, ardent animal lovers who naively thought that raising chickens at Church had to be easier than having full-time responsibility of chicken-keeping at home. We also loved the concept of donating the eggs to Ernie's Place. How innocent we were!

We soon realized that the neophyte Chicken Ministry would have to be a distinct entity, apart from the Garden Ministry. Word of the idea had spread to Fr. Michael, whose enthusiasm knew no bounds. We, of course, needed to get Fr. John on board. We left that task to Fr. Michael, while we read and researched, explored coops, and even attended a chicken care class at Agway.

By November 2019 Fr. Michael had enlisted parishioner Rene' and his team to erect a coop, and the four "Golden Girls"- Rose, Blanche, Sophia, and Dorothy, became the inaugural pets of SJE. Pets yes, but they had a job to do -laying eggs for Ernie's Place consumers.

Did I mention that Fr. Michael's enthusiasm knew no bounds? With a couple of months, Fr. Michael's passion for poultry led him to order ten more chicks as well as fervently adding a rooster, Stanley, to the flock.

Mike and I eventually mastered the art of the google doc to ensure daily coverage and learned how to soak a rooster's foot to treat *Bumblefoot*. We learned that chickens do indeed have a pecking order, and despite their more endearing qualities, they can be mean to one another to the point of drawing blood, and worse.

Although Mike and I were "ministry leaders", there was comfort in knowing that Fr. Michael was supervising the operation and that the big decisions would ultimately fall to him. That comfort dissolved in the summer of 2020 when we discovered Fr. Michael was being transferred to a new assignment. Fr. John had neither the time nor the inclination to immerse himself in the daily trappings of chicken keeping. That meant that we needed to rely solely on our small but dedicated group of volunteers, led by Sr. Ann, who kept her finger on the pulse of all things chicken related.

One of the first major decisions that had to be made after Fr. Michael's departure concerned Stanley, the Rooster. Adorned in magnificent plumage, he was just too large and exuberant, and had inadvertently hurt Rose to the point of her needing Veterinary care and a period of convalescence away from the flock. We needed to find Stanley a safe home (no soup pot), -not an easy task on Long Island, where roosters are illegal in certain townships. We eventually secured a new location for him; further crises of that nature thus averted.

*"The just take care of their livestock" (Proverbs 12:10)*



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## The Scoop from the Coop.....(continued)

It has been over three years since the inception of the SJE Chicken Ministry. We lost the eyes and ears of the operation when Sr. Ann retired last June, and we've seen volunteers come and go. We've driven to the Vet in Southold too many times to count, as well as losing chickens to illnesses that seemingly sprung up overnight and others that persisted despite our best efforts. Still, we carry on with our purpose. Beyond producing eggs, our goal has always been to instill a sense of teamwork and camaraderie in our always small, but always mighty, ministry. We had sweatshirts made with Psalm 91:4 emblazoned on the back: *"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge."*

We ponder and contemplate why our five remaining hens (Rosie, Brigid, Bernadette, Louise, and PioPio) are not prolific layers and why two members of the flock suddenly died in one weekend a few months ago. The fear of bird flu looms large. For now, though, we must practice patience and acceptance of the way things are rather than the way we'd have them be. Loredana, a member of our ministry, encouraged me to offer up to God the sufferings these chickens sometimes cause. *"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up."* (Galatians 6:9)

These animals belong to us, the parish family of St. John the Evangelist. and whether they are just pets or are pulling their weight by laying eggs, we will care for them, and pray to the patron Saint of chicken farmers, St. Brigid of Ireland, for her intercession in their protection. What these feathered



ladies lack in egg production, they make up for in entertainment value. The chickens bring joy to preschoolers from OLQA, parishioners heading into the convent for Adoration, and anyone passing by. One cannot help but smile as the girls waddle/run to the fence, hoping for a treat. *"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God."* (Luke 12:6)



The SJE Chicken Ministry is a team effort, and I have seen the camaraderie and willingness to work cooperatively grow and flourish. Countless thanks go to Rene' and his team, the Tebbens family, Cara and Bob McCarthy, the Galbraith family, Kathleen Johnson, the Gerbino family, the Butta family, Ellen Quaresimo, as well as all the families who have served since the ministry began. *"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Of course, thanks to Sr. Ann, Fr. Michael for getting the ball rolling, and to Fr. John for letting us serve our neighbors in a unique and innovative way (and for having me dress like St. Brigid on Halloween.)

*"So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of faith."* (Galatians 6:10)

St. Brigid, pray for us.



Mike & Lynn Walsh

# Easter Sponsor-a-family



Our parish was 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 year!

## Here's how to help!

### Donate Food

Fill the purple bags you can find at the doors of the church with the items on the list included to donate to Ernie's Place. Donations can be left in the brown bin in front of Ernie's Place or in the fellowship hall of the church.

### Donate Gift Cards

In support of our program and to assist with the purchase of food as needed, we are asking for \$25 gift cards to any of our local grocery stores, King Kullen, Lidl, or Stop & Shop. Cards can be left at the Rectory or in the collection baskets during Mass.

### Sponsor a Family

Have your family/friends come together to provide the fixings for a full holiday meal, maybe providing the items that you share at your Easter table. We ask that you package your donation in sturdy, reusable shopping bags. You can drop off your meal at the OLQA auditorium on **Thursday March 30th** between 4pm and 6pm.

### Donate your time

We will need some help on Saturday morning, **April 1st** to put our meal bags together and to distribute to our families. (Please note some lifting is required for these jobs!)

Please return the form below or email to [Easter@sjecm.org](mailto:Easter@sjecm.org)  
by **March 25, 2023** to let us know how you can help.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Best Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we can sponsor a family of (please circle one) 4, 5, 6 or more for Easter

Yes, we can help with set up on **Saturday, April 1st from 8am—9:30 am**

Yes, I can help with distribution on **Saturday, April 1st from 10 am to noon.**

I can not help on Campus or by shopping, but please accept my donation. Attach a check or make your donation at [WWW.sjecm.org](http://WWW.sjecm.org) and click giving.



# Preparing for the Week

**2023**  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL

*One Family - Journeying together in  
Companionship, Participation and Mission*



**Saturday, March 4th**

**5:00 p.m.** Kathy Palma

**7:30 p.m. Spanish** Victor Perez

**Sunday, March 5th**

8:00 a.m. Thomas Tebbens, Sr.

10:00 a.m. Kristen Bigora

12:00 a.m. Thomas Tebbens, Sr.

6:00 p.m. Anthony Pomponio

**Monday, March 6th** Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Janice Smith

12 Noon Rudy Weisse

**Tuesday, March 7th** Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mary DelSanto

12 Noon Rita "Leary" O'Brien

7:30 p.m. Spanish People of the Parish

**Wednesday, March 8th** Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Kevin Joule

12 Noon Winifred Snyder

**Thursday, March 9th** Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Crescenzo Vigliotta

12 Noon Christopher Bowman

**Friday, March 10th** Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Leokadia Zurawsky

12 Noon Rose Marie D'Angelo

**Saturday, March 11th** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Patricia and Charles Cavagnara

5:00 p.m. Thomas Tebbens, Sr.

7:30 p.m. -Spanish People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 12th** Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Evans

10:00 a.m. Richard and Frances McKenney

12 Noon Stephen Ciolano

6:00 p.m. Jean Gallagher

*"...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them."*

**- Pope Francis**

## Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

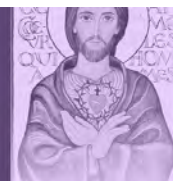
One way to do this is by making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit [CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

*"During this Lent, let us all ask the Lord: Make our hearts like yours."*

**-Pope Francis**



## Tax statements...

Simply call the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) for your 2022 statement. Statements are available. You can have your form mailed to you, emailed to you.

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$149,726	9	\$16,636
2022	\$127,034	9	\$14,115

# Parish Social Ministry...

Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus at all times.  
Please call to make an appointment.  
Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 to make an appointment

## LENTEN BAG CHALLENGE

During Lent, we are called to the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Rest assured, you can do all of those things here!

Please take two reusable shopping bags. Be sure to look inside...there's a lot of good stuff in there!



We ask you to keep one for yourself and return the other with the requested items throughout the weeks of Lent. (Yes, of course, you can return both and even take more than two!)

## Ernie's Place

### Pantry Shopping List

The items listed to the right are items that Ernie's Place is in most need of this week. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

- Jelly
- Cake mixes
- Icings
- Bags split green peas
- Canned Garbanzo beans
- Ramen noodle soup
- BOXED Mashed Potatoes

### Street Ministry Needs

- Mens Jeans—all sizes.

## St. Januarius Ministry



This past Saturday our St. Januarius Ministry hosted another successful Blood Drive in support of the NY Blood Center (NYBC). Our last donor arrived at 2:55 pm, 10 minutes after the last scheduled appointment, to put us over the goal set by NYBC of 84 pints. 85 pints of blood was donated by our parish community. There is no substitute for human blood, no pharmaceutical company can provide what only we, the human donor can. These drives provide blood donations that are

so vitally crucial to so many people in so many ways. Thank you to all our donors.



And many thanks to our "poster placement" volunteers, and those who were able to help the day of the drive. We could not do it without you. Please reach out to [kspellman@sjecm.org](mailto:kspellman@sjecm.org) if you are interested in joining the St. Januarius Ministry.

Mark your calendars for our two remaining blood drives in 2023,  
May 20th & October 14th.





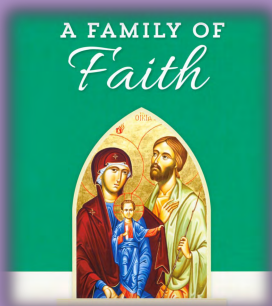
# Faith Formation

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  
(Monday-Thursday—BARN, Upstairs)



## Family of Faith Program (Grades 1-6) THIS WEEK!

March Parent/Student Sessions

Tuesday, February 28 @ 5PM or 7PM, Church

Thursday, March 2 @ 5PM or 7PM, Church.

## Confirmation Prep: (Levels 7 & 8)

Fr. Joe Catafago, who served at SJE as a seminarian during his pastoral year (2018-19) visited our Level 7 & 8 students last week and spoke to them about Vocations. For Level 8, Tess Austin, director of Catholic Identity and Mission for the Diocese, spoke to our students about Eucharistic Adoration, which they then experience. Fr. Patrick presided during Adoration and Tess provided music as students were guided through the experience.

Next Level 7 Session:

Tuesday, March 7 @ 7:15-8:30PM, Church

Next Level 8 Session:

Monday, March 6 @ 7:15-8:30PM, Church





# Family Ministry...

Please contact us at 631-878-0009 ext. 124  
or email [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org)

Pray about where God is asking YOU to serve His people. Could it be with our parish children and families? Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program and our Family Life Ministry are in DESPERATE need of additional volunteers to sustain our good works. Perhaps your prayerful discernment will lead you to share your time and talents with us. Call or email for more information.

**Mark your calendars for the following events here at St. John's sponsored by Family Life Ministry.**

**Lenten Soup Supper: Wednesday, March 8th from 6:00-7:00 in the school cafeteria.**

Bring a pot of soup (enough to feed your own family) and we will pool our resources to offer a "soup buffet". Family Life Ministry will provide bread, paper goods and drinks. Come share a simple meal with our parish family and embrace the Lenten call to simplify.



**Sandwich Sundays:**

**3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/11 . ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Our Sandwich Sundays provide an opportunity for families to come together to make sandwiches for Lighthouse Mission. This ministry takes food to those in need in our local area. We meet once a month on Sundays after the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria.



**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt:**

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on **Sunday 4/2/2023 after the 10:00 Mass** on the Great Lawn. Come and enjoy the fun and then head down to the school cafeteria for a Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Knights of Columbus.

*We will be accepting donations of plastic Easter eggs and wrapped candy to fill the eggs. If you'd like to donate please place the eggs and/or candy in the baskets in the fellowship area of the church. We will be accepting donations until Sunday, March 26th.*

**Family Holy Thursday Prayer Service:**

**Thursday, 4/6/2023 at 4:30 pm :**

This family prayer service for children to truly understand the significance of Holy Thursday and will provide an opportunity experience the Washing of the Feet.



**Children's Good Friday**

**Prayer Service:** This is a beautiful way for children to experience the Passion of our Lord in a very personal way. There will be one or two practices prior to Good Friday. The Good Friday Children's Service takes place at **12 noon on Friday 4/7/2023**. If you are interested in having your child participate in our Children's Good Friday Presentation of the Passion in pageant form please contact us at [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org) or call the office of Family Ministry 631-878-0009 x 124.

**Moms on the Journey**

Our Moms on the Journey began the season of Lent with a quiet, yet beautiful evening. A simple soup supper followed by an evening of self-reflection and heartfelt sharing geared to



help us enter into Lent with authenticity, direction and hope. We ended our evening with a decision to do a service project to assist our Parish Social Ministry. These ladies are amazing! All moms are welcome. Next gathering **3/22/2023**.





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



Saturday, March 11th  
5:00 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 8th

**NUMEROUS BASKETS  
TO CHOOSE FROM !**

(Basket raffle tickets purchased  
separately at the event)

 **(631) 878-1033**

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



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar bread and wine for the month of March has been donated:

## *In Memory of Liz DellaRatta*

SJE offers a number of ways to remember loved ones, or honor someone living.

### 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

To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to [rectry@sjecm.org](mailto:rectry@sjecm.org)



## *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Monday - Friday  
3p.m. - 7PM @ Seton Chapel

***We are not called to great penances.... But  
the Holy Hour is a sacrifice in union with Christ.***

**(Archbishop Fulton J Sheen)**

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.

# Praying for and With One Another...

## We Remember...

*"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

Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado  
Charles LaBella  
Philip Forte

## We Pray..

Arianna DeOliveira, Daniel Feldle,  
Elizabeth Croce, Thomas Lipani,  
Henry Flite, Joseph Maldonado,  
Armond Stanzoni

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

-1 Peter 1:6

*Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. 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).*

## Praying for Our Military

### US Army

PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith,  
SPC Jack Dyer, SPC Michael Garcia Jr.,  
CPL Aidan O'Neill,  
SPC Daniel Sisco, SGT. Sean Casey, Steven Valentin

### US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SSgt Ryan Kerstiens,  
SSgt Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens,  
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

### US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, E-1 Christian Raeihle, ,  
PVT Charles O'Connor, SGT Quentin Montemarano,  
CPL Evan Berkemeyer, CPL Michael Abbatello

### US Navy

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

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue

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



## Stations of the Cross

*Yesterday I died with Him, today I live with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him, today I am raised with Him.*

-Pope Francis

This Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross on **Fridays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church, beginning **March 3rd**



## "Lord, is it I?"

Bring Family and Friends to this dramatic presentation  
**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm**

St. John the Evangelist RC Church  
Parish Auditorium



**Free Admission**

**Free will offering to support the ministry of Bridge for Peace**

**For more information call:  
Bridge for Peace 631-730-3982  
[www.bridgeforpeace.org](http://www.bridgeforpeace.org)**



## SJE History...

## Pictures & Memories...



We are asking our parishioners to celebrate and participate with us by contributing any photos, documents, news clippings, etc. that relate to our parish history. Over the course of the next year we will be sharing our history in our bulletin, during **125th Anniversary** events and on Social Media.

**125th Anniversary** committee is looking for your pictures and memories of SJE!

Please email to [History@SJEcm.org](mailto:History@SJEcm.org). If you are unable to scan and email please stop by the rectory office and we will be happy to make a copy. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

*Kevin Both*

*History Committee Chair*

## LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

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

**HELP WANTED** - looking for Full and Part Time Bilingual paid Staff for our non-profit 501 (c) (3).

Challenging work with growth and development training provided to work with our clients, donors, and to be a team member within all four of our centers. Opportunities available at all centers.

Writing and computer skills are necessary and the salary will be based on your experience.

Come join our team and be in the forefront of the Pro-Life arena!

Send your cover letter and resume to [lvigliotta@lifecenterli.org](mailto:lvigliotta@lifecenterli.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>

## Safe Environment Updates...

UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING  
DATES At SJE...

**Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**

***Trainings will take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room of the Barn***

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](http://www.drvc.org) or clicking here:

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

## REMINDERS FOR 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](http://drvc.org).



# Did you know...

That our parish was served for over thirty years by 'Sister Ann'.  
Not one, but two.

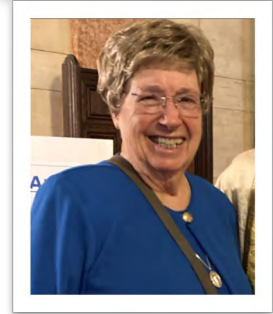
Our first 'Sister Ann', was Sister Ann Kathleen Bolton. Sister Ann Kathleen, devoted 72 years of her life faithfully as member of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville. She received her Dominican habit on August 7, 1948. It was not until 1984 that Sr. Ann Kathleen arrived here at St. John's, and began teaching at our parochial school. Her stay was interrupted for an

assignment in North Carolina at a medical facility. She returned to our parish intending to go into hospital work but there were no open positions. Our Pastor at the time, Fr. McDonald, had another idea: she could start an Outreach Program in the parish. Sr Ann Kathleen started the program in 1992 and loved the ministry, especially as it related to the seniors; in turn people loved her. An offshoot of her efforts was the Thrift Shop, that still thrives today. In 2009 Sister realized it was time to retire and moved to the convent at St. John the Baptist in West Islip. Failing health necessitated another move in 2011. Sr. Ann Kathleen Bolton passed in February of 2019. Her legacy to us is very much alive and well today.

Our second 'Sister Ann', was Sister Ann Berendes. Sister Ann is member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Around 1985 Sister Ann was living and working in Palm Coast, Florida as a Bereavement Facilitator. She had been there for seven years at that point. One day, with little notice she was advised that her contract would not be renewed; the parish could no longer afford her services. Like any good networker, Sr. Ann got wind that there might be an opportunity becoming available in Center Moriches, because a Sister there would be retiring. St. John's Pastor at the time, Fr. Joe Coschignano was made aware of Sister Ann's availability, invited her in for an interview, and subsequently hired her on the spot. Fr. Joe asked that she start as soon as practical so that Sr. Ann Kathleen would provide the required familiarity with the growing Outreach Program. Sr. Ann Berendes served the pastorships of Fr. Joe, Fr. Walter Kedjerski and Fr. John Surseau, for a total of 13 years. Like Sr. Ann Kathleen, Sr. Ann worked closely with the Seniors in the parish. However, in Sr. Ann's opinion, she felt her most successful endeavor was with the Bereavement Group. Additionally, Sr. Ann was very active in the Extraordinary Ministry For The Homebound. Like Sr. Ann Kathleen, Sr. Ann also spoke of her time spent in the Thrift Shop where, in her words "We prayed, laughed, planned celebrations, and just enjoyed being together." Sr. Ann retired from parish ministry in June of 2022, and began a new ministry at the motherhouse of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scranton, Pa. We've been a very fortunate parish to be served by the Sister Ann's!





SJE Lenten Mission

The Call to...

Conversion

Transformation and

Renewed Hope

March 27th, 28th & 29th

7:30 p.m. in the Church

Presented by:  
FATHER FRANCIS PIZZARELLI,  
SMM, LCSW-R, ACSW, DCSW



Every Friday Night

In the Parish Auditorium

\$3,000 in Prizes

Doors Open @ 6:30 pm

Games Begin @ 7:30 pm



Queen of All Hearts Knights of Columbus

# Dinner Dance

Saturday March 18th  
7:00 pm

ST.  
PATRICK'S  
DAY

Moriches Rec. Center  
313 Frowein Rd Center Moriches

DJ Dancing  
Buffet dinner including  
Corned Beef and Cabbage and Bangers and Mash  
Soft Drinks and Dessert  
\$30 pp

*You may bring your own adult beverage.*  
for Tickets Call George @ 631-786-1459 or  
Bill @ 516-458-6448





# 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 Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia, y los Martes a las 7:30 p.m en La Capilla del Convento.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oracion, todos los Viernes a las 7:30 p.m. en la Capilla del Convento de la Parroquia. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

## MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

**Bautismos:** Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia.  
Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

### Requisitos:

1. Certificado de nacimiento del niño o/de la niña.
2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

### Matrimonios:

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

## Permítanos ayudarlo!

### DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 p.m. a las 7:30 p.m.

Jueves 3 p.m. a las 4 p.m.

### TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Barn

Miércoles de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.

### COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 p.m.

Auditorio de la escuela

### MINISTERIO DE LA CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 p.m. (aproximadamente)

Comidas sencillas y ropa disponible.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para aquellos que lo necesiten

**Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!**

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes! Asegúrese de venir a visitarnos y permítanos servirle! por favor llame a la oficina de la rectoría 631-878-0009 o envíe un correo electrónico al ministerio español a

[espanol@sjecm.org](mailto:espanol@sjecm.org)

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Be sure to come and visit and allow us to serve you!

## Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Worldwide Marriage Encounter está patrocinando una variedad de experiencias matrimoniales en persona y virtuales, algunas los fines de semana y otras los siete días de la semana. Las parejas explorarán su relación entre ellos, Dios y la Iglesia. El registro es limitado y se requiere una tarifa de solicitud de \$100.

Para más información o para aplicar, llame al Felipe y Rosa Ruano Teléfono 203-979-6109 o [renuevatumatrimonio.org](http://renuevatumatrimonio.org).

2023

CAMPAÑA DE APOYO  
A LOS MINISTERIOS  
CATÓLICOS

Una Familia Caminando juntos en  
Comunión, Participación y Misión



**“...hagámonos prójimos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que pasan dificultades, compartiendo con ellos nuestros bienes espirituales y materiales.”**

**Papa Francisco**

### Dar limosna en Cuaresma

**En cuaresma, se nos invita a poner en práctica la oración, el ayuno, y a entregar limosnas.**

**La Cuaresma es tiempo propicio para orar por nuestros hermanos más necesitados, por su bienestar material, emocional o espiritual. Durante estos cuarenta días, cuando usted haga ayuno y abstinencia. por favor recuerde a aquel que no tiene algo que comer, y considere compartir sus bienes con el hambriento.**

**Una forma de hacerlo, es mediante un donativo a la Campaña de los Ministerios Católicos -la cual a través de Caridades Católicas y las oficinas de Alcance Social de nuestras Parroquias- cada año apoya programas que ofrecen alimentos para los más necesitadas de nuestra comunidad.**



## Catholic Women Lenten Breakfast

*"When the Son sets you free, you are free indeed."*  
-John 8/:36

**Saturday, March 11th**

9:30 am to 12 noon

Doors open at 9:15

\$40 per person    Rock Hill Country Club  
105 Clancy Road, Manorville NY 11949

For more information...  
magnificatofsuffolk@gmail.com

## WOMEN'S GROUP

What is discernment? How important is discernment for me to grow spiritually?

Do you feel a hunger & thirst to draw nearer to Jesus?

Come join our WOMENS GROUP as we study Fr Timothy Gallagher's book on Discernment and share our experiences on our spiritual journey with other caring women who understand & keep anonymity.

Our group is ongoing, come anytime you feel the desire, all are welcome, there is no formal obligation.

In Father Gallagher's book, he shares examples revealing how to apply the process of discernment in our daily lives.

No matter where one is on her journey with the Lord, understanding even a little about discernment is a big help with decision making.

We meet every other Monday 10am-11:30am in the convent (white house) on the following dates:

March 6, 20, Apr 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, June 12, 26.

Facilitators: Carol Ketcham & Anita Luccari. For info call 631-878-0009

## 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.

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday, March 6th, 2023**

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR  
10:00 a.m. | Women's Group— SC  
3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC  
6:30-7:30 p.m. | Food Pantry Open— Ernie's Place  
7:00 p.m. | Holy Hour for Priests— SC  
7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—Men only- BMR  
7:30 p.m. | Spanish RCIA—RBUR

**Tuesday, March 7th, 2023**

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR  
3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC  
7:30 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR  
7:00 p.m. | Divine Will—Front Mtg Rm-Aud

**Wednesday, March 8th, 2023**

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR  
9:00 a.m.-Noon | Thrift Shop Open—Thrift Shop  
3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC  
6:00 p.m. | Choirs— Church  
7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR

**Thursday, March 9th, 2023**

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR  
3-4 p.m. | Food Pantry Open—Ernie's Place  
3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC  
4:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary— BMR  
7:00 p.m. | Street Ministry— Convent  
7:30 p.m. | Al-Anon— BMR

**Friday, March 10th, 2023**

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR  
3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC  
7:30 p.m. | Bingo Night— Auditorium  
7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous— BMR  
7:00 p.m. | Spanish Prayer Group— SC

**Saturday, March 11th, 2023**

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR  
9:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group— SC

**Sunday, March 12th, 2023**

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR  
10:30 a.m. | English RCIA— IHM Chapel Room  
12:15 p.m. | CYO Games— Auditorium

BMR—Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room

BUR—Upper Room

SC—Seton Chapel