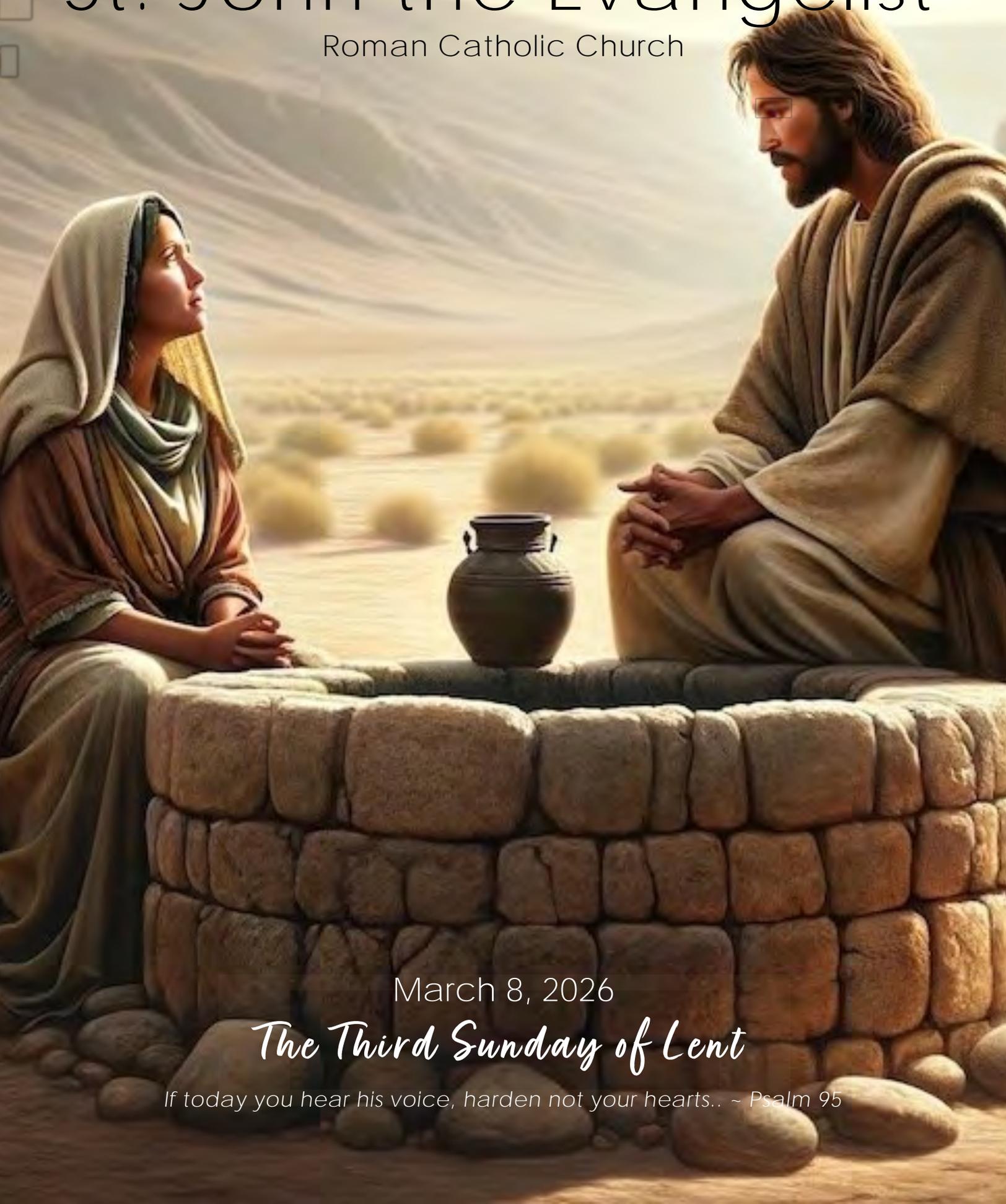


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 8, 2026

The Third Sunday of Lent

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.. ~ Psalm 95



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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 14th

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden
7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charline
(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass
will be livestreamed. Videos remain
on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Sunday, March 15th

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick
10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick
12 noon - Fr. Francis
6:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

*Presider subject to change. Please call the Rectory or check SJE Social Media for latest updates.

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Charline Vendredy
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Francis Lasrado
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele
Parish Assistant

John Pettorino
Deacon

Michael Hoonhout
Deacon

Ed Grieb
Deacon

Katie Waller
Director of Operations

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Angela Werner
Director of Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

OLQA

Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School (on the campus of SJE)
2 St. John Place
Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033 (ext. 201)
www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller, Principal
dwaller@olqany.org

Office Hours

Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

Confession Schedule

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.

A Reflection from the Director of Music Ministry ...



A Reflection on the Gospel: John (4:5-42)

**"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."**

Jacob's Well is significant in the story of the Samaritan woman because it is connected to the patriarch Jacob, symbolizing a shared heritage between the Jews and the Samaritans. This meeting place is a deeply symbolic, historical, and physical landmark that bridges the Old and New Testaments. It serves as the backdrop for the intersection of the Old Covenant with the Jewish people and the new inclusive salvation brought by Jesus to the Samaritans and to all people.

It was noon (the hottest hour of the day) when the Samaritan woman went to the well. She chose to go at a time when fewer people would be there, for she didn't want to be noticed. She had been married five times and was currently living in unrepentant sin, so she wanted to avoid the shame that would come from being there when others were present. Yet Jesus, in His divine intentionality, sought to meet the woman at this specific time and place, crossing boundaries and breaking societal barriers. As the conversation shifted to worship, Jesus declared to her that true worshippers will worship the Father *in Spirit and truth*, without ties to specific geographical locations (like Jerusalem or Samaria's Mount Gerizim). The woman said to Jesus, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus responded by saying, "I am He, the one speaking with you."

We can only imagine what it must have felt like for the woman to be able to look into the eyes of Jesus (in the flesh) and hear those words being spoken; the words we ourselves will hear when we meet Him face to face: "I AM He." By using this divine name (*I AM*), Jesus linked Himself to God's revelation to Moses, directly claiming His divine authority, and identifying Himself as the Messiah. Not only did the woman experience a conversion, but she became a powerful witness whose testimony convinced many Samaritans to believe in Jesus, showing that God's love extends beyond traditional boundaries.

In essence, this gospel is a profound lesson on the transformative power of a personal encounter with

Jesus. In a world obsessed with the next best thing, we often seek fulfillment in material possessions, human relationships, and personal achievements. But there is a true spiritual thirst that exists in our souls, causing us to become restless as we yearn for a deeper satisfaction that can only be found in Jesus Christ, who offers living water. Only He can fill the void in our hearts. Only He can offer lasting peace and joy. Jesus invites us to find our fulfillment in Him, offering a wellspring of life that never runs dry. When we sin, God does not abandon us, but seeks to reconcile us to Himself, offering forgiveness and new life. As our Savior and King, Jesus wants to transform our desires and give us a purpose that transcends earthly pursuits. When we embrace Jesus as our Messiah, we find a treasure far greater than anything this world can offer. In Christ, we have everything we need, and His living water satisfies our innermost longings, empowering us to live a life of purpose and meaning, with eternity in mind.

It is interesting to ponder that Jesus (who is God) felt physical hunger and thirst. Imagine being the one at the well to whom Jesus said, "Give me a drink." Imagine being the one at the foot of the Cross hearing Him say, "I thirst." Every time we choose kindness over selfishness we are 'giving Jesus a drink.' Every time we choose humility over pride we are 'quenching His thirst' for souls. As a man, Jesus understood our hunger and thirst. But as God, He also understands that hunger and thirst go far beyond the physical realm. Jesus is always gazing upon us, ready to meet us, whenever we are 'thirsty,' wherever we find ourselves, no matter what the circumstance. God knows us better than we know ourselves. He is the best friend any of us will ever have. However parched or barren our spirit may become, He is able to water or recultivate whatever inner landscape we have created.

This world can only offer temporary satisfaction. God's love is infinite. His spring leads to Eternal Life. All we need to do is let go, and trust Him enough to 'dive in.'



Masses for the Week...



Saturday, March 7th Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 AM Kathy Lindars
- 5:00 PM Goncalo Rego
- 7:30 PM *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

Sunday, March 8th Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 AM Avelino Jose Goncalves
- 10:00 AM Kristen Bigora
- 12:00 Noon John R. Klaus IV
- 6:00 PM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Monday, March 9th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Renee Nicole Good
- 12:00 Noon Crescenzo Vigliotta

Tuesday, March 10th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Leokadia Zurawsky
- 12:00 PM Lisa Dismore

Wednesday, March 11th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Sean Lykes
- 12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

Thursday, March 12th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Theresa DeSantis
- 12:00 Noon Special Intention - Ava Stevens

Friday, March 13th Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Margaret Nagy
- 12:00 Noon Angelina Tortora

Saturday, March 14th Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 AM Steve Poulos
- 5:00 PM Wilma Pirro
- 7:30 PM *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

Sunday, March 15th Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 AM Marianne DiGangi
- 10:00 AM Cornelius McNulty
- 12:00 Noon Kevin Radigan
- 6:00 PM Liz DellaRatta



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.

March Envelope Mailing Update
Because of Cathedral Letter Concepts' recent equipment issues, they have notified the parish that this month's envelope mailing may arrive later than usual. Some envelopes might reach you close to or after the scheduled start date. Thank you for your understanding and support.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS
Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$157,292	9	\$17,477
2025	\$151,559	9	\$16,840



2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."
- Pope Leo XIV
SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS

As of 3/3/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	57	67
Total Pledged to date	\$37,315	\$40,425
Percent of Goal	31%	35%

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



Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Robert Maldonado + Maureen Hogan
 Dominic Bruno + Rachel Slomowitz
 Leonardo De-LaCruz + Eugene Robinette
 Michael Campanello + Fr. Jerry Kaywell
 Wilfred Patrick Vlaun

*“In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials...
 -1 Peter 1:6*

Pray for the Sick

Eileen & Chuck DeRicco	Mark Havens
Bill Hasper	Michael Lankau
Fr. Peter D’Abele	Kevin Coyne
Toni Newman	Melissa Branigan
Anthony Bianculli	Maria Cardaci

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 Marine Corps

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

US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello
 MMN1 Christopher J Esposito Jr
 STGCS Brian Holzmacher
 ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr
 ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera
 ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero
 SA Thomas Taylor III
 SR Jack Patrick Walsh
 SR Michael Paduana
 EM3 Andrew R. Casey

US Army

SGT Sean Casey
 PVT Joseph Cestare
 SPC Michael Garcia Jr
 PVT Anthony Koch
 2nd LT Aidan O’Neill
 PFC David Smith
 Steven Valentin
 PFC Francis J. Amalifitano
 PVT Cara Williams
 PVT2 Justin Monaghan

US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello
 SSGT David Giese
 A1C Brenden M. Hayes
 SSGT Jason M Hermes
 SSGT Kyle Kerstiens
 SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
 SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
 SrA Jared T. Rosato
 LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza
 SSGT William E. McCauley II
 1st Lt. Claire McGrath
 A1C James Pfister
 A1C Peter A. Traina

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
 CPT 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.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Liz DellaRatta

Mass Intentions

Remembering one who has passed away at Mass is a most noble practice calling us to pray for one who has died at the most powerful prayer we know - the celebration of the Eucharist.

Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.

An offering of \$250 is requested.

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

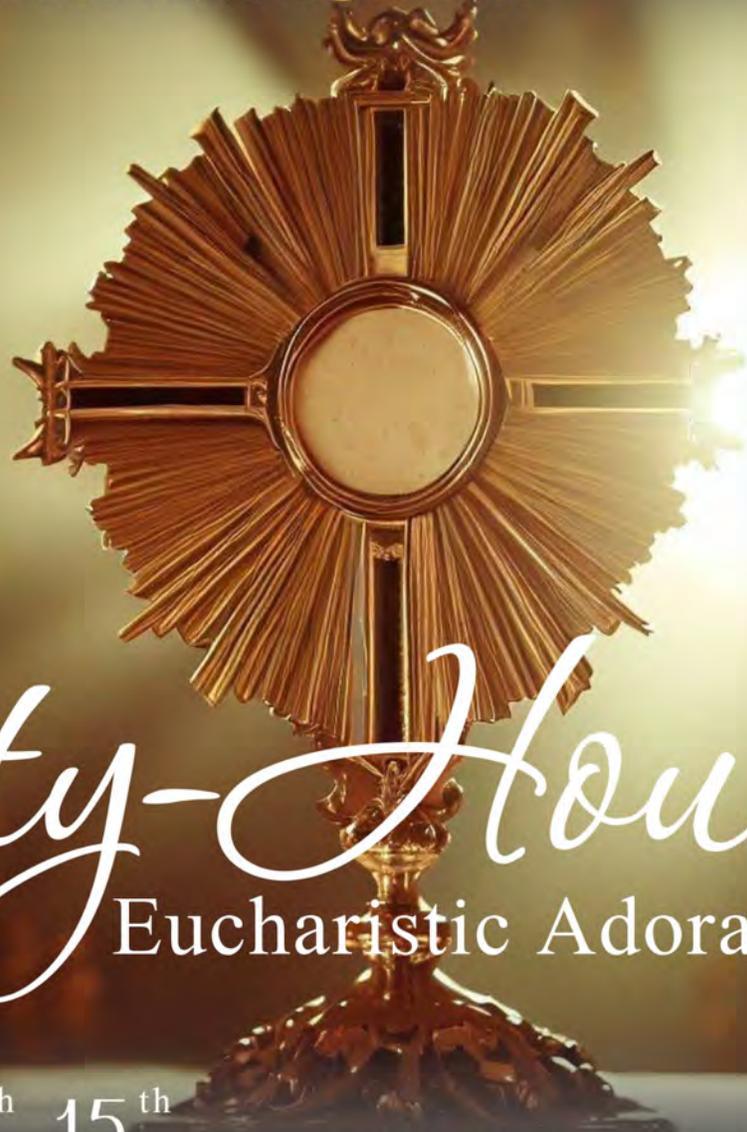
A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful statues in our church. You may have a particular devotion to one of these saints. These candles are next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection. **Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.**

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

To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to rectory@sjecm.org

March 8, 2026

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



Forty-Hour

Eucharistic Adoration

March 13th, 14th, 15th

Seton Chapel (Convent)

Adoration will begin at 3:00 PM on Friday, March 13th and end at 7:00 AM Sunday, March 15th

Complete and return below to the basket in the convent chapel or to the rectory office



SELECT A DAY AND HOUR (S)

NAME:

Friday 3/13 {3:00PM - Midnight} _____

PHONE #:

Saturday 3/14 {Midnight - Midnight} _____

Sunday 3/15 {Midnight - 7:00 AM} _____

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

*In preparation for the Forty-Hour Eucharistic Adoration,
the Eucharist Adoration Committee at St. John the Evangelist presents:*

Two Talks on the Eucharist by Deacon Michael Hoonhout, Ph.D.

Talk # 2 – The Eucharist: the Sacrament of Charity

Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 PM in Seton Chapel (Convent)

In the Church's Tradition the Eucharist has long been called the "sacrament of charity." Fittingly so, because the Eucharist first of all makes present and communicates the divine and perfect love of Jesus for us. Jesus gives us his heart in this sacrament. The Eucharist is also given to us so that we might grow in charity toward others. Our offering of the Eucharist for others is a supreme act of charity, and our reception of the Eucharist worthily will lead us to love others as Christ has loved us. Deacon Michael's talk will help you to understand the connection between the Eucharist and charity so that we might better cooperate with its profound dynamic of receiving and giving divine love.

*These two talks will help prepare your mind and heart to adore Jesus during
the upcoming Forty-Hour Eucharistic Adoration.*



LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Moving with Jesus into the Mystery of Salvation

Join us **March 23, 24, 25** at 7:00 PM for Rosary,
followed by the mission talk at 7:30 PM,
led by **Fr. Hugh J. Gillespie, SMM.**



Ordained in 2006, Fr. Gillespie is a Montfort Missionary with extensive experience in parish ministry, retreats, and catechesis in the U.S. and abroad. He holds degrees in Physics, Materials Science, and Theology, is fluent in Spanish, and brings rich spiritual and academic insight to his preaching.

Currently Acting Director of the **Shrine of Our Lady of the Island** and National Moderator of the **Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts**, Fr. Gillespie continues to lead missions, retreats, and spiritual programs across the U.S. and internationally.

Join us for this special mission as we journey with Jesus into the mystery of salvation, deepen our faith, and experience spiritual renewal with **Fr. Hugh Gillespie**. Mark your calendars now - this is an event you won't want to miss!

LENTEN BAG CHALLENGE

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

If you are able, please take one reusable shopping bag, you'll find them at each exit of the Church. There's a small list of items in need inside, please fill the bag throughout the season of Lent. Donations can be left inside the main doors of the Church. Thank you for your generosity!



THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

This Lent, St. John's is once again offering *The Little Black Book* for daily prayer and reflection. **Both English and Spanish editions are available** and can be found at the doors of the church.

You can carry it with you, keep it in your car, or place it somewhere at home where you'll see it each day.

It's a simple and meaningful way to bring the spirit of Lent into your daily routine.

The books are free of charge. If you wish to make a donation, please place it in the Poor Box to support the work of Parish Social Ministry.



ABSTINENCE & FASTING

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

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

March 8, 2026

Lift High the Cross

*Moving with Jesus into
the mystery of salvation*

SJE Parish Lenten Mission

Led by: Fr. Hugh J. Gillespie, SMM
(Montfort Missionaries)

March 23rd, 24th, 25th

7:00 PM: Rosary

7:30 PM: Mission Talk

*All are welcome.
Join us as we
journey with
Christ into the
mystery of
salvation.*

Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent

Via Crucis - Viernes Durante la Cuaresma



Each Friday evening during Lent, we invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross in the church. This beautiful and prayerful devotion helps us walk with Christ on His journey to the Cross and is a meaningful way to deepen our Lenten reflection and conversion of heart.

7:00 PM – English 8:00 PM – Spanish

All are welcome to take part in this treasured Lenten tradition as we pause, pray, and grow closer to the Lord together.

Cada viernes por la tarde durante la Cuaresma, los invitamos a acompañarnos al Vía Crucis en la iglesia. Esta hermosa y profunda devoción nos ayuda a caminar con Cristo en Su camino hacia la Cruz y es una manera significativa de profundizar nuestra reflexión cuaresmal y nuestra conversión del corazón.

7:00 PM – Inglés

8:00 PM – Español

Todos son bienvenidos a participar en esta apreciada tradición cuaresmal mientras hacemos una pausa para orar y crecer juntos más cerca del Señor.

Special Note:

On Friday, March 27th, Stations of the Cross will be geared towards the children of the parish. The stations will be simple in nature and will not follow the traditional format. Be prepared for "a little something different."

Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Lent is a beautiful time to return to the Lord through the Sacrament of Confession. In this season of reflection and renewal, God invites us to lay down our burdens, receive His mercy, and begin again with a clean heart.

Confessions are heard at the following times:

Monday–Friday

After the 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Masses

Saturdays

After the 8:00 a.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sundays

5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, March 30 | 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Special Holy Week Confession Times

Good Friday, April 3 | 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 4 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

All are warmly invited to encounter the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially during this holy season of Lent.





FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

*On the First Saturday of every month,
the Church invites all to come and take part in
a special time of prayer and devotion.*

7:30 AM Fatima prayers and Holy Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

Confession and continuation of rosary after Mass

The Five First Saturdays devotion, requested by Our Lady to Sister Lucia on December 10, 1925, in Pontevedra, Spain, is an act of reparation for blasphemies and ingratitude against her Immaculate Heart. The promise includes assisting those at the hour of death with graces necessary for salvation who, for five consecutive months, confess, receive Holy Communion, pray five decades of the Rosary, and meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries with the intention of reparation.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of **Father Jerome Kaywell**, who died peacefully in his sleep on February 23, 2026, at the age of 72.

Father Jerry was with us last year for our Parish Lenten Mission, where he touched many hearts through his joyful spirit, prayerful witness, and deep love for the Lord. A dear friend of Father Patrick, he was also a friend to our parish community, and we remain grateful for the faith he shared with us.

Born in 1953 in West Palm Beach, Florida, Father Jerry was ordained to the priesthood on October 25, 1991, at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, Florida. He served as Parochial Vicar at St. Andrew Parish in Cape Coral and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples before being assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in Punta Gorda in 2004, where he later became Pastor in 2008.

At Sacred Heart, he faithfully led the parish through the devastation of Hurricane Charley in 2004, which destroyed the church, and again through the severe damage caused by Hurricane Ian in 2022. He also served on the Diocesan Presbyteral Council and as Chaplain to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Before entering the priesthood, Father Jerry was an award-winning professional musician and composer, earning a Grammy Award.

As he often said, “*the veil is very thin between heaven and earth.*” We trust that he has now entered fully into the presence of the God he loved so deeply.



Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family and loved ones.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

Sponsor a Family with an Easter Basket!

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

Here's how it works!

Purchase an Easter basket, fill it with goodies (see suggestions below), bring your donation to the Parish Auditorium on Thursday **March 26th** between 5-6pm. This is a great Lenten project for you and your family to do together to help a family in need. Be as creative as you wish!

We are also distributing food along with the Easter baskets. Help is needed on the morning of **Saturday, March 28th** to distribute everything. If you are able, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or email Easter@SJEcm.org or call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 . **BEFORE March 19th**

Some suggestions to fill your Easter basket

-  Easter coloring book
-  Easter sticker book
-  Chocolate Crosses
-  Prayers or Family book of the Easter Story.
-  Plastic Easter eggs filled with wrapped candy (no jellybeans please)

- YES! We/I can help Sponsor a Family with an Easter Basket!
- YES! I can help with distribution on Saturday, **March, 28th** between 8:45am and 12:00pm.
- I can help contact families via phone with pick up times. This would be done on your own time the week of **March 23rd.**
- We are in need of Spanish speakers to assist with calling our families the week of **March 23rd.**
- I cannot help on campus this year but please accept the following donation.

NAME _____

Best Phone # _____

Email _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
Please return before **MARCH 19th**



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: socialministry@SJEcm.org

THRIFT SHOP



We are open every Wednesday from 9 AM-12 PM and feature great items at fantastic prices! The proceeds from our shop are used to support SJE outreach programs that benefit those in need. Come visit and find an amazing gift or something special for yourself! Donations are accepted in the green bins in the school parking lot in front of the shop. We greatly appreciate your support!

STREET MINISTRY

Every Thursday night our Street Ministry team provides a hot meal, bagged lunch, toiletries, clothing, coats, blankets and shoes to those in great need. Please see our list of items requested if you are able to donate. Our donation bin is located in Fellowship Hall at the entrance of Church.

Especially requested at this very cold time of year are sweatpants and blankets.

Thank you for your generosity!

If you'd like to get involved or help sort, organize, and fold donations, we'd love you to join us! Please call the Parish Social Ministry office to get started.

Spring is on its way and we could use your help in our vegetable garden, Heaven's Harvest! Located between the rectory and the convent, we grow produce that feed the families who visit our food pantry, Ernie's Place. Starting in the first week of April, we will begin cleaning up the garden area and planting seeds. Please consider joining us; many hands make light work! For more information, call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 or email socialministry@SJEcm.org

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35



ERNIE'S PLACE

Ernie's Place Food Pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday's from 6:30 -7:30 PM and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering to serve when we're open or to help re-stock and organize our pantry shelves, please call to join us!

- * Salt
- * Jelly
- * Ketchup
- * Hot Sauce
- * Drink Boxes
- * Salad Dressing
- * Canned Chicken
- * Jar Pasta Sauce
- * Small Bags of Flour
- * Pancake Mix & Syrup
- * Bags of Black & Red Beans
- * Individually Wrapped Snacks
- * Small Bottles of Cooking Oil



- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Sweat Pants
- ◆ Single Razors
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Face/Wash cloths
- ◆ Travel Size Shampoo
- ◆ Travel Size Body Lotion
- ◆ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ◆ Long-Sleeved Thermal Shirts
- ◆ Women's New Underwear (S, M)
- ◆ Men's New Underwear (S, M, L, XL)
- ◆ Small Pack HotHand Hand Warmers
- ◆ Warm Winter Socks (not ankle or dress)
- ◆ Gently Used Men's & Women's Sneakers
- ◆ Gently Used Men's Jeans in size 32, 34 and 36

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.

- St. Teresa of Avila

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY



Moms on the Journey

At our first gathering of this Lenten season, the Moms on the Journey came together for a Lenten Soup Supper. Sharing a simple bowl of soup and a piece of homemade bread, the moms reflected upon how being a mom can be likened to a pitcher. Pitchers come in all shapes and sizes, are made of different materials and all have different capacities; but one thing that is common to all pitchers is their function: to pour out. Moms also, are constantly pouring themselves out for others. We shared about the need to have our pitchers refilled, our reluctance to ask for help and why we have so much on our plates. Then we took some time to pray the simple, yet powerful prayer of Mother Olga, foundress of the religious order, The Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. Mother Olga prays this prayer every morning.

“Empty me. Fill me. Use me.”

After spending time in quiet prayer and reflection, we shared what we need God to “empty” us of. We came face-to-face with how challenging it is to truly surrender our will to the Lord. We agreed that the evening was just the “tip of the iceberg” and that more time in quiet prayer was needed to fully embrace the depth of Mother Olga’s prayer.



If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please consider coming to our next monthly gathering or email Clapham@sjecm.org for additional information.



~~~~~ **Family Life Ministry**

Mark your calendars for the following events sponsored by Family Life Ministry.

Sandwich Sundays: Today 3/8! And also on 4/12, 5/17 and 6/14. We meet at 11:00 AM in the school cafeteria. Come feed the hungry by making PB & J sandwiches for Lighthouse Mission. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Family Friendly Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 27th at 7:00 PM in the Church. Come pray the Stations of the Cross with reverent simplicity as we walk the stations with our parish children and their families.

Family Holy Thursday Prayer Service: Thursday, April 2nd at 4:30 PM. This family prayer service will help our children to truly understand the significance of Holy Thursday and will provide an opportunity for all to understand our call to service through a unique experience of the Washing of the Feet.

Children’s Good Friday Prayer Service: Friday, April 3rd at 12:00 noon. All are invited to experience the suffering and death of Our Lord through this beautiful rendition of the Passion presented by the young people of our parish.

For additional information or to volunteer for any of these events, please email Clapham@sjecm.org.



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Pre-K – 8th Grade

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 faith-based school where children grow
 academically, spiritually, and socially.**

*Visit us and see what makes our
 school community so amazing!*



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2 St. John's Place,
 Center Moriches, NY 11934

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Those in our "Family of Faith" (Grades 1-6) program learned about the Sacrament of Reconciliation through skits and other hands-on learning opportunities during our February sessions. Special thanks to all our youth and adult volunteers who made this possible!



2025-26 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website. sjecm.org, (click on "Faith Formation")

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Reconciliation Service - Parent/Student Event
Monday, March 9 at 7:15 PM in the Church

Please remember to bring your child's completed Saint Report!

All students must be accompanied by a parent/adult for these events.

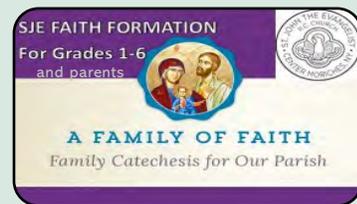
Attendance will be taken in the Main Lobby, so please enter through front (main doors) of the church.

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Reconciliation Service - Parent/Student Event
Tuesday, March 10 at 7:15 PM in the Church

All students must be accompanied by a parent/adult for these events.

Attendance will be taken in the Main Lobby, so please enter through front (main doors) of the church.



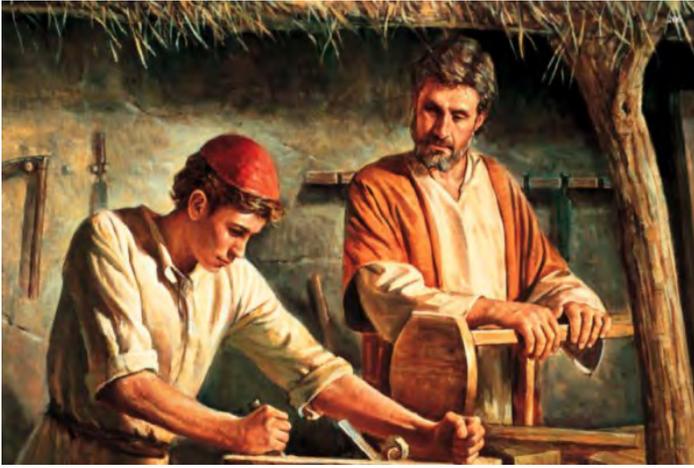
- Tuesday, March 3 & Thursday, March 5 at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church (attend one).
- **RESCHEDULED** Grade Level 5 Mass: March 22 at 12 Noon
Come as a family to your child's assigned grade level Mass in the Church, where they will receive a special blessing. Please bring your completed activity sheet (which was given out at the November sessions) and hand it in at the Main Lobby when you enter the church!

Level 7 Mass: SUNDAY, MARCH 8 at 6 PM, CHURCH

This is a parent/student event. Families attend the 6 PM Mass, where our Level 7 students will receive a special blessing.

Level 8 Mass: SUNDAY, MARCH 15 at 6 PM, CHURCH

This is a parent/student event. Families attend the 6 PM Mass, where our Level 8 students will receive a special blessing.



Men's Prayer Group...

CALLING ALL MEN!

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

Women's Group...

Our Women's Group meets Mondays from 10:00–11:30 AM and welcomes newcomers at any time. There are no rules—just a desire to grow in Jesus and enjoy fellowship.

We are reading *The Sanctifier* by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, reflecting on devotion to the Holy Spirit, His gifts, fruits, and the Beatitudes. Sharing is always optional; we're simply happy you choose to be with us.

There is no charge for the book. Meetings are held in the IHM Room in the convent (white house next to the school) and conclude in time to attend the 12:00 PM Mass if you wish.

2026 Meeting Dates: March 9 & 23; April 13 & 27; May 11 & 18; June 1, 15 & 29.

(Summer break July & August; resumes in September.)

God Bless you,

Carol & Anita (Moderators)

For info, call 631-878-0009

Bereavement Support...

Grieving is a natural process each of us goes through after the death of a loved one. While no one can take away our sadness, others can help by listening and caring. Sharing our feelings with others who have experienced the death of a loved one help many people begin the healing process.

*Grief never ends but it changes.
It is a passage, not a place to stay.
It is not a sign of weakness,
nor a lack of faith.
Grief is the price of love.*

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon

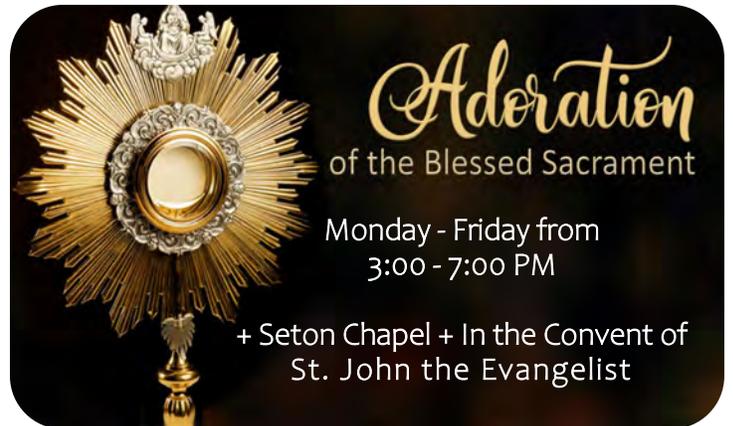
First floor meeting room in the Barn.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at

631.878.0009 or via email at

Rectory@sjecm.org

\$10 donation for the workbook.



Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday from
3:00 - 7:00 PM

+ Seton Chapel + In the Convent of
St. John the Evangelist

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM.

All are invited to pray for our Shepherds.

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you can be present for a specific hour, email rectory@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at

631.878.0009.

Bridge for Peace PRESENTS



"Lord, Is It I?"

A Dramatic Presentation of the Last Supper

Bring family and friends

Sunday March 22nd, 2pm at

St. Louis De Montfort Church

75 New York Ave, Sound Beach, NY 11789

Sunday March 22nd, 7pm at

St. John the Evangelist Church

25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches, NY 11934

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

For more information call 631-730-3982

Bridge for Peace—Healing to the Nations



www.bridgeforpeace.org



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Regional Catholic School

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UPCOMING

Winter/Spring 2026

events

March 21

Spring Extravaganza!

Our Spring Basket & Food Extravaganza will take place on Saturday, March 21 6PM in the auditorium. Doors open at 5:30PM

> Tickets available thru 2/25. Call 631-878-1033.



MAY 2

Senior Luncheon

Seniors are welcome to sign up for our annual Senior Luncheon on May 2. Our students from The Mission (Grades 6, 7 & 8) will be serving. There will be Mass at St. John's at 11AM, followed by the lunch.

> Sign up before May 1 - Call 631-878-1033.



MAY 5

Project REACH

Beginning in 7th grade, our students choose a topic of interest and, with the help of mentors, conduct a small-scale research project, which they present at the end of 8th grade.

REACH stands for Research, Excellence, Academics, Catholic, Hope. Their projects reflect all these aspects and help them develop strong research and presentation skills. Our 8th graders will be presenting their projects at our symposium on Tuesday, May 5.



MAY 8-9

School Play

Our students will be performing "The Little Mermaid, Jr." on Friday, May 8 at 6PM & Saturday, May 9 @ 1PM.

> Purchase tickets by May 1 - Call 631-878-1033



SCAN QR CODE TO SCHEDULE A TOUR! | 2 ST. JOHN'S PLACE, CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934

A Message from Monsignor Walden...



We live in a society where we entertain ourselves by watching competitive sports and game shows. We compete in business to make a living. But the most important thing we seek does not involve winning or losing. We seek to be accepted and loved for who we are and others seek the same from us. To be enriched by the goodness, love, attention, concern, humility, understanding and forgiveness of one another is what brings peace, hope, joy and gratitude to all of us. In today's Gospel (John 4:5-32), we have the account of Jesus bringing hope, peace, and joy to the woman at the well. Jesus is alone there waiting for His disciples to return when the woman comes to get water for herself. Jesus asks her for a drink and she is surprised: *"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink? - for Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans."* Jesus makes it clear He knows who she is and the troubles she had in her life. *"You have had five husbands and the one you have now is not your husband."* Ultimately, she comes to see that she is known and loved for who she is in spite of her marital failures. Jesus does not see her as a loser but as someone who seeks what we all seek: acceptance, love, and mercy, and most importantly, God's acceptance, love, and mercy.

Lent is a time to recognize that before we could ever think of God as a gift to us, we are a gift to Him. We begin each Mass by briefly recalling our sins and God's mercy. We go from there to reflect on the word of God and how blessed we are to be part of His life. In spite of the fact that Jesus was rejected and suffered death by crucifixion, He refuses to give up on us. Jesus did not die on the cross, go back to heaven and lock the gate forever. He made appearances to His disciples, assuring them first of all that they were in the depths of His heart. In John 21:15-19, the Risen Jesus appears to His disciples who are fishing. They meet Him on the shore and He asks Peter three times, *"Do you love me?"* Would that our response to that question be so clear: *"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."*

We are reconciled to God and enriched by His life and love simply because we exist. Lent is a gifted time to see how our thirst for life and love is the very thing the woman at the well realized and St. Peter humbly accepted. They both recognized how important and loved they were by God. I was struck by that spontaneous love in a most improbable setting as I was praying the Stations of the Cross and the contrast in the Fifth and Sixth Stations of the Cross. In the Fifth Station, Simon of Cyrene was forced to help Jesus carry the cross while in the Sixth Station Veronica spontaneously ran out and wiped His face. Both literally encountered Jesus.

Lent is a gifted time to come to the well of God's presence. It is a time to be uplifted, renewed, and encouraged by His love and to continue to be enriched by the eternal life giving power of His life.

I offer Psalm 139 for your reflection:

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

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

O where can I go from your spirit, or where can I flee from your face? If I climb the heavens, you are there. If I lie in the grave, you are there. If I take the wings of the dawn and dwell at the sea's furthest end, even there your hand would lead me, your right hand would hold me fast.

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

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

Already you knew my soul my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and molded in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw all my actions, they were all of them written in your book; every one of my days was decreed before one of them came into being.

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

O search me, God, and know my heart. O test me and know my thoughts. See that I follow not the wrong path and lead me in the path of life eternal. Glory...

Psalm Prayer: *You watch over heaven and earth, Lord Jesus. Your death brought light to the dead; your resurrection gave joy to the saints; your ascension made the angels rejoice. Your power exceeds all power. Lead us to life eternal, and watch over us with your love. May your friends be filled with honor and join you in heaven.*



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Answering Our Lady's call to pray for our Priests and for the increase of Vocations.

UNITED IN ADORATION

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH 3PM - 7PM

SETON CHAPEL

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CONVENT

Please offer any amount of time during these hours to be in unified prayer within our Diocese.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT...

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/index.cfm?>



SJE will be offering a training... Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 PM

All SJE **volunteers must** wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly bulletin 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.

Queen of All Hearts Knights of Columbus

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 14th

313 Frowein Rd. Center Moriches

7:00 PM

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

\$35 Per Person

Bring your own adult beverage

For Tickets- Call: Jim 631.838.0271

or Frank 516.639.6245

Door Prizes





¡Sacramento de la Reconciliación!

La Cuaresma es un tiempo hermoso para regresar al Señor a través del Sacramento de la Confesión. En esta temporada de reflexión y renovación, Dios nos invita a dejar nuestras cargas, recibir Su misericordia y comenzar de nuevo con un corazón limpio.

Las confesiones se escuchan en los siguientes horarios:

Lunes a Viernes
Después de las Misas de 7:00 a.m. y 12:00 p.m.

Sábados
Después de la Misa de 8:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (Español)

Domingos
5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Día Diocesano de Reconciliación
Lunes, 30 de marzo | 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Habrá confesiones en español de 6:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m.

Horarios Especiales de Confesión en Semana Santa
Viernes Santo, 3 de abril | 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sábado Santo, 4 de abril | 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Todos están cordialmente invitados a encontrarse con la misericordia y la sanación del Señor a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, especialmente durante este santo tiempo de Cuaresma.

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

Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Tea & Juice

Sunday, March 29th

After the 10am Mass
in the school Auditorium



Knights of Columbus



Every Friday

Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.

Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.

\$3000 IN PRIZES

SJE Parish Auditorium



Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 9th, 2026

- 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
- 7-8 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Divine Will - SC

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 3:30-5:30 PM Legion of Mary - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, March 13th, 2026

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

Saturday, March 14th, 2026

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

Sunday, March 15th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Please take some time look through the back pages of the bulletin! It features many local businesses (and often the work of parishioners) and the good work they do in our community. We have parishioners who do everything from car detailing to car mechanics to lacrosse training to taking care of pets. Take a look and learn more!

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

Also, if your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, the nearly 1,400 people who attend Mass at St. John the Evangelist - most of whom live and shop in the Moriches, Mastic, Shirley, Eastport, Speonk and Remsenberg area - receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of families in the area with information about your business.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631-249-4994