# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



# March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble P

Psalm 91



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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 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM - Fr. Abin 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 16th

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

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger Pastor

Reverend Abin Panicker Parochial Vicar Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden Retired, In Residence Reverend Jerry DiSpigno Parish Assistant Reverend Peter D'Abele Parish Assistant

John Pettorino

Deacon Michael Hoonhout Deacon Ed Grieb Deacon

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Michelle Pirraglia Director of Faith Formation

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#### Dawn Waller

9 AM - 8 PM

9 AM - 2 PM

offices.

Principal <u>dwaller@olqany.org</u> (ext. 201)

Parish Office - Blue House

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

We ask that you call before visiting any parish

Monday - Thursday:

Friday - Saturday

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Confession Schedule

Mass Schedule

March 9, 2025 A Message from Deacon Ed Grieb...

### LENT.... IT'S HERE. A Reflection on for the First Sunday of Lent

**Have you had time** to think about Lent for this year? Able to do any preparations?

With Easter falling a bit later this year, we've had almost two months since our Christmas season ended. But, if you're like me, it sure feels like Lent has snuck up on me once again. Others may be better prepared, That's good.

**Either way,** Lent is a time for all of us to try and nurture and cultivate our relationship with God and others - a time to consider what thing (things maybe?) that we *need and want* to work on.

We could start changing any time, but Lent is a scared time.... a time we purposely & intentionally set aside each year to consider how we can have a change of heart, a conversion toward living a better version of ourselves...the version God wants us to be.

The Ashes we received this past Wednesday were a reminder for us, a reminder of our humanity. *Remember, we are dust ….and to dust we return.* And while we don't (can't) always live up to ideals that Jesus has commanded and preached.... We have been given some tremendous gifts to help us. First, the gift of *God's mercy and forgiveness*, which in His Love allows us an opportunity

# THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT



of Calcutta

Prayer strengthens our

personal relationship

with God.



our soul: it gives us wings to ascend on high, and to enjoy the highest contemplation!" -St John Chrysostom Fasting helps us to fight temptation, strengthen our will, and rely on Jesus in a deeper way.



"For it is in giving that we receive." -St Francis of Assisi <u>Almsgiving</u> engages us in the virtue of charity, uniting us to Christ in his poverty. to start anew. We also have been given the gift of *the Holy Spirit*, that guiding light in our lives. And of course, salvation itself, the opportunity for eternal life and to participate in *the Resurrection*.

The Gospel on this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent reminds how important our own Lenten journey is, as we persevere and strive to fulfill God's will for us. And, with the help of God's Word, we can persevere in the face of temptations and sin. We also take heart in the opening words of today's Gospel passage, that we like Jesus are "filled with the Holy Spirit."

**St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans** reminds us this week that it's our witness and confession that leads us to Salvation. And like the guidance we hear in the Gospel, St Paul reminds us that scripture is a source of strength for the faith we carry in our hearts. **Moses in the first reading**, reminds us to begin each day, each prayer, with thankfulness to God for all the blessings we have received. And in all we do, we give of ourselves over to God's Love.

Lent can sometimes seem daunting and draining if we let it, a daily grind that can hang over us like a cloud as we 'trudge through it'. However, if we take the time to plan and prepare...maybe even catch-up and use these first days to prayerfully prepare... We may find that...

#### Lent Offers Us An Incredible Opportunity To Grow In Our Faith.

Peace and Blessing for a Fruitful Lent, Deacon Ed



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# Masses for the Week...

#### Saturday, March 8th Saturday After Ash Wednesday

5:00 PM	Joseph R. Picciotti			
7:30 PM (Spanish	) Goncalo Rego			
Sunday, March 9	)* First Sunday of Lent			
8:00 AM	People of the Parish			
10:00 AM	Megan Odle			
12:00 Noon	Crescenzo Vigliotta			
6:00 PM	John Robert Klaus IV			
Monday, March	10 <sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday			
7:00 AM	Leokadia Zurawski			
12:00 Noon	Kristen Bigora			
Tuesday, March	11th Lenten Weekday			
7:00 AM	John Grammas			
12:00 PM	Jack Dyer and his sister Katy			
Wednesday, Ma	rch 12 <sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday			
7:00 AM	Darlene Henn			
12:00 Noon	Daniel Walsh			
Thursday, March 13th Lenten Weekday				
7:00 AM	James Lovelace			
12:00 PM	James Paulsen			
Friday, March 14th Lenten Weekday				
7:00 AM	Lorraine Hickey			
12:00 Noon	Paul Donahue			
Saturday, March	15th Lenten Weekday			
8:00 AM	Victoria Raymond			
5:00 PM	Liz DellaRatta			
7:30 PM (Spanish	) People of the Parish			
Sunday, March 1	6 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Lent			
8:00 AM	Joan Marie Tricarico			
10:00 AM	Megan Odle			
12:00 Noon	Jennie and Anthony Ponzio			
	Canonization of			

Canonization of 6:00 PM Blessed Michael McGivney



#### PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$151,559	9	\$16,840
2024	\$172,283	9	\$19,143

2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal DOCESSE OF ROCKYTERS CENTRE	Renewed by the Eucharist Sent on Mission			
As of 3/3/2025	2025	2024		
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100		
Number of Donors	67	33		
Total Pledged to date	\$40,425	\$15,250		
Avg. Gift	\$603	\$462		
Percent of Goal	35%	13.3%		
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!

A Lenten Message from Bishop Barres ...



Lent 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is no coincidence that the global inauguration of our 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope occurred on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The Jubilee Year of Hope in this 2025 Lenten season runs through the family and fidelity to the splendors of the liberating and objective truths of Christ and the Catholic Church on Marriage and the Family.

Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead individual family members to Christ's light of conversion and repentance. Conversion and repentance, in turn, open families to a family spirit and daily chemistry animated by the Holy Spirit. Family patterns ensnared in the ruts of sin become family patterns transformed by the grooves of grace, humility, charity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Jubilee Year of Hope runs through every family experiencing Christ's Cross: grief, tragedy, crisis, tension, alienation and transition.

Pope Francis emphasized: All of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered, and hearts overwhelmed by adversity. We are called to bring hope to the weary who have no strength to carry on, the lonely oppressed by the bitterness of failure, and all those who are broken-hearted. To bring hope to the interminable, dreary days of prisoners, to the cold and dismal lodging of the poor, and to all those places desecrated by war and violence. To bring hope there, to sow hope there.<sup>1</sup>

The Holy Family was a refugee family, and they are deeply present today to every struggling refugee family in the world to rekindle their hope. The Lenten season of the Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that, while all families are imperfect and have their problems and challenges, all families are called to grow together in holiness and a missionary spirit.

And so, we heed the powerful words of St. Paul as they apply to our daily family life: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... Let the peace of Christ control your hearts... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:12-17)

Our Lady invites us to have a pondering heart as we contemplate God's providential design in the past, present and future of our families, especially as we begin this Lenten season in the Jubilee Year of Hope. In unity with the Holy Family, our own families are called to transform the world and history with Christ's love and the mission of mercy of the Church which He Himself founded.

In the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church presents us with the canonizations of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and Saint Piergiorgio Frassati (1900-1924). As children, teenagers and young adults, they helped Christ transform their own families with their faith and their holiness as they helped Christ transform the Church and the world to this day. Together, they are asking every young Catholic to do the same in their time, in their place and in their own family.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for us and our extended families to cast the nets of Eucharistic charity throughout Long Island, understanding that the Eucharist is a "Fountain of Charity" -- a Fountain of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, a Fountain of the Gospel of Life and a Fountain of every dimension of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, I want to thank every Catholic family on Long Island and beyond for being Lights of Christ's hope and Lights of Catholic evangelization to the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

<sup>1</sup>Francis, "Opening of the Holy Door and Midnight Mass: Homily." [December 24, 2024] https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale.html

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Praying For and With One Another -

### <u>Remember</u>

#### Joan McKeon + Herbert Deere Angelina Eisenbraun

"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

Barbara Wheeler + Janet Penney Janice Chivelly + Virginia O'Sullivan James Green + Maureen Hogan + Pope Francis Elizabeth Onorato + Robert Pauze Jill Ragonese + Jennifer Lynn Jankesh

"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 <u>rectory@sjecm.org</u>.

## <u>Our Military</u>

#### US Marine Corps

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

#### <u>US Army</u>

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

If you wish to place someone on the Military prayer list, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to <u>rectory@sjecm.org</u>.

#### <u>US Navy</u>

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

#### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath CPT Keith Donohue

#### <u>US Air Force</u>

SrA Anthony Auciello SSGT David Giese SSGT Jason M Hermes PFC Kyle Kerstiens SSGT Ryan Kerstiens SSGT Timothy Kerstiens SrA Jared T. Rosato MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza SSGT William E. McCauley II 1st Lt. Claire McGrath

Remembering Our Loved Ones -

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 \$200 is requested.

#### Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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

SJE offers a number of ways to remember loved ones, or honor someone living. To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to <u>rectory@sjecm.org</u>

# Faith Formation -

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5 Faith Formation Website: <u>https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/</u> Email: <u>faithformation@sjecm.org</u> / <u>mpirraglia@sjecm.org</u> Office Hours: By Appointment Only (Mon-Thu - BARN, Upstairs)

Our Level 7 students participated in Eucharistic Adoration last month, with Fr. Patrick presiding. Guest Speaker Liam Gordon shared his witness with students and provided

music during adoration.

# 2025 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):

A. Grade-Level Mass (Parent/Student Event): Sunday, March 9 at 6 PM in the Church B. Next Class Session:

Tuesday, March 18 at 7:15 PM in the Church. Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles!

C. Level 7 Reconciliation Service (Parent/Student Event): Tuesday, March 25 at 7:15 PM in the Church

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

- A. Grade-Level Mass (Parent/Student Event): Sunday, March 16 at 6 PM in the Church
- B. Level 8 Reconciliation Service (Parent/Student Event): Monday, March 24 @ 7:15 PM, Church



Next Sessions: Tuesday, March 11 & Thursday, March 13 @ 5 PM & 7 PM in the Church.

# Year of the Eucharist Revival in the United States

The Eucharist Adoration Committee at St. John the Evangelist presents 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. Ph.D. in Sacred Theology

**Please bring a Bible to the talks.** The talks will help prepare you for the 40-Hour Eucharistic Adoration



#### The Eucharist in Scripture Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

In his first talk, Deacon Michael will present how the Eucharist is revealed in Scripture. The talk will begin by bringing out the many ways the Eucharist is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, including: manna in the desert, the Passover meal; the "show bread" displayed daily in the Temple. The heart of the talk will focus on the profound teaching of Jesus on the Eucharist in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. It will conclude by explaining the words of institution, "This is my body...this is the chalice of my blood."

#### The Eucharist as Memorial Sacrifice Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

"Do this in memory of me." By these words, Jesus instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his sacrifice on Calvary. How does the Mass make present Christ's Paschal Sacrifice? It is important to understand this in the correct way, and it is even more important to appreciate its significance for your Christian life. This talk will help you understand the Mass more deeply so that you can participate more fully in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and adore Jesus more lovingly in the Eucharist.



A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than 1000 years of human glory.

~Saint Padre Pio

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

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you can be present for a specific hour, email <u>rectory@sjecm.org</u> or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

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. Come visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament this

# Eucharistic Adoration

# March 21,<sup>st</sup> 22,<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>

Seton Chapel (Convent)

Adoration will begin at 3:00 PM on Friday, March 21st and end at 7:00 AM Sunday, March 23rd

SIGN UP WEEKEND - March 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th and 15th & 16th after Masses or complete and return below to the basket in the convent chapel or to the rectory office

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#### SELECT A DAY AND HOUR (S)

Friday 3/21 {3:00PM - Midnight} \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 3/22 {Midnight - Midnight} \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 3/23 {Midnight - 7:00 AM} \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Parish Social Ministry

### Lent... Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Once again, we are asking the parish community of St. John's to support the work of our food pantry, Ernie's Place and our Street Ministry. Your donations will be given to those we are privileged to serve in our community. Giving alms, Jesus teaches, means making the needs of others our own, especially the needy of our world. They are all around us: children and the old, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, and next-door neighbors. Whatever we give, we will receive blessings from God in return.

Throughout the season of Lent, you'll find bags at the exit doors of the Church. They will have the shopping list below in them. If you are able, please fill the bag with the items listed and leave your donation at the doors of the church. Non-perishable food items can be left in the brown bin in front of Ernie's as well.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

FOOD PANT



## Ernie's Place Shopping List

Below is a list of items needed for our pantry.

- $\Rightarrow$  Jelly
- $\Rightarrow$  Pasta
- $\Rightarrow$  Cereal
- ⇒ Oatmeal
- $\Rightarrow$  Easter Candy
- $\Rightarrow$  Fruit Cocktail
- $\Rightarrow$  Peanut Butter
- $\Rightarrow$  Tomato Sauce
- $\Rightarrow$  Raman Noodles
- $\Rightarrow$  Canned Chicken
- $\Rightarrow$  Canned Red Beans
- $\Rightarrow$  Canned Black Beans
- $\Rightarrow$  Small Bags White Rice
- $\Rightarrow$  Boxed Mashed Potatoes



Street Ministry Shopping List

- Single Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Shaving Cream
- Face/Wash cloths
- Deodorant (M&W)
- Men's Winter Gloves
- Travel Size Toothpaste
- Long Sleeve T-shirts (L, XL)
- Warm Socks (crew or tube, not ankle)





# Pray for an End to Abortion In Your Community!

Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, you can join with more than 1,000,000 volunteers worldwide to help end abortion. Here are the proven results of 30 coordinated campaigns in the United States and abroad:

- Over 25,000 saved babies.
- 150 closed abortion facilities.
- 250 converted abortion workers.

**Vigil Location:** Sidewalk in front of the office park at 450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue. Park <u>behind</u> 7-Eleven.

Select Vigil Hours convenient for you: Mon, Wed, and/or Sat, 10am-noon; Wed, 3-5pm.

Local Contact: Call Bob Williams at 631-615-1735 or email him at waverlyaverespectlife@gmail.com

You may also sign up directly at 40daysforlife.com/Patchogue

stations of the cross



We invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross in the church, Friday evenings during Lent.

Beginning, Friday, March 14th

7:00 PM English 8:00 PM Spanish





# THANKS!

A word of great gratitude to EVERYONE who worked so hard to make our parish Mardi Gras celebration such a big success. MANY THANKS to all of the parishioners who prepared festive Mardi Gras foods and baked

delicious desserts. We feasted before the Lenten fast thanks to you! To those of you who helped set up, decorate, serve and clean up, "THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! You truly embodied the old adage, "Many hands make light work!" Thanks to our Knights of Columbus for the delicious hot dogs, the drinks and for overseeing the burning of the palms. And of course, a very special thank you to Cathy Mussi who served as our Mardi Gras Coordinator, Christina Koch who coordinator the games for the children and to all the amazing members of our Family Life Ministry who worked tirelessly for many weeks before Mardi Gras to make sure that our celebration went off without a hitch. Thanks ladies...you truly are THE BEST!

### Mardi Gras was truly a wonderful parish event... thanks to our wonderful parish family!







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

# A Lenten Project

Here's how you can participate:

- Join us next week at all Masses for further details and instructions.
- Take home paper and instructions to create your dove, and if you need assistance, we will be available in the foyer to help you after Masses, March 22nd & 23rd.
- Pick up a Jubilee Year prayer card in the foyer to join in praying as we reflect on what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope.

#### Important Dates:

• Complete your dove and return it by April 5th & 6th.

• The doves will be part of our Easter display, and we invite you to reflect on the Jubilee Prayer throughout this Lenten season.

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





The faithful of Long Island can attain this Plenary Indulgence by making a pilgrimage to

#### THE CATHEDRAL of ST. AGNES

and praying at the

#### 2025 JUBILEE YEAR CROSS

enshrined at the Cathedral and installed by Bishop John O. Barres.



#### Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope

- Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- Be spiritually detached from sin
- Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

"This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord." POPE FRANCIS

# ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



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.

# OUR NEXT PARISH TRAINING SESSION WILL BE...

# March 17th 4:00-5:30 PM March 19th 4:00-5:30 PM March 22nd 11:00AM-12:30PM

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

We will celebrate a special installation Mass of all our new altar servers on **Sunday, March 23rd** 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 to servers@sjecm.org BEFORE Friday, March 14TH if you are interested in becoming an altar server.









"...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 <u>CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org</u> or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.



"....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 pide hacer oración, ayuno y dar limosna.

La Cuaresma es tiempo propicio para orar por nuestros hermanos más necesitados, sea su bienestar material, emocional o espiritual. Durante estos cuarenta días, cuando usted haga ayuno y abstinencia. por favor recuerde a aquellos que necesitan nuestra ayuda.

Una forma de hacerlo, es mediante un donativo a la **Campaña de Apoyo a los Ministerios Cató**licos -que a través de Caridades Católicas y las oficinas de Alcance Social de nuestras Parroquiascada año apoyan programas que ayudan a los más necesitados de nuestra comunidad.

> Para más información sobre la Campaña de Apoyo a los Ministerios Católicos visite www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org o llame al 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Queen of All Hearts Knights of Columbus

St. Patricks

Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 15th

313 Frowein Rd. Center Moriches

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

> STARTS AT 7 PM Bring your own adult beverage \$35 Per Person



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For Tickets- Call:Jim 631.838.0271 or Frank 516.639.6245



# A Message from Msgr. Walden...

We all need those moments where we can reflect and honestly look at ourselves and where we are in life, where we have been, and where we are going. This past Wednesday was Ash Wednesday and we began our 40 day journey to Easter. While it is not good to always be selfcentered, Lent calls us to look into our minds and hearts and to see where we are in life and where we are going. Ultimately, we are on a journey. As good as the present can be, we need to look beyond. Those old words from Ash Wednesday remind us: Remember you are dust and to dust your shall return.

One of the things I remember about the priest who taught us philosophy in the seminary is something he would say every once in a while from Isaiah 40:6-8: "All flesh is grass." We cannot walk around everyday thinking about our day of death and what will happen, but we do need the perspective the prophet is calling us to see. That came about in the Gospel reading for Mass this past Monday (Mark 10:17-27) where a rich young man approached Jesus and asked: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Obviously the rich young man was well off and was seeking security but in the end walked away from Jesus's response to his question: "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement, his face fell, and went away sad, for he had many he possessions".

Accepting our mortality is a struggle for all of us. Psalm 27 seeks to bring us hope, comfort, and inspiration with these opening words: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be



afraid?" Lent is a time to look at the reality of our lives not out of fear and resignation, but with hope and inspiration. Lent is our time to renew our commitment to sincere prayer, confession of our sins, and gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist at Mass. Jesus just doesn't tell us where we are right and wrong, He walks our journey of life with His Spirit of love, wisdom, mercy and joy. In the end, death will bring us fully into His presence and life in heaven, and reunite us with those we carry in our hearts with gratitude and joy who have gone before us. In Preface 1 at Mass on the feast of the Ascension of Jesus, we have these comforting, life giving words: "Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before."

May this Lent be a true time of renewal, inspiration, gratitude and joy for all of us. I conclude with these words from James 1:19-22, 25:

"Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of a man does not accomplish the righteousness of God. Therefore, put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does."

# 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 Parroguial. Ven a enriguecer

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

#### The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2025 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis M. Romero Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2025

#### Sunday, June 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2025

Register online at drvc-faith.org For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at Irobustelli@drvc.org

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!









Profundiza tu oración esta Cuaresma con Hallow

#### **ORACIONES DIARIAS**

Comienza tu día con el Evangelio del Día, el Rosario, la oración imaginativa o una de las más de 10,000 sesiones, que incluyen meditaciones diarias, homilías, reflexiones y estudios biblicos.

CONTENIDO FAMILIAR Y RETO PARA NIÑOS

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

#### HISTORIAS BÍBLICAS Y

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

"¡Amén! Hallow me ayudó a caminar en la fe, caminar con el hombre y caminar con Jesús... jla mejor Cuaresma de todas!



# Women's Group...



We welcome back our Members & invite New Members to join us as we read together, learn & share our feelings & life's experiences. It's an open group, come when you want or can. You can join throughout the year. There's no commitment. You don't have to share or read out loud, no homework. Everything we share is kept confidential. We respect each other's sharing. No judgement. All you need is desire to draw nearer to Jesus & to have fellowship with like-minded women who know we're not perfect & it's ok. **BRING A FRIEND!!!** 

The book we'll read together is **"The Sanctifier"** by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, explaining in detail how the workings of the gifts of The Holy Spirit bring us into holiness. It's usually in the sharing part of what we're reading that gives us clearer understanding of the subject especially because it relates to our lives at the

present moment. We're living the lessons which is comforting when we're in pain, we have a lot of laughs too. We're there for each other! The book will be provided,

We meet in the white house between the school & rectory every other Monday, unless noted with an asterisk \*, at 10:00 -11:30 AM, ending in time to go to 12:00 Mass if you want.

#### Dates: March 24, & 31, April 14 & 28, May 12 & 19\*, June 2, 16 & 30.

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

# Men's Prayer Group...



### CALLING ALL MEN!

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

## Bereavement Support ...

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

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon First floor meeting room in the Barn. REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or via email at Rectory@sjecm.org \$10 donation for the workbook.

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





# 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

# Weekly Calendar

#### Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

#### Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SC
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous BMR
  - 7 PM Divine Will

#### Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous – BMR

- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open Thrift Shop
  - 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SC

#### Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

#### Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

#### Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

#### Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mtg. Room BUR - Barn Upper Room SC - Seton Chapel