

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Psalm 22





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OUR PARISH MISSION

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

-Mission Statement

Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 2:45 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel
(Convent) - Monday through Friday
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, April 19th (Holy Saturday)

5:00 PM - NO MASS

7:30 PM (Spanish) - NO MASS

8:00 PM (Easter Vigil) - Fr. Patrick

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass
will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook
after the live broadcast.)

Sunday, April 20th (Easter Sunday)

5:30 AM - Sunrise Mass - Fr. Patrick

8:00 AM - Fr. Abin

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Jerry

2:00 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

6:00 PM—NO MASS

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

We celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &

7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend 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

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller
Director of Operations

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
www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller
Principal
dwaller@olqany.org (ext. 201)

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House

Monday - Thursday:
9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Friday - Saturday
9 AM - 2 PM

We ask that you call before visiting any parish
offices.

Confession Schedule

A Message from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...

Advancing the Kingdom of God with Faith and Hope

The purpose of Lent is to help us turn our lives completely over to God. We are drawn closer to God and grow in holiness and in greater awareness of God's presence unfolding in our lives. Through prayer and fasting, we can be drawn nearer to God when we take these spiritual disciplines seriously and focus more on the goodness and the power of God's complete love for humanity. We learn to trust more and more each day in God's Divine Providence, knowing how important it is to keep Him close to our hearts. During these past 40 days, we have been given another opportunity to do just this! We trust more and rely more on God, knowing how essential it is to keep Him at the center of our lives! I think we would all agree how important Lent has become in our lives as we advance on in years; Lent brings us directly into contact with God when we take extra time fasting from things or activities that only prevent us from spending more time with Him in prayer and reflection.

Throughout these past forty days, Jesus has shown us again, by word and example, how to trust more and rely more on the presence of God in our lives. He has shown us the way from the crib to the cross, how to be dependent on God and how to remain obedient to His Word, even when things do not always go our way. Jesus shows us how to remain firm in our faith knowing that God will remain true to His promises in restoring humanity back to wholeness and in bringing the world the fullness of salvation! All we must do is trust more in His Word. Then, we see how true God is to His promises. We will see its relevance and promising effects in our lives and the reassurance it brings.

During the Lord's encounter and dialogue with Pontius Pilate in speaking about His Kingship and Kingdom, Pilate was not threaten because He did not see Jesus' Kingdom backed by any army or military, which normally defines the strength of one's nation. Instead, all he saw was Jesus' own people turning Him over by saying "crucify Him, crucify Him." But little did Pilate know then of the power behind the Lord's Kingship and Kingdom - as does one who comes to believe in Jesus' Lordship over time. Pope Benedict XVI, in Volume II of *Jesus of Nazareth*, clearly stated that one helps advance the Kingdom of God when one grows in one's faith in God. In other words, the one Kingdom that has the power to surpass all other earthly kingdoms is when the community of believers take their faith in God and His Word more seriously in their lives. Imagine, if

the world keeps their faith in Jesus alive in their hearts and proclaim His Lordship to all the ends of the earth, how much more God's Kingdom would flourish over all other worldly kingdoms in our society today, even those with the best military backing! If we want to see the power and the strength of God's Kingdom rule the earth with peace and hope, then we, as Christians, need to respond in charity and grow in our faith and hope in the Lord, who loved us all to the very end!

Pope Benedict XVI also reminded us of the way in which we can become more faithful and dependent on



God. When referring to the Washing of the Feet, Benedict reminded us that we must surrender to God. During this great act of charity, Jesus summarizes His entire life and saving ministry in one great gesture. He kneels, "He Descends" signifying the importance and the effect His birth had on society when He descended upon the earth that first Christmas night. He came to serve and restore us to wholeness and to cleanse us from our former sinful ways by washing us clean so we can approach God in true faith and with clean and sincere hearts, and help

others to do the same. When we descend before God in faith and in service to one another, we help advance the Kingdom of Heaven by helping others to grow in their own faith and understanding of God by surrendering more each day to His Word in total trust and obedience.

As we enter the Holiest week of the year, we recall the most significant week in Salvation History, the First Holy Week that brought the world redemption. We have another opportunity to journey with the Lord to the cross that brought us all the gift of new and everlasting life. What a beautiful time for us to look upon the cross again, in faith and in trust, knowing that God will continue to remain ever faithful and true to His promise in drawing us closer to Him in love. Now is the time for us to surrender again to His Word with complete faith and obedience, knowing the great treasure that He has in store for all of us - the Kingdom of Heaven, Heaven without end. I hope and pray that we all take this week very seriously as we look upon the One who alone can reassure us of our greatest hope, and who alone can bring us peace of mind and heart, especially with all that is going on in our world today, so we trust more and rely more in God each day just like He did to the very end!

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, April 12th Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, April 13th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM Deborah Bocchino
10:00 AM Carmine Marceno
12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer
6:00 PM Patti LeBlanc

Monday, April 14th Monday of Holy Week

7:00 AM William P. Dittmer
12:00 Noon Mercedes Picasso

Tuesday, April 15th Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Christopher Bowman
12:00 PM Mercedes Picasso

Wednesday, April 16th Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Patricia Cuff
12:00 Noon John B. LaRock II

Thursday, April 17th Holy Thursday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
4:30 PM Children and Family Prayer Service
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:45 PM Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11:45 PM)

Friday, April 18th Good Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 Noon Children and Family Prayer Service
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
6:15 PM Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 19th Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer/Blessing of the Food

5:00 PM No Mass

8:00 PM (Vigil) Easter Novenas

Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday

5:30 AM (Sunrise) Easter Novenas
8:00 AM Easter Novenas
10:00 AM Easter Novenas
12:00 Noon Easter Novenas
2:00 PM (Spanish) Easter Novenas
6:00 PM No Mass



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 by April 16.



PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

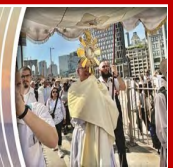
Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$247,053	13	\$19,004
2024	\$258,644	13	\$19,896

2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE-CENTRE

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As of 4/7/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	109	106
Total Pledged to date	\$56,810	\$51,735
Avg. Gift	\$521	\$488
Percent of Goal	49%	45%

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!

Stations of the Cross

Estaciones de la Cruz



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

7:00 PM English
8:00 PM Spanish



We are not defined by our mistakes.

*In Confession, Jesus invites us to
encounter his mercy and be healed by his
love. When he tells us "Go and sin no
more," he also gives us the grace to do so.*



Confessions

Monday, April 14th
3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 17th
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19th
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

April 17th



Morning Prayer

9:00 am in the church.

Come begin the Triduum with morning prayer..

Family Prayer Service

4:30 pm in the church. This family prayer service will help our children to truly understand the significance of Holy Thursday and it will provide an opportunity for all to experience the Washing of the Feet.

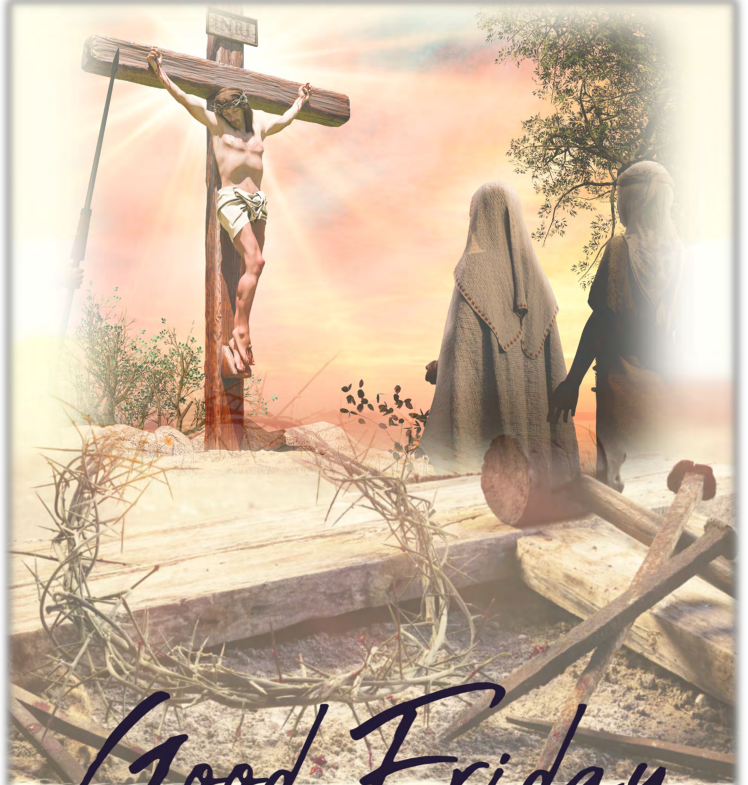
Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 pm in the church.

Come and pray this beautiful liturgy, experience the washing of the feet and process to the auditorium for the response of the Blessed Sacrament.

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:45 pm (after the Mass of the Lord's Supper) until 11:45pm. Come and pray in the quiet peace of Christ. Holy Thursday Night Prayer 11:45-12 midnight in the Auditorium.



Good Friday

April 18th

Morning Prayer

9:00 am in the church.

Come continue the Triduum with morning prayer

Family Prayer Service

12 noon. 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 in the church.

Stations of the Cross

1:00 pm in the church.

Come pray the Way of the Cross.

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

3:00 pm in the church. Pray through the Passion of our Lord, receive the Eucharist and venerate the cross.

Confessions

4:300 - 6:00 pm in the church.

Living Stations of the Cross

6:15 pm in front of the church. Walk through the streets of Center Moriches as our Spanish Ministry leads us in this profoundly personal way of the cross.



Holy Saturday

April 19th

Morning Prayer

9:00 am in the church.
Come continue the Triduum with morning prayer
and blessing of the food.

Family Prayer Service and Egg Hunt

11:00 am in the church followed by the egg hunt
on the Great Lawn in front of the school.

Confessions

4:00 - 5:00 pm in the church.

Easter Vigil

8:00 pm in the church. This liturgy begins
in darkness and takes us into the light of
Christ. Celebrate the sacraments of
Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation
with our OCIA candidates.



Easter Sunday

April 20th

Easter Masses

5:30 am-Outdoor Mass on the lawn
in front of the convent.

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon in the Church

Misa de Pascua Española

2:00 pm en la Iglesia

*Celebrate the joy of the Resurrection
and the promise of hope and eternal
salvation that it brings.*



Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Please pray for the souls in Purgatory

“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

Daniel Garcia + Logan Coyle + Robert Pauze
Todd Skala + Danielle Lopez + Henry Lokaj
Marilyn Peterson + Maureen Hogan

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

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

Our Military

US Marine Corps

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

US Army

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

US Navy

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

US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello
SSGT David Giese
SSGT Jason M Hermes
PFC 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

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

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

Theresa Cartolano

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp Candle
will be lit in memory of:

Emely Alcantara

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 rectory@sjecm.org

April 13, 2025



Chrism Mass

at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 • 4:00 P.M.

All are invited to attend in person.

This Mass will be broadcast live on the Catholic Faith Network:
Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS channel 296 and Time Warner Cable
channel 471. Viewers can watch the Mass online at cfntv.org.



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2025

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*"...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
or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296



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Senior Luncheon

Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Mission Middle School Academy
invites you to...
an afternoon celebrating the wisdom of
our senior citizens



Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mass at 11AM at St. John the Evangelist Church followed
by lunch and activities in the school auditorium as we
celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

email ghalversen@olqany.org or call 631-878-1033 to RSVP
25 Ocean Ave. Center Moriches
(No children permitted to the luncheon)

WHAT'S THE MISSION?

The Mission Middle School Academy at Our Lady Queen of Apostles School was established in 2018. This innovative approach to middle school education challenges students to academic excellence in the context of a faith filled environment. Steeped in respect and dignity of the human person, students are given a strong foundation to excel as leaders and missionary disciples in high school, college, and beyond.

The Office of Family Ministry

Holy Week Prayer Services for Families

Holy Thursday



Come pray with us on Holy Thursday at 4:30 PM in the church as we learn about the institution of the Eucharist and personally experience the call to serve others, as we share in the Holy Thursday Mandatum - The Washing of the Feet. All are welcome!

Good Friday



On Good Friday, we will pray through the Passion and Death of Jesus in a presentation especially designed for children. Join us at 12:00 in the church. *Students in grades 6 through college are needed to assist with our presentation. Contact Carolyn Lapham if you would like to help – clapham@sjecm.org*

Holy Saturday



Come on Holy Saturday as we pray through our “waiting day”. We will gather at 11:00 AM in **Seton Chapel** (in the Convent). Our prayer service will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the convent Lawn. Bring your Easter basket or a bag to collect some eggs!



Adult volunteers are needed for many of our Family Ministries including:

- ♦ **Martha & Co.:** Our parish hospitality ministry!
- ♦ **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Our children’s liturgy program that takes place during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass.
- ♦ **Family Life Ministry:** The ministry that does it all! Fun family events of all kinds!

For more information, please email clapham@sjecm.org.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

The Office of Family Ministry

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at St. John's focuses on engaging parish families in fun activities, service projects and prayerful experiences. With the purpose of deepening faith, strengthening good Catholic family practices and building our parish family, our office works in conjunction with Faith Formation and Parish Social Ministry to meet the varied needs of our parish families. If you would like to learn more about our ministries or need additional information about any of the upcoming events, please call us at 631-878-0009 x-124 or email Clapham@sjecm.org. Here are some of our ministries!

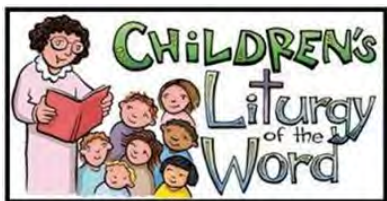
Moms on the Journey



Our moms' group is going strong! We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the upper meeting room of the Barn. A casual, fun-filled, Spirit lead group, "Moms on the Journey" provides an opportunity for busy mothers to be pampered...to grow in their faith... and to share the joys and challenges of Christian motherhood with other moms. This ministry has been a true blessing for all those who come. If you're a mom who wants to go deeper *and* enjoy the company of other Christian moms, please consider joining this amazing group of women. **Our next monthly gathering will be Wednesday, March 26, 2025.** Bring a friend and come on down.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This program meets during the **10:00 Mass every Sunday**. Our young parishioners leave Mass after the Collect (Opening Prayer) and return in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. While at CLTW, the children enjoy the readings, responsorial psalm and gospel presented in language that is easy for them to understand. An interactive homily and prayer of the faithful allow the children to participate more fully in the Liturgy of the Word. All children ages 4 and up are welcome. No registration is necessary...just come to the 10:00 Mass and have your children join the group when the priest invites the children to come up. This program is a joy-filled blessing for all!



Family Life Ministry

Our Family Life Ministry provides varied opportunities for families of all ages to come together to pray, to serve others and to share in some faith-filled family fun. We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Upper Meeting Room of the barn. At these meetings we pray, brainstorm, share ideas and plan family activities, events and service projects. Volunteers help whenever they can as we organize various activities throughout the year, which makes this ministry a perfect place for busy people to volunteer. Bring your creativity, joyful spirit and growing faith and put your talents to good use here at St. John's All are welcome! Our next planning meeting will be on Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 PM in The Barn.

Please see our invitation to the Family Holy Week Services in this Sunday's bulletin on page 11! These prayer services are designed for families so that the children will experience Holy Week in a way that they can understand. Please join us!

The Office of Family Ministry

Martha & Company



All of you “Marthas” out there, this ministry is for you! We are chefs and bakers, table and chair movers, “fussers” to create our various environments, shoppers, organizers and cleaner-uppers. This ministry of hospitality provides opportunities for fellowship in conjunction with weekend Masses, prayer services and special events. The beauty of this ministry is that you do *what you can, when you can*. There is no major time commitment. All are welcome to join this multi-generational ministry comprised of joyful people who generously share their time and talents with our parish family!

St. John's Youth Service Corps

YOUNG PEOPLE WE NEED YOU!

This ministry provides varied opportunities for the young people of our parish to respond to the call to serve others, here at St. John’s and beyond. Geared for middle school, high school and college students, the SJE Service Corps enlists the help of our youth volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities from volunteering as actors and actresses for our faith formation program, to leading our children at our vacation bible camp, to setting up and serving at parish events and helping those in need through the outreach efforts of our parish social ministry office. There are so many ways to help throughout the course of the year. Young people help when they are available. There is never any as we are sensitive to the busy lives that our teenagers lead. The SJE Youth Service Corps is great way for teens to use their talents, connect with other faith-filled young people, serve the parish and the community, and have fun!



Vacation Bible Camp



This year our amazing VBC will be held from Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18. (9:00 AM - 12:00 noon). Students who are **currently** enrolled in Pre-K through Grade 4 are eligible for VBC. This is a wonderful program of faith, fellowship and fun for our young parishioners. Youth and adult volunteers are most welcome as our program runs completely on volunteer power! Check the parish website and the upcoming bulletins for additional information. Registration will begin in April.

For information regarding any of these family ministries, please email Carolyn Lapham, Coordinator of Family Ministry at clapham@sjecm.org or call the Office of Family Ministry at 631-878-0009 x124.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>

Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

Office Hours: By Appointment Only (Mon-Thu) - BARN, Upstairs)

CHECK OUT OUR FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE!

sjecmff.blogspot.com

Registration Begins June 2025!

Fast Facts:

- St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth, **beginning in**
- **FIRST GRADE**, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments.
- Information on our registration process & programs will be available on our website in June!
- If your child was not baptized here at SJE, we will need a copy of the child's baptismal certificate (or a copy of their birth certificate if they were not baptized).



Help Wanted: Can You Give Back?

Are you looking for a way to serve our community? We are always looking for parishioners to help teach our young people about the faith.

♦ Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)

Would you like to help with our Family Catechesis program for Grades 1-6? Parents and students meet together once a month. We would love to add you to our Family of Faith Team of volunteers who help organize, plan and present at our sessions!

♦ Confirmation Prep! Small Group Leaders: Gr. 7 & 8

Are you looking for a new challenge and would like to get involved in our Confirmation Prep - we have a spot for you! Our Confirmation prep program is based on a small-group model and we need your help! Students meet twice a month, with sessions featuring large-group, interactive presentations and small group discussion. We are particularly looking for Level 7 leaders for the incoming Level 7 class in Fall 2025!

Interested? Contact Michelle at
631-878-0009, ext. 123 or via email
at mpirraglia@sjecm.org



Parish Social Ministry



Ernie's Place Shopping List

Here is a list of items needed for our pantry. These items can be left at the doors of the Church or in the bin outside of Ernie's Place:

- ☐ Jelly
- ☐ Oatmeal
- ☐ Pancake Mix
- ☐ Easter Candy
- ☐ Fruit Cocktail
- ☐ Tomato Sauce
- ☐ Raman Noodles
- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Cake Mix and Icing
- ☐ Bags of Red Beans
- ☐ Bags of Black Beans
- ☐ Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- ☐ Small Bags of White Rice

THRIFT SHOP

Open Wednesdays from 9 AM - 12 Noon

Please visit our shop! You'll see new and lots of gently used clothes, shoes, pocketbooks, jewelry, housewares and many toys all at great prices! The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish Outreach programs and used to assist our neighbors in need in our parish and the local community.

The success of our Thrift Shop relies on the generous donations from our community which can be left in the green bins in the school parking lot, in front of our shop. We gently urge you to donate on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9 - 11 AM.

Spring cleaning time is here!

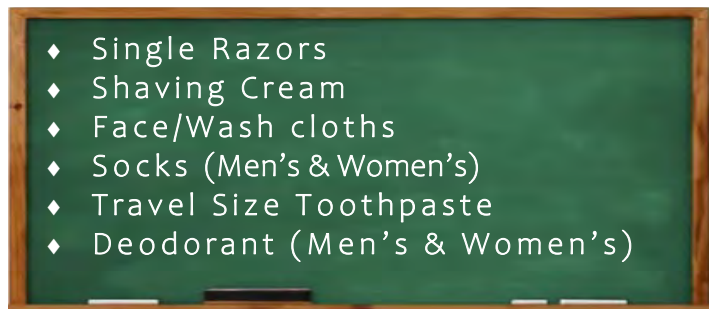
Please consider donating your new or gently used clothing or household items during this time. It's a great way to organize your home and give back to our Parish community at the same time!

Street Ministry

Our Street Ministry is an amazing community of volunteers who provide hot meals, clothing and toiletries to individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless or unable to receive other supportive services. We need your help! Come use the awesome gifts that God gave you to serve those in need in our local community. All areas on the Street Ministry team need volunteers including - working in our donation room folding and organizing clothes, cooking hot meals at home and dropping them off on Thursday nights (we provide the take-out containers!), making PB&J sandwiches, using your muscles to load our van and participating in our van runs where you can hand out meals and clothing to those in need. The Street Ministry has a place and a job for everyone! To get started, please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 or for more information, please email socialministry@sjecm.org and once you are ready to start volunteering look for emails from StreetMinistry@sjecm.org to sign up in your area of interest. Thank you for considering this vital opportunity to serve! We hope to hear from you! We are tremendously grateful for all our volunteers and the donations we receive; both allow us to continue to do this work every week.

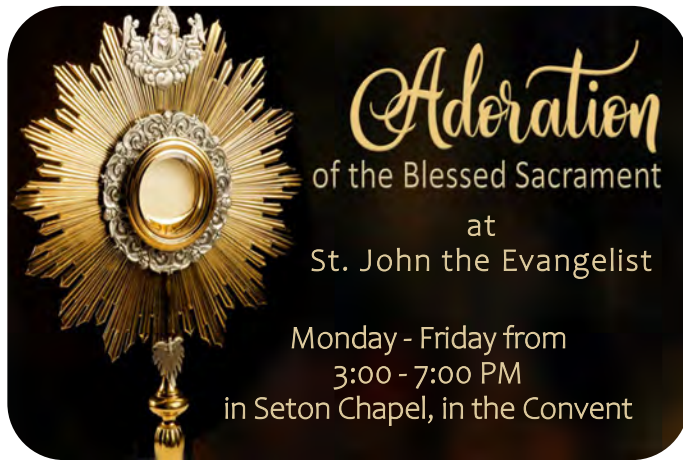
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Below is a list of items that are needed for Street Ministry. Please leave donations in the box by the doors of the Church.



Thank you for your generosity!





Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. John the Evangelist

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

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.



Pray for an End
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community!

Through prayer, fasting,
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more than 1,000,000 volunteers
worldwide to help end abortion.

Here are the proven results of
30 coordinated campaigns in the
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- **150** closed abortion facilities.
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workers.

Vigil Location: Sidewalk in front of
the office park at 450 Waverly Ave.,
Patchogue. Park behind 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



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April 7: St. Martin of Tours
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April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Medal
Wyandanch | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 9: Holy Name of Mary
Valley Stream | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 10: St. Louis de Montfort
Sound Beach | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle
West Hempstead | 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

April 12: Our Lady of Grace
West Babylon | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

April 14: St. Rose of Lima
Massapequa | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes
West Islip | 12:30-7:30 p.m.

April 16: St. Kilian
Farmingdale | 12:45-7:30 p.m.



To learn more, visit: drvc.org/return25



April 13, 2025

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Women's Group...

Join us as we read, learn, and share life's experiences in a welcoming, open group. No commitment required - come when you can! You don't have to share or read aloud, and everything is confidential. We respect each other and are here for support. Bring a friend!

This year, we are reading "The Sanctifier" by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, exploring how the gifts of the Holy Spirit lead us to holiness. Our discussions often provide clarity and comfort, especially as we relate the lessons to our own lives. The book is provided.

We meet every other Monday from 10:00-11:30 AM in the white house between the school and rectory, ending in time for 12:00 Mass if you'd like.

Dates:

March 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.



Are you a baptized, practicing adult Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Holy Communion but not the Sacrament of Confirmation?

For those who were never confirmed as a child, there is a way to receive this holy sacrament as an adult. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a strengthening in the indwelling, action and grace of the Holy Spirit. Without it, one is not fully initiated into the Catholic Church, because this Sacrament confirms your baptism and empowers you to live a genuine life of witness as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Preparation is needed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is given to adult Catholics once a year on the Solemn Feast of Pentecost (Sunday, June 8, 2025). The process to be confirmed as an adult requires a mature grasp of the Catholic faith and freely committing oneself to live it. Informal classes on the Catholic Faith are given to adult candidates for Confirmation over the seven weeks leading up to Pentecost (April 23 – Jun 4, 2025).

For more information on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult, contact Deacon Michael at mhoonhout@sjecm.org.

A Message from Msgr. Walden...



Passion is a word that can be used in different ways. We have passionate feelings about those we love and who love us. We are grateful for the love, life, and joy they bring to us and the love, life, and joy we give them. Passion can drive us to support different causes hopefully based on the good that can be done for or with others. As we celebrate Palm Sunday today, we read the Passion account of Jesus' arrest and death from St. Luke's Gospel. Jesus' passion was to bring us into the fullness of life with Him and one another. Through His presence, preaching, and miracles, He opened our minds and hearts to our presence in God's love, life, mercy, and heart. As we read and listen to the Passion account of St. Luke, there are certainly more words of rejection, injustice, and ignorance than words of hope. But the hope and constancy in love and mercy in Jesus are exactly why we are who we are and where we are mentally, physically, and spiritually.

In this account we see Jesus predicting Peter will deny him, in spite of protesting words on the part of Peter. Yet Jesus' words came true. After hearing the cock crow, Peter realized what he had done and "wept bitterly." Jesus is then mocked by those who arrested Him with words and actions, unjustly condemned by Pilate, and finally nailed to the cross and killed. Yet His words are not words of condemnation and damnation but words of hope: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" and "Amen I say to you, this day you will be with me in Paradise." The greatest injustice ever committed by us as human beings was not met with threats of damnation but words of hope for forgiveness for those responsible.

The gift of life is a gift that enriches us, others, our Church, and our country. That is easy to do when things are going well and we seem to have peace with those we love the most. The challenge comes when we face disappointing responses to our words and actions. Our possessions, time, and talents are blessings meant to be shared for the good of others, not meant to be protected and used for ourselves and our comfort only. Jesus used His last moments to celebrate the Last Supper with His apostles by instituting the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Holy Orders. His passionate love could not be

extinguished or sidetracked.

In Luke 2:7 we read: "and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Just as Jesus' presence two thousand years ago was a much-needed gift for us as individuals and as fellow human beings, so we need the gift of His presence in our personal lives, our homes, our communities, our country, and our world. Is there room for Him in our hearts, minds, thoughts, and actions? Those people we are passionate about inspire, uplift, and enrich us. How do we get to the point where we truly believe that Jesus wants to inspire, uplift, and enrich us? Rejection and crucifixion could not put out the fire of His love two thousand years ago and it is burning with the same all powerful fire for you and I.

I offer these verses from Psalm 63 for your prayerful reflection:

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

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

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

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

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

HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES
45th Anniversary
Mass & Reception
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
"Anchoring Our Future"

Mass at 7:00 pm
St. Charles Hospital Chapel
Followed by a Reception at Infant Jesus Parish

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by calling the Development Office at **631-473-8796** or email **hbmdevelop@optonline.net**

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



Marriage Struggling?

Do you feel hurt and angry? Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction? Does talking make it worse?

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No Marriage is Beyond Hope.



Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

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

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

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

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

Requisitos:

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

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

CASAMIENTO:

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

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

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

espanol@sjecm.org

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

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

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

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

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM

auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

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



Prayer Invitation

Please join a nationwide prayer effort for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children.

St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

Explanation from Bishops Broglio and Burbidge available by clicking on the QR code



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE
Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics

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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.

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Termina tu día 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... ¡la mejor Cuaresma de todas!"



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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
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Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 14th, 2025

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

Tuesday, April 15th, 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, April 16th, 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, April 17th, 2025 (Parish Offices close at noon)

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, April 18th, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus - Bingo - **NO BINGO**
7 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR
7 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

Saturday, April 19th, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

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

Sunday, April 20th, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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