

# St. John the Evangelist

Second Sunday of Easter April 16th, 2023

## Roman Catholic Church



April 16, 2023

*Second Sunday of Easter*

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting"

Psalms: 118: 1-2-4,13-15,22-24, R.V.1

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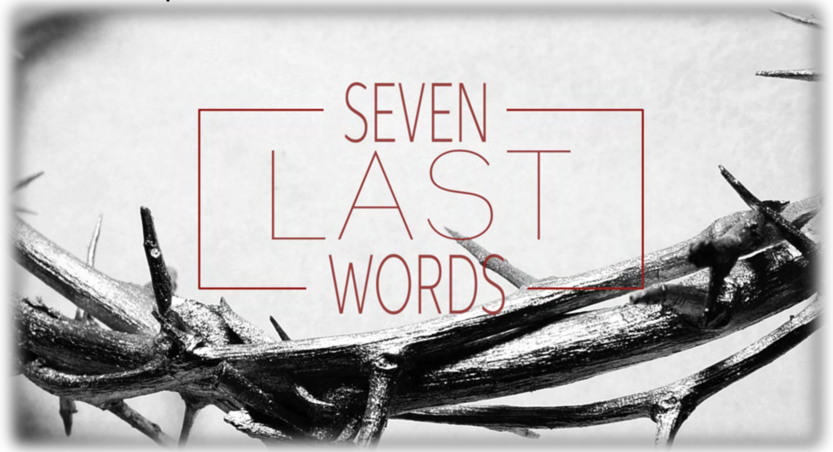


## *A message from Fr. Felix...*

People never forget the last words of their loved ones before they died. It is very important to remember those last moments of life and reflect on them as we journey through life. Christians have long pondered Christ's "seven last words", which refers to the seven brief sayings Jesus uttered from the cross before he died. Just to be aware, for centuries, these words have been the subject of many sermons, books, devotions, as well as musical pieces. The fact that there are seven such sayings recorded in scripture is very significant.

We should not forget that in the Bible, seven is the number of perfections, the number of the covenant. It brings to mind the seven days of creation, when God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Here God teaches us the significance of rest which we don't take seriously. Jesus gave seven last words while still on the cross. On one hand, Jesus was about to enter into his rest. After completing the work of his ministry, he entered his sabbath, the sleep of death. On the other hand, it points to how Christ's death was the beginning of a new creation that was about to be born. He rose from the dead and all creation was renewed. Jesus is risen, the victory is won! We are all renewed in him.

As St. Augustine states, "The tree upon which were fixed the members of him dying was even the chair of the Master teaching".



Think of these seven last words not merely as words, spoken to you. Before Jesus died, he was thinking of us and what we would be going through this year, this month, this day. He wants to give us a certain message to encourage or challenge us.

The seven last words are:

*"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"*  
Luke (23:34).

*"Today you will be with me in Paradise"* (Luke 23:43).

*"Behold, your son.... Behold, your Mother"* (John 19:26-27).

*"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me"* (Matthew 27:46).

*"I thirst"* (John 19:28).

*"It is finished"* (John 19:30).

*"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit"* (Luke 23:46).

The reflections that follow the seven last words can be used simply to continue our biblical journey through Christ's passion and learn more about Jesus' words from the cross.

Let us consider the biblical background for each of these words and how Jesus continues to speak to us today through them. We do not need to be afraid because Jesus Christ is Lord.

"They still did not understand from scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead". I will praise God because Jesus is alive.

# Preparing for the Week

## Saturday, April 15th

5:00 p.m. Anna Ostermeyer  
7:30 p.m. *Spanish* People of the Parish

## Sunday, April 16th

8:00 a.m. Tom and Madeline Mastroberti  
10:00 a.m. Natalie Doyle  
12:00 p.m. Noel Faria Sr.  
6:00 p.m. Gloria and Anthony Profeta

## Monday, April 17th Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Giovanni Minauro  
12 Noon Nancy Wardinski

## Tuesday, April 18th Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Lynn Noonan  
12 Noon Deceased Members—Bifulco Family  
7:30 p.m. *Spanish* People of the Parish

## Wednesday, April 19th Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. John Leary  
12 Noon Christopher Bowman

## Thursday, April 20th Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Lena Rimi  
12 Noon Arthur Misischia

## Friday, April 21st Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Timothy Guinness  
12 Noon Renee Llanusa

## Saturday, April 22nd Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Bob Corrado  
5:00 p.m. Angelina Vigliotta  
7:30 p.m. *Spanish* Orlando Narvaez

## Sunday, April 23rd Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Peter and Vita Vaccaro  
10:00 a.m. Anne Mintel  
12 Noon Jerome Dempsey  
6:00 p.m. Helen Falco

# Mother's Day Novena...

Enroll your loved ones in our **2023 Mother's Day Novena of Masses**

Cards are available at the doors of the church.

Those names that are included on the envelopes will be remembered during the Mother's Day Novena Masses that begin on **Mother's Day, May 14th.**

Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped at the rectory office.



## EASTER COLLECTION

2023	EASTER	\$54,200	AS OF 4/11/23
2022	EASTER	\$69,132	YEAR END
2021	EASTER	\$66,465	YEAR END

Please don't forget to return your 2023 Easter Appeal envelopes.



	2023	2022
<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$115,100.00</b>	<b>\$115,100.00</b>
<b>Number of Donors</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Total Pledged to date</b>	<b>\$52,105</b>	<b>\$61,990</b>
<b>Avg. Gift</b>	<b>\$420</b>	<b>\$392</b>

**2023**  
**CATHOLIC**  
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**APPEAL**

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





# Divine Mercy Sunday

Today - Sunday, April 16, 2023

MASS and AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

## 12 Noon Mass

Presider: Fr. Felix

*with Solemn Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy  
concluding with procession to Seton Chapel*

**1 -4 p.m.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel  
(The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 p.m. in the Church.)

**4 p.m.** Benediction

The Divine Mercy Novena began on **Good Friday, April 7, 2023** and concludes **Sunday, April 16, 2023** – the Second Sunday of Easter – the Sunday of Divine Mercy. This novena is another way for us to reach out – or better yet – allow Jesus to reach out to us with the hand of mercy and compassion.

In her Diary, Jesus told St. Faustina, “I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that from there they may draw strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death” (Diary, 1209). While the Chaplet can be said anytime, the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena, promising that “By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls” (Diary 796).

Pamphlets will be available—in Spanish and English—as you leave the Church for those who are interested in praying the Divine Mercy Novena.

*Let us ask Christ for the gift of mercy. Let it engulf us and penetrate us. Let us have the courage to come back to Jesus to meet His love and mercy in the sacraments....let us feel His closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness, and love.”*

-Pope Francis

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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

## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**  
Pastor + pastor@sjecm.org

**Reverend Felix Akpabio**  
Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Gennaro DiSpigno**  
Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**  
Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**  
Deacon

**Carolyn Lapham**  
Director of Family Ministries

**Andrew McKeon**  
Director of Music Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Katie Spellman**  
Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

**Katie Waller**  
Director of Operations

## 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 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Tuesdays -  
5-8pm Spanish speaking support.

**Friday - Saturday**  
9 a.m.- 2p.m.  
*We ask that you call before  
visiting any parish offices.*

## Mass Schedule

### Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 am - 2:45 pm.  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel  
(Convent) - Monday through Friday**  
3:00 pm—7:00 pm

### Next Weekend's Schedule

#### Saturday, April 22nd

5:00 pm - Fr. Peter

7:30 pm - (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

#### Sunday, April 23rd

8:00 am - Fr. Jerry

10:00 am - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Felix

6:00 pm—Fr. Felix

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

### We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday—Friday: After the 7 a.m. + 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. +  
7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30—5:45 p.m.

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



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# Praying for and With One Another...

## We Remember...

Joan Speirs + John Perno  
Angela Odierna

"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

## We Pray...

Barbara Stanco, Arianna DeOliveira,  
Angelina Osman, Victor Visca,  
Joseph Francis Mazzola,  
Michael Pomara, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera

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

-1 Peter 1:6

Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

## Praying for Our Military

### US Army

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

### US Air Force

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

### US Marine Corps

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

### US Navy

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

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue  
If you wish to place someone on the Military prayer list, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

## *In Memory of Kevin O'Brien Jr.*

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

### **Mass Intentions**

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

### **Altar Bread and Wine**

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.  
For the month an offering of \$150 is requested

### **Votive Candles/Altar Candles**

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

Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week

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

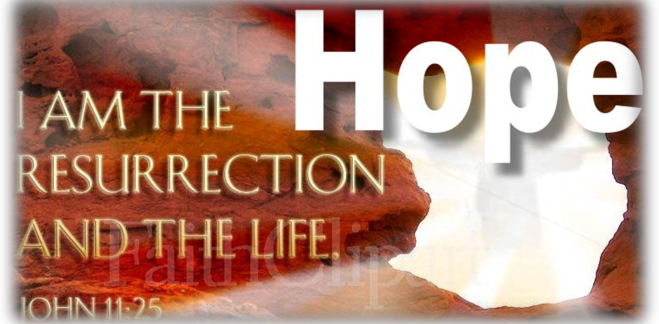
# Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5 +

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

Email: [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)

Office Hours: By Appointment Only  
(Monday-Thursday—BARN, Upstairs)



## Happy Easter!

Our Faith Formation staff wish you a blessed Easter!

Thank you to everyone who has been so instrumental in encouraging and guiding our young people in the faith!



## First Graders / New Students: Registration Begins In JUNE

St. John the Evangelist's Religious Education program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Registration for the 2023-24 academic year will begin in mid-June. Those who are entering Grade 1, as well as those with children who may not have been in religious education for awhile, are welcome to register this June. A new online registration form for the 2023-24 Academic Year will be posted. Keep an eye on the bulletin and our Social Media for exact dates!

## 1st Communion Retreats:

Saturday, 4/29

Location: School Auditorium

Time: See your child's  
1st Communion Letter

For those receiving their 1st Communion this Spring (2023), we will be having a parent/student retreat on Saturday, April 29. The retreat will be approximately one hour in length and will begin in the school auditorium. Questions? Email us at [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org).



## "Family of Faith" (Grades 1-6)

Closing Family prayer Services: May 2 & 4 @ 5PM, Church

For parents & students, our closing prayer services for the "Family of Faith" program will be held on Tuesday, May 2 @ 5PM Thursday, May 4 @ 5PM in the Church

## Confirmation Prep—Next Sessions:

Level 7: TUESDAY, APRIL 18 @ 7:15PM,  
Church

Level 8: MONDAY, April 17 @ 7:15PM, church



Happy and Holy Easter to all! Our St. John's parish family certainly journeyed together through Lent and the Holy Triduum with prayer, sacrifice, fellowship and service. Our beautiful Resurrection Cross in the lobby is a physical reminder of our commitment to living our faith. May the days ahead bring joy-filled peace and hope as we continue praying, serving and growing in faith as an Easter people. God Bless!

A word of Great Thanks to all who served in our many Family Ministry prayer services, events and service projects during the season of Lent and throughout Holy Week. Your commitment to building the faith community here at St. John's is amazing and a great witness to all of the countless ways that the Lord is working through the many talented parishioners and faith-filled families we have in our parish. There are no words to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many hours of planning and preparation that so many of you put into these past six weeks. May God bless you and your families with countless joys and affirmation that you are beautifully made and greatly loved!

If you're new to our parish or you'd like to reconnect during this Easter season, here are some of the family ministries at St. John's. All are most welcome!



## 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, April 26, 2023. Bring a friend and come on down.

## Our Children's Liturgy of the Word



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 good clean 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. We pray, brainstorm, share ideas and plan family activities, events and service projects. Our next meeting is Wed. 4/19 @ 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

## Upcoming Family Life Ministry Events for 2023

April 16 Sandwich Sunday

April 19 Family Life Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm-  
Upper Room of the Barn



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

On Tuesday, April 18th from 3-7 in Seton Chapel, we will be united in prayer with other Long Island parishes, praying for our priests.

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

If you can be present for a specific hour, email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.


DIOCESAN  
**Holy Hour**  
for  
**Vocations**  
with Adoration, Live Music, Confessions, Dodgeball & Food

**Friday, April 21**  
at 7:30 P.M.

AT THE SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN HUNTINGTON

with Guest Preacher  
**Fr. Christopher Heller**

Fr. Heller is originally from Syosset, and moved to Bay Shore in high school. He graduated from Chaminade High School in 2013 and then went to The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology. During his time at Chaminade and CUA, he started to hear God's gentle call to parish priesthood as he grew in his faith. After graduating from college, he began the adventure of following that call and entered the seminary. In 2022, Fr. Heller was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Rockville Centre and currently serves as Associate Pastor at the Church of St. Dominic in Oyster Bay.

  
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## WOMEN'S GROUP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**April 21-23, 2023**

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**2023**

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2023

*He is Risen! Alleluia!* I pray you and your loved ones know the peace of our Risen Lord in these weeks of Easter!

Last Easter, Pope Francis has said, "*The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One ... In his glorious body He bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope.*" During these difficult times and global unrest, peace and hope must be in the forefront of our being.

This year's Catholic Ministries Appeal theme – *Journeying Together in Communion, Participation and Mission*, answers our Holy Father's invitation to journey with one another and show love to those in need. Your commitment to the support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to serve more than 600,000 people each year by supporting formation programs that prepare our priests, deacons and lay leaders; training our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders who educate our youth and parish families; providing food and housing programs that serve our seniors, disadvantaged families, and people with special needs, those struggling with substance abuse; and promoting the sanctity of life at all stages. Working together, we are all enriching the lives of all of Long Island.

Please remember that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal and reaching out to those in need. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by the Appeal.

You and your loved ones will be remembered in my prayers and Masses. May you and they know the love of our Risen Lord!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

## SJE History...

## Pictures & Memories...



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

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

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

*Kevin Both*

*History Committee Chair*

## Bereavement...

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

St. John's Bereavement Group will begin meeting on **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**. Facilitated by Loretta Gallagher and Maureen Harney, our group will meet weekly on Wednesdays, for 8-10 weeks from 10am to 11:30 in the Convent. Our beloved Sister Ann started this group about 10 years ago and it has been a great support to many in our parish community who have suffered the death of a loved one. If you, or someone you know might benefit from this support community we hope that you will join us. Many of our current and former participants have shared that the second year can often be more difficult than the first, sometimes managing through the first few months with support from family and friends but realizing that others sharing the same feelings are often the best supporters. Most people also find that a group is most beneficial if started not sooner than three months after the death, however this is an individual decision, and all are welcome at any time. We do ask for a \$10 donation for the cost of the program materials. If an evening group works better with your schedule, please reach out, we are open to facilitating an additional program if there is interest.

For more information about the program please contact the parish office at 631.878.0009 and one of our leaders will contact you.

## Safe Environment Updates...

All volunteers and employees at SJE are required to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the VIRTUS classes by visiting [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) or clicking here:

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

### REMINDERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

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

### PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

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



## Important DRVC Information....

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page:

<https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

# Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Espanol los Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia, y los Martes a las 7:30 p.m en La Capilla del Convento.

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

## MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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

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

### Requisitos:

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

### Matrimonios:

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

## Permítanos ayudarlo!

### DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ERNIE

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

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

### TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Barn

Miércoles de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.

### COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 p.m.

Auditorio de la escuela

### MINISTERIO DE LA CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 p.m. (aproximadamente)

Comidas sencillas y ropa disponible.

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

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

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

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

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. Be sure to come and visit and allow us to serve you!

El Papa Francisco pide a nuestra parroquia que apoye la Colecta Pontificia del Viernes Santo, que ayuda a los cristianos de Tierra Santa. Su apoyo ayuda a la iglesia a ejercer su ministerio en las parroquias, a proporcionar escuelas católicas y a ofrecer educación religiosa. La Colecta Pontificia del Viernes Santo también ayuda a preservar los santuarios sagrados. La pandemia ha afectado especialmente a los cristianos de Tierra Santa. La mayoría de ellos dependen de las peregrinaciones para trabajar. En estos tiempos de crisis, la Colecta Pontificia del Viernes Santo es también necesaria para satisfacer las necesidades básicas del Pueblo de Dios que aún vive en esta Tierra donde nació la Iglesia. Cuando usted contribuye a la Colecta Pontificia del Viernes Santo, se convierte en un instrumento de paz y se une a los católicos de todo el mundo en solidaridad con la Iglesia en Tierra Santa. ¡POR FAVOR, SEA GENEROSO! Para más información sobre los cristianos de Tierra Santa, visite [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

## Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

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# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, April 17th, 2023

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

## Tuesday, April 18th, 2023

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

## Wednesday, April 19th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon | Thrift Shop Open-Thrift Shop
- 10-11:30 a.m. | Bereavement Group-IHM Room-SC
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC
- 6:00 p.m. | Choirs— Church
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR

## Thursday, April 20th, 2023

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

## Friday, April 21st, 2023

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

## Saturday, April 22nd, 2023

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

## Sunday, April 23rd, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 10:30 a.m. | English RCIA— IHM Chapel Room
- 12:15 p.m. | CYO Games— Auditorium
- BMR—Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room
- BUR—Upper Room
- SC—Seton Chapel

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April 16, 2023

## Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Jn 20:19-31

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### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"I'll believe it when I see it." We've all said this at some point, usually in response to hearing about someone unreliable doing something out of character. St. Thomas had the same reaction in today's Gospel when he wasn't there when the other disciples saw Christ for the first time since he rose from his tomb - "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Although Jesus helped Thomas with his unbelief, he blesses those who have not seen, but believe. Have any of us seen the nail marks in Christ's hands and feet, or the wound in his side? Do we see Christ's body and blood on the altar, or do we see only the gifts of bread and wine? Christ comes to us in ways we can understand initially - parables, bread and wine, the face of people we meet throughout our daily lives - but our faith in what we have not seen, in the great mystery of our salvation, is what makes us Christian.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's first reading, we hear reports of the lives of the first disciples soon after Pentecost: communal living, breaking bread together, prayer, selling of their property and possessions and redistributing among themselves according to individual needs. To our ears today, this idyllic community living seems almost incredible. Yet these first disciples were infused with the Holy Spirit, who enabled them to proclaim the Gospel and think of others before themselves. As Christ's disciples today, how are we behaving toward one another? If we truly are among those who have not seen and yet believe, let's act in full confidence. As we heard in the second reading, our faith is "more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire." We certainly aren't perfect, and our faith at times can be sorely tested, and yet this is our call: to share this faith by doing good works in Christ's name to make disciples and build the kingdom of God.

**INVITATION** People often see Christ through the words and actions of others. This week, actively seek out opportunities to be the hands of Christ. What opportunities does your community have to practice corporal works of mercy?