

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Lord, you will show us the path of life. ~ Psalm 16



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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 25th

5:00 PM - Francis

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charlince

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, April 26th

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

6:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

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

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Charlince Vendredy
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Francis Lasrado
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele
Parish Assistant

John Pettorino
Deacon

Michael Hoonhout
Deacon

Ed Grieb
Deacon

Heather Crayne
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Angela Werner
Director of Music Ministry

Pastoral Team

Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School (on the campus of SJE)

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Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

Office Hours

Mass Schedule

Confession Schedule

We celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &

7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish) Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

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

A Reflection from Father Francis...

There is a painting by the Dutch painter, Rembrandt, of Jesus sitting at table with two of his disciples. A guide was once explaining the painting to some visitors to the museum where it was on display. He told them the Emmaus story behind the picture - the Gospel for this weekend. In the group was a couple, Mr. and Mrs. Browne, whose only son had been recently killed in a car accident. They were still in a state of shock and had come to the museum that day merely in the hope that it might take their mind off their sorrow for a little while.

As the guide started the story, the Brownes were only half listening. However, he told it in such a way that by the time he had finished they were intensely moved. Afterwards, they approached the guide and complemented him. "We've heard that story before, but it never impacted us so much. You told it with such feeling and conviction."

"There was a time when I told the story poorly," replied the guide. "What happened to change that?" the Brownes asked. "Three years ago," the guide began, "my wife was diagnosed with cancer and eventually died a slow agonizing death. I could see absolutely no meaning in her terrible suffering culminating in death. She was a good person. She didn't deserve all this. I was heartbroken. It was as if the world had come to an end. Nevertheless, I was persuaded to go back to work here at the museum. So, once again I found myself telling the story, only more mechanically than before."

Then one day something clicked with me, and suddenly, I realized that the story was not just about those two forlorn disciples but about me too. Like them, I was going down a sad and lonely road. Even though I'm a believer, regrettably, up to this time Jesus had been little more than a shadowy figure who lived only in the pages of the Gospels. But now he came alive for me. I felt his presence by my side, the presence of a friend who knew all about human suffering. It was as if, at that moment, my eyes were opened and I saw things differently. My heart began to burn within me. As I went on telling the story, a healing process was at work inside me. Even though at times I am still fragile, I had begun to hope and live again."



The Brownes were unable to hold back their tears. "Strange," they said, "but as you told the story, we too felt our hearts burn within us." They told him the story of the tragic death of their son. As they parted, the Brownes said, "Thank you for what you did for us. You are a true story teller."

John Powell says that three things in the Emmaus story contributed to the recognition of Jesus:

- The broken hearts of the two disciples,
- The broken word of the Scriptures,
- The broken bread of the Eucharist.

The Risen Lord is always present in and around us, in people and in situations, and above all, in the Church, the community of believers. Quite often, we fail to recognize him because we are so overwhelmed by stress, anxiety, sorrow, illness, tragedy, disappointments, frustration, etc. Obviously, our vision is blurred; maybe we are so engrossed in ourselves that we don't see the one Person who really matters. On the other hand, it may be our brokenness that makes us humble enough to admit with honesty, as the two disciples did, that '*we had hoped...*' The recognition of our brokenness may lead us to seek the Lord who breaks open the word of Scripture and helps us see his hand that we had failed to see before. Our brokenness may have blinded us to his word which now appears in a new light.

Finally, he reveals his Real Presence to us as he breaks the bread of the Eucharist that will nourish and strengthen us on our faith journey.

Each one of us has stories of heartaches, tragedies, and crises, some of them similar to those of the museum guide and the Brownes. Maybe, like them, we can see ourselves in the two disciples beset by hopelessness.

May we recognize the Risen Lord in and around us through our brokenness and dysfunction!

May we listen to him as he breaks the word for us!

May we be nourished and strengthened by the Risen Lord who comes to us in the Eucharist!

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, April 18th Easter Weekday

- 8:00 AM Frank Pirro
- 5:00 PM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, April 19th Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 AM Angelina Filippone
- 10:00 AM Gloria and Anthony Profeta
- 12:00 Noon Jerome Dempsey
- 6:00 PM Joe Chambel

Monday, April 20th Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Thomas Dougherty
- 12:00 Noon Special Intention-Fr. Jerry DiSpigno

Tuesday, April 21st Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Emma Feldman
- 12:00 PM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

Wednesday, April 22nd Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Vincent DeSantis
- 12:00 Noon Angelina Vigliotta

Thursday, April 23rd Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Special Intention-Maryanne Liberto
- 12:00 Noon Marta Montufar

Friday, April 24th Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Special Intention-Sean Burnett
- 12:00 Noon Michael Kelly

Saturday, April 25th Saint Mark, Evangelist

- 8:00 AM Steve Poulos
- 5:00 PM David DeRhodo
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, April 26th Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 AM Avelino Manuel Goncalves
- 10:00 AM Myrna Stabile
- 12:00 Noon Verna Sikora
- 6:00 PM Carol Da le



Mother's Day Novena envelopes are available at the exits of the Church for our nine-day Novena of prayer. Entrusting our intentions to the loving intercession of the Blessed Mother, we will remember all mothers, both living and deceased. Kindly return your envelope to the Rectory Office on or before Thursday, **May 7th**, so that your intentions may be included.



Easter Appeal

Please join in supporting our **Annual Easter Appeal**. We rely on your generosity to continue the mission of the Church here at St. John the Evangelist. We as a parish provide many ministries and services to our community including the food pantry and Street Ministry. Have a blessed Easter Season!

EASTER DONATIONS		
Year	Total	As of
2026	\$57,973	to date
2025	\$58,605	Final

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$266,166	15	\$17,744
2025	\$269,480	15	\$17,965



As of 4/14/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	113	109
Total Pledged to date	\$53,285	\$56,810
Percent of Goal	44%	49%

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!



HELP US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Every year through the support and commitment of individuals and organizations, we are able to serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island community. The Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood. Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible!

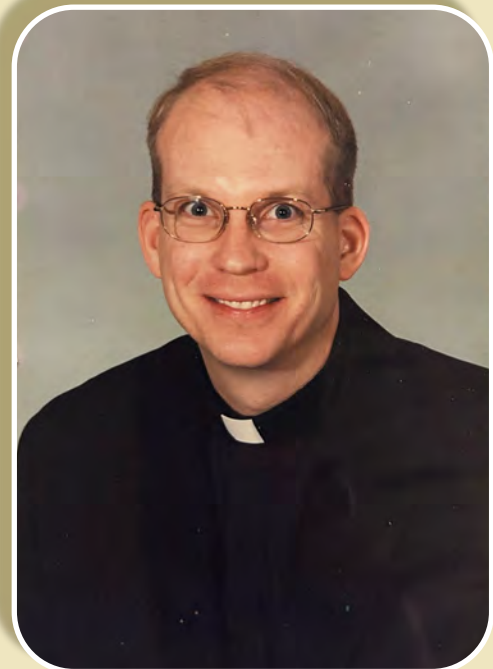
Thank you for your support.

*Please join us as we celebrate
25 years of priesthood
for our pastor,
Fr. Patrick*

**Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 12 Noon
In the church**

*Reception and Jubilee Blessings to
follow in the Parish Auditorium.*

Together, let us celebrate this joyful occasion with grateful hearts for twenty-five years of faithful service, spiritual leadership and devoted ministry.



Ordination: June 9, 2001



April 19, 2026

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Henry Hennessey Jr.
Elvira Waldron
Lawrence Pasciutti

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

Pray for the Sick

Fr. Peter D'Abele
Patricia Melillo
Bill Hasper
Mark Havens
Linda Slater

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

Our Military

US Marine Corps

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

US Army

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Navy

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

US Air Force

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

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



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Eileen Mary DeRicco

Mass Intentions

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

Altar Bread and Wine

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

An offering of \$250 is requested.

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

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.**



Senior Luncheon

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

Friday, May 1, 2026

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 by Friday, April 24th
25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches
(No children are 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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: socialministry@SJECm.org

THRIFT SHOP

Our shop is open every Wednesday from 9 AM - 12 PM. We feature new and gently used clothing, housewares, toys and more at fantastic prices. Please visit and find an amazing gift for someone or something special for yourself! The proceeds are used to support SJE parish social ministry outreach programs benefiting those in need.

At this time, we are especially appreciative of any jewelry donations. Monday or Tuesday mornings are the best time to donate directly to the shop. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!



Are you interested in volunteering for any of our ministries? Join amazing people giving of their to help those in need! All you need is your SJE issued volunteer badge, please call the PSM office to get started. Currently we are in great need of help in our vegetable Garden Ministry, weeding and harvesting starting in May. Thank you for your consideration!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for organizing an amazing food drive held to benefit Ernie's Place food pantry! They worked hard last Saturday receiving and dropping off non-perishable donations at our local King Kullen grocery stores. Thank you to our community who generously responded with so much food! A big thank you to the volunteers at Ernie's as well for organizing and sorting the many donations that came in. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for a stocked pantry to serve those in need who walk thru our doors every week.



ERNIE'S PLACE

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



STREET MINISTRY

Every Thursday night our Street Ministry team provides a hot meal, bagged lunch, toiletries, clothing, coats, blankets and shoes to those in great need. Our donation bin is located in Fellowship Hall at the entrance of Church. If you'd like to be a part of our Street Ministry team or help sort and organize donations, we'd love to have you to join us! Please call the Parish Social Ministry office to get started.



Street Ministry donations requested:

- ♥ Face/Washcloths
- ♥ Feminine hygiene products
- ♥ Men's and Women's new underwear
- ♥ Men's and Women's new tube socks
- ♥ Single razors and small shaving cream
- ♥ Travel size shampoo and small bar soap



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

OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES PRESENTS



THE LITTLE
MERMAID
JR.



TICKETS:
\$10 - ADULTS
\$5 - CHILDREN

2 ST. JOHN'S PLACE
CENTER MORICHES,
NY 11934
(631)878-1033

TICKETS
AVAILABLE
APRIL 13TH
APRIL 30TH
IF NOT SOLD OUT

JOIN US
UNDER THE SEA
ON MAY 8TH 6PM
AND MAY 9TH 1PM





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 2026-27 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 2026-27 academic year will be posted. Keep an eye on the bulletin and our Social Media for exact dates!

1st Communion Retreats Saturday, April 18th



Location: School Auditorium
Time: See your child's First Communion Letter

For those receiving their First Communion this Spring (2026), we will be having a parent/student retreat on Saturday,

April 18. The retreat will be approximately one hour in length and will begin in the school auditorium. Questions? Email us at faithformation@sjecm.org



2025-26 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Monday, April 20 at 7:15 PM in the Church

Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles!

REMINDERS: The Saint Report Worksheet was due in March.

If you have not yet submitted it, please email it to

confirmation@sjecm.org. It is due no later than April 17.

All Level 7 community service must be complete by April 17.

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

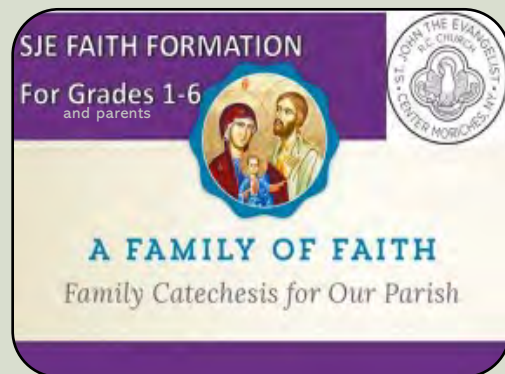
Tuesday, April 21 at 7:15 PM in the Church

Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles!

REMINDER: The Level 8 Service Project was due in March.

If you have not submitted it, please email it to

confirmation@sjecm.org. It is due no later than April 17.



- Tuesday, May 7 & Thursday, May 12 at 5 PM ONLY (no 7 PM session) in the Church



Get ready for an
unforgettable
adventure!

Join us as we journey deep into the heart of the rainforest, where roaring waterfalls, wild creatures, and God's amazing love come to life!

July 13 – July 17, 2026

For children entering kindergarten through grade 5 (September 2026)

Visit the parish website or scan the QR code below to register. Registration is limited and will close on May 31st or when all spots are filled, so don't wait, come join the adventure at Rainforest Falls before the trail fills up!



CAMPER QR CODE



**Come explore
RainForest
Falls—where
faith grows wild!**



VOLUNTEER QR CODE



Would you like to get connected at St. John's

If you are interested in volunteering here at St. John's, but not sure what you'd like to do, just scan the QR code below and provide us with some basic information and someone from our pastoral team will contact you. You can also email us at connect@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office (631) 878-0009 and leave your name and phone number and we will call you back.

- Faith Formation
- Altar Linens
- Thrift Shop
- Lectors
- Holy Grounds
- Street Ministry
- Community Meal
- Family Life Ministry
- Martha & Company
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Ministry of Consolation
- Ernie's Place (Food Pantry)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Altar Servers and more!



Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament



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

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

Bereavement Support...

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

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

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon
First floor meeting room in the Barn.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at
631.878.0009 or via email at

Rectory@sjecm.org

\$10 donation for the workbook.

Knights of Columbus

BINGO
Night

Every Friday
Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.
Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.

\$3000 IN PRIZES

SJE Parish Auditorium

A photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, a shovel with a wooden handle and a metal blade is stuck in the soil. To the right, there are several potted plants, including a green herb in a grey pot and a purple pansy in a black pot. A small terracotta pot is tipped over, spilling small white and yellow seeds. Two circular inset images are overlaid on the scene: one on the left shows a person's hands planting a seedling, and one on the right shows a person watering plants with a hose.

Join SJE Holy
Grounds Ministry

HELP US GROW

It's time to kick off another beautiful season with the SJE Holy Grounds Ministry!

Thank you to all who poured so much love, time, and care into our parish gardens last year. The church grounds looked absolutely stunning — a true testament to your dedication and stewardship.

Once again, we're inviting families, ministries, individuals, and friends to take part in this joyful work by planting and maintaining a small area of our parish grounds. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just looking for a simple, meaningful way to serve, we welcome you!

As we begin assigning garden spots, please remember:

- If you cared for a spot last year and would like to keep it, you must contact us to confirm before beginning any planting.
- If you're new or would like to take over a garden area, we'd love to hear from you.
- All volunteers must contact the parish office or email garden@sjecm.org before doing any planting.

This helps us assign areas properly and ensure the whole parish is beautifully cared for.

Let's grow something beautiful together — in faith, in service, and in love for our parish home.



Discover OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL



ADMISSION OPEN NOW!

2026-27 ACADEMIC YEAR



*One Journey Through
Faith and Education*

Pre-K - 8th Grade

Our Lady Queen of Apostles School is a faith-based school where children grow academically, spiritually, and socially.



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



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A Message from Monsignor Walden...



One of the refreshing and good things to do especially as the weather gets warmer is to take a walk. This time of year the grass is shedding its brown winter color and becoming green and the leaves are budding on the trees. As we walk we not only notice our physical surroundings, we have many thoughts they go through our minds. Who walks with us? Those we carry in our hearts are always there. The thought of them brings joy, hope, peace, security, and gratitude to our minds and hearts. It is always good to be renewed and refreshed by the very thought of them. However there are those times or “walks” where we carry anger, fear, disappointment, and vengeful thoughts.

In the Gospel for today’s Mass (Luke 24:13:35) we have the account of two of Jesus’ disciples walking to a town called Emmaus “conversing about all the things that had occurred”, namely the Last Supper, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, and apparent resurrection of Jesus. The most amazing part of this passage is how Jesus comes and walks with them, joining in the conversation but is not recognized by them. At the end of the journey they invite Jesus to come and stay with them. He accepts the invitation and when He breaks the bread they come to see it is Jesus Himself. All during their walk and conversation He patiently listened, spoke, and opened their minds and hearts to who is and His continued love for them. Jesus did not take them to task for abandoning Him. He did not carry anger, vengeance, and disappointment in His heart, only His divine, life giving mercy and love.

Do I believe Jesus carries me in His heart? Do I allow Him and His love to “walk” with me everyday of my life? Do I carry Him in my heart? Yes I say my daily prayers which helps me focus more clearly on who and what is important. But those we are part of and who are a part of us are always there. They are a light that guides us to joy and inspires us. But there are also those people who disappoint us or get us angry. It is all too easy to let the news reports or that tailgater behind us on the road to fill our minds and hearts with anger that drains us and distracts us from who and what is before us. Jesus’ walk with those on the road to

Emmaus not only opens our minds and hearts to His life giving, ever patient love and mercy, it opens our minds and hearts to see beyond disappointment and anger to who and what is really important and life giving to us. The stronger and more focused our faith the more love and hope we carry. We look for ways to reconcile rather than prevail and get even. We are nourished by the serenity prayer which was at the center and core of all Jesus did. When Jesus spoke to His disciples He told them there would be times when they would be rejected: “And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them.” Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere.” (Luke 9:5-6) When Jesus walks with us we see so clearly the need for goodness, love, mercy and truth.

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference."

Matthew 5:1-12

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you

[falsely] because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



Men's Prayer Group...

CALLING ALL MEN!

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

Women's Group...

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

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

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

2026 Meeting Dates: April 27; May 11 & 18;

June 1, 15 & 29.

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

God Bless you,

Carol & Anita (Moderators)

For info, call **631-878-0009**

Comunidad Hispano...

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 PM 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!

Legion of Mary invites you to the 17th Annual Women's Retreat

Reflections Throughout
Retreat



Holy Sacrifice
of the Mass

Silence
following
Friday 8 PM Mass
until start of
dinner on
Saturday

Eucharistic
Adoration
throughout
the night

Sacrament of
Confession

“BEHOLD THY SON”

Calling **ALL** women! Come ponder “Motherhood” in your heart after the example of Mary.
We invite you to come pray with Mary especially for children and for priests.
Come and receive strength to become the “perfect women” we are called to be:

“Thus the ‘perfect woman’ (Prov 31:10) becomes an irreplaceable support and source of spiritual strength for other people, who perceive the great energies of her spirit. These ‘perfect women’ are owed much by their families, and sometimes by whole nations.” Mulieris Dignitatem (The Dignity of Women -St. John Paul II)

Friday, 8 May 2026 – Saturday, 9 May 2026

Held at the beautiful Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY
Check in Friday between 1 – 6 PM ~~~ Ends Saturday 7 PM

Cost: \$200 per person

Includes dinner Friday, 3 meals Saturday, private room w/ shower

No registrations can be accepted after April 27th

Please send form below with check payable to St. Patrick Parish to:
St. Patrick R.C. Church, 280 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY 11787 Attn: Legion of Mary

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____

PARISH _____ Special dietary needs? _____ Approx. arrival time _____

For addition information email: Beholdthyson09@gmail.com or call Lana Maggio at 631-374-1116 or Corinne Addiss 631-804-7222



Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 20th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7-8 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

Tuesday, April 21st, 2026

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

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026

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

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

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

Friday, April 24th, 2026

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

Saturday, April 25th, 2026

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

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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

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