

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



He is  
*Risen*

APRIL 20, 2025



April 20, 2025

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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 26<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Abin

6:00 PM—Fr. Patrick

\*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](http://www.olqany.org)

**Dawn Waller**  
Principal  
[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto: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 ...*

## **THE JOY OF EASTER**

**Happy Easter! The Tomb is empty!** He is Risen! Alleluia! We now have eternity, eternity without end! We now have the fullness of salvation because of Easter! The Easter Mysteries remind us that Jesus is alive and truly risen! There is no turning back on this historical event. It cannot be undone! Whether or not we choose to believe in the power of our Lord's Resurrection, this event is permanent and everlasting. Jesus has been glorified before the world. He stands before us in all of His glory and wonder. He has saved us from our sins and opened for us the way to paradise. He has risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**God's promise has been fulfilled and we are redeemed.** We can now live in freedom and hope of new and everlasting life. Our faith in Jesus is complete because He has been lifted up from the earth. Death and sorrow and misery are at our backs. We can now look beyond this world and the grave itself as a sign of hope that promises resurrection. Now that death and darkness have been conquered, we can walk in the newness of life with Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, close by our side. How exciting is this, this new Easter celebration, knowing all that God has done for us through Jesus!

**The joy of Easter and the meaning behind Easter** really puts things into perspective. It really makes us think again about the importance of God in our lives. Without Easter, we have no hope and no freedom. St. Paul says, "that if Christ had not been raised from the dead, we are the most pitiable people of all time because our faith would be in vain". Our faith would be incomplete. No Easter, no life in Christ! What separates us as Christians from other religious beliefs is that we believe that Jesus is alive and risen. We believe that He is the way, the truth and the life. It is only through Jesus that we now have eternal life, life without end! It is that simple and that important. Easter is everything! It is what gives our lives purpose and meaning, knowing that we have a future in store with God for all of eternity.

**The joy of Easter is all about living again and believing again.** It is about turning our

lives around.

Easter invites us to live in full communion with God. It invites us to approach life more joyfully in the Lord knowing of the great love and sacrifice that

He has made for us and our loved ones. Moreover, Easter invites us into a new relationship with the Lord, knowing the profound joy He can bring us if we stay close to His side. The joy of Easter enables us to see the world differently, knowing how faithful God was to His promise. It changes us. It motivates us. Easter renews and refreshes our souls, knowing how essential this event was for us all. Easter brings us new life. It is our pathway to eternity and the fulfillment of all of our hopes and longings.

**This new Easter celebration is a time of joy and renewal.** It is a celebration of renewed hope and faith in the Risen Lord. Even though we celebrate this great feast for fifty days, in reality Easter is every day because it never ends. It cannot be reversed. All we have to do is believe again and remain close to the Risen Lord knowing the joy He brings into our lives. The Resurrection of Christ is the very foundation of our faith. It is central to our belief and the cornerstone of our Church.

**We now have victory over death because of Easter.** This is why Sunday is the day of the Lord, because it was on that first Easter Sunday that everything changed. Easter threw death aside and changed our outlook on life itself. By God's power, the Tomb is now vacant! Like those first disciples who witnessed the Lord's Resurrection, we too must join them in telling the world that the Tomb is empty, and the Lord is risen. Risen forever!



## Masses for the Week...

### Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday

5:00 PM No Mass  
 7:30 PM (Spanish) No Mass  
 8:00 PM (Vigil) Easter Novenas

### Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 AM Easter Novenas  
 12:00 Noon Easter Novenas

### Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 AM Emma Feldman  
 12:00 PM Angelina Vigliotta

### Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 AM Easter Novenas  
 12:00 Noon Marta Lillian Montufar

### Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 AM Easter Novenas  
 12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

### Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 AM Myna Stabile  
 12:00 Noon Anthony and Gloria Profeta

### Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM Anthony and Billie Sue Zuzierla  
 5:00 PM Laura Mondello  
 7:30 PM (Spanish) Orlando Narvaez

### Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Marie Daniels  
 10:00 AM James Bruce and Mary Brittan  
 12:00 Noon Jerome Dempsey  
 6:00 PM Kiril Woronka

## Mother's Day Novena...

Enroll your loved ones in our  
**2025 Mother's Day Novena of Masses.**



Envelopes 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 11<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped at the rectory office by **May 7<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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!

### PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

| Year | Total     | # of Weeks | Average Weekly |
|------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| 2025 | \$269,479 | 15         | \$17,965       |
| 2024 | \$275,004 | 15         | \$18,334       |

## 2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist  
 Sent on Mission



| As of 4/14/2025       | 2025      | 2024      |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Parish Goal           | \$115,100 | \$115,100 |
| Number of Donors      | 129       | 112       |
| Total Pledged to date | \$61,735  | \$53,415  |
| Avg. Gift             | \$478     | \$477     |
| Percent of Goal       | 53%       | 46%       |

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!



# An Easter Message from Bishop Barres...



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families in this Jubilee Year of Hope!

Our celebration of Easter rekindles our hope each year.

The Tomb is empty! Jesus is Risen!

A wealthy man and a member of the Sanhedrin, St. Joseph of Arimathea is one of those Gospel characters with a very brief but very important role.

In John 19:38-42, we see that after Jesus' Crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea asks Pilate for permission to take away Our Lord's Body. This was a bold and courageous act of faith from a man "seeking the Kingdom of God." (Mark 15:43)

Joseph and Nicodemus together place our Lord's Body reverently in linen cloths prepared with myrrh, aloes and spices: "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there."

In his commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, Fr. Simeon Leiva-Merikakis gives tribute to Joseph of Arimathea. He writes: "And how can we fail to do homage to Joseph of Arimathea? In performing a very humane corporal work of mercy by seeking out and burying the corpse of his beloved Teacher, Joseph becomes for all time a living icon of the eternal Father himself, stooping with compassion to enfold within his throbbing breast the mangled body of his beloved, Son, whom he himself handed over to sinners out of love for mankind. At long last, the Son of God on earth has fallen into the hands, not of a sinner, but of a just and compassionate man! Joseph of Arimathea enacts the justice and love of God himself."<sup>1</sup>

As we celebrate Easter Sunday, the Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday and the Easter Season, let us remember and ask the intercession of the great Joseph of Arimathea who prepared the Tomb of Christ and the Body of Christ with such sensitive care and compassion, such faith, courage and reverence. The Tomb is Empty! He is Risen!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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<sup>1</sup>Erasmio Leiva-Merikakis, 564. *Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word: Meditations on the Gospel According to Matthew*.



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# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Dawn Margaret Tuft  
Alfonsina "Zina" Crescimanni  
Paul Eugene Kane

"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

Danielle Lopez + Henry Lokaj  
Marilyn Peterson + Maureen Hogan  
Joseph Townsend

"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](mailto: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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

*Theresa Cartolano*

## 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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES PRESENTS



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



**FOLLOW THE  
YELLOW BRICK ROAD  
TO OLQA  
ON MAY 9TH 6PM  
AND MAY 10TH 1PM**

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

Tickets on sale until May 2nd

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult tickets requested: May 9th \_\_\_\_\_ May 10th \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children tickets requested: May 9th \_\_\_\_\_ May 10th \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks can be made out to OLQA and can be mailed to 2 St. John's Place, Center Moriches or dropped off at the main office Monday- Friday between 8 and 2 PM)





Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School

**Pre-K -8th Grade**  
**Admission Open!**  
**2025-26**

**Come & See!**

**Schedule a  
Tour Today!**

Scan QR Code



**Get IN Touch**



631-878-1033



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



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## About Us...

- ✓ -Grounded in our Catholic Faith & Service
- ✓ -Small, Individualized Educational Program
- ✓ -Special Education Program
- ✓ -Before & After Care
- ✓ -Financial Aid
- ✓ AND MORE...

# 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](mailto: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.



April 20, 2025

## Our Parish Lenten Mission...



Dear Parishioners and friends of St. John The Evangelist Parish,

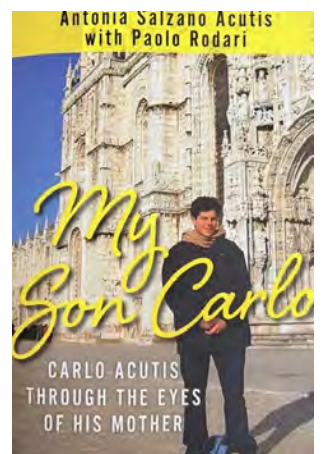
What a wonderful time I had with you during the Lenten mission. You have a wonderful group of priest and deacons, and a very dedicated staff.

Even though I tease your pastor relentlessly, you are in extremely good hands with Fr. Patrick. He is full of joy and happiness. I have seen for myself over these many years he reaches out to everyone and takes such good care of his people.

Most of all, for the past couple of years all I have heard from Fr. Patrick is how wonderful all of you are. He is right. I have fallen in love with you all and they'll take the spirit of St. John's back with me to Sacred Heart in Punta Gorda.

Meanwhile, be sure to say a special prayer on **April 27th** when I will join the pope in Rome to canonize Blessed Carlo Acutis during the conclusion of a wonderful convocation of young people. I have all of your intentions with me and will be sure to offer them up to Carlo during the Mass. May the Lord bless you and always take care of you!

In God's unfailing Love,  
Father Jerry Kaywell



P.S. I believe this is the best book you can buy to find out more about this amazing Saint! Available in paperback on Amazon.

# The Office of Family Ministry

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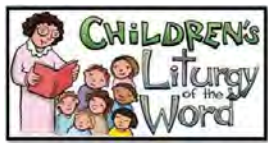
at St. John's focuses on engaging parish families in fun activities, service projects and prayerful experiences. With the purpose of deepening faith, strengthening good Catholic family practices and building our parish family, our office works in conjunction with Faith Formation and Parish Social Ministry 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](mailto:Clapham@sjecm.org). Here are some of our ministries!

## Moms on the Journey



Our moms' group is going strong! We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in The Barn**.

## Martha & Company

Calling all "Marthas"! This hospitality ministry is for those who love to cook, bake, organize, set up, clean up, and create warm, welcoming spaces. Whether it's for Mass, prayer services, or special events, you help when you can—no big time commitment required. Join this joyful, multi-generational group and share your gifts with our parish family!



## SJE Youth Service Corps

**YOUNG PEOPLE WE NEED YOU!**

The SJE Youth Service Corps offers middle school, high school, and college students meaningful ways to serve both St. John's and the wider community. From acting in faith formation programs and leading Vacation Bible Camp to helping at parish events and supporting outreach efforts, there are many flexible opportunities to get involved. Teens can serve when their schedules allow, using their gifts, building friendships, growing in faith—and having fun while making a difference!





Come embark on an unforgettable Adventure  
at St. John the Evangelist 2025  
Vacation Bible Camp....



July 14th - July 18th

Registration Opens  
April 25th

Watch the parish website for details





## CHECK OUT OUR FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE!

[sjecmff.blogspot.com](https://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](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)***





# Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS and AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

Sunday, April 27, 2025

12 Noon Mass

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

1 -4 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
in Seton Chapel

(The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 PM in the Chapel.)

4 PM Benediction

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, April 18, 2025 and concludes Sunday, April 27, 2025 – 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).

*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*



# 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
- ☐ 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](mailto:socialministry@sjecm.org) and once you are ready to start volunteering look for emails from [StreetMinistry@sjecm.org](mailto: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.

## Street Ministry Shopping List

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

- ◆ Single Razors
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Face/Wash cloths
- ◆ Socks (Men's & Women's)
- ◆ Travel Size Toothpaste
- ◆ Deodorant (Men's & Women's)





Parish Social Ministry at SJE was extremely blessed during Lent to have an outpouring of giving from our parishioners and the local community. We are truly grateful. Our outreach program for Easter this year provided complete Easter meals to many families in need in our community and included everything from spiral hams and veggies to boxes of mashed potatoes and an abundance of Easter candy! In addition, Easter was made extra special for 76 children in those families, giving each a decorated bag filled with items from our wish list including chocolate crosses, children's prayer cards, coloring books and a unique, spiritually enriching gift for each child. With heartfelt gratitude, thank you from everyone in Parish Social Ministry! We wish you a very Happy Easter!



Many thanks to:

Legion of Mary

Students of OLQA

Knights of Columbus

Moms on the Journey

Parishioners of SJE

Office of Family Ministry

SJE Faith Formation Students

Five Star Nationals Baseball Team

Lion's Heart Girls 2026 Manorville Chapter








## 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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.



March 5 - April 13

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Pray for an End to Abortion in your community!

Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, you can join with more than 1,000,000 volunteers worldwide to help end abortion.

Here are the proven results of 30 coordinated campaigns in the United States and abroad:

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

**Vigil Location:** Sidewalk in front of the office park at 450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue. Park 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](mailto:waverlyaverespectlife@gmail.com)

You may also sign up directly at [40daysforlife.com/Patchogue](http://40daysforlife.com/Patchogue)

## Pilgrimage to Poland:

In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina & St. Maximilian Kolbe






**August 27 - September 4, 2025**

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**Rome & Assisi**

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## A Message from Msgr. Walden...



Happy Easter! Jesus has risen from the dead is a historical fact that we celebrate and contemplate today. What difference does it really make in our lives? The penitential acts and prayers of Lent lead us to this day of celebration and will continue the next 50 days until the celebration of Pentecost, June 8, 2025. What are we actually celebrating? The Resurrection of Jesus is far more than a historical fact to acknowledge. All during His earthly ministry Jesus rose above doubts, fears, skepticism and opposition. As negative and burdensome as these experiences had to be, He never gave up and never lost hope. An abyss is an immeasurable cavity or chasm. That certainly applies to what we are celebrating today - God's love and mercy in Jesus that can never be exhausted or dried up. The resurrection appearances of Jesus will be offered to us in the readings at Mass and open our minds and hearts once again to what is almost too good to be true - God's desire to embrace us with His mercy and love and bring us into His full presence when we die. Death is not just end of life in this world but the entrance into eternity with our God who is so beyond our comprehension and wonder with His love and mercy.

The human price Jesus paid to be faithful to redeem and save us from our sins is certainly well known - His suffering and death on the cross. The key is to not only know what He Has done for us but to open our minds and hearts in gratitude, joy, and contemplation. The thought of those we love always lifts our minds and hearts in joy and gratitude just as we lift their minds and hearts in joy and gratitude. Jesus has risen and has opened His mind and heart to us and seeks to enter our minds and hearts with the abyss of His love and mercy. Jesus never asked, "What more do I have to do?", but always, "What more can I do?" At the Last Supper, the night before Jesus gave His life on the cross for us He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves,

because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father." (John 15:13-15)

There are many demands made on us from many people. We have far more access to one another with all the technological devices at our fingertips than Jesus did when He walked the face of the earth 2000 years ago. He did not always get the response He was seeking but He never stopped rising above rejection, opposition, and doubt on the part of those who encountered Him. Now is our time to encounter the Risen Christ, an invitation that is constantly open to us from Him. All we have to do is take some time to pray, celebrate the Sacraments, read the Scriptures and spiritual books. In many ways we only get out of a relationship what we put into it. There is no doubt about what Jesus has put into His part to bring us into His life. How far do we want to go? How deeply do we want to get involved with Him? The deeper we go, the further we are drawn into that abyss of everlasting, unconditional, divine love and life with Him and all who are joyfully and intimately one with Him. Happy Easter!

Sequence offered at Easter Masses:

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
Offer your thankful praises!  
A Lamb the sheep redeems;  
Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciles sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended  
in that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.  
Speak, Mary, declaring  
What you saw, wayfaring.  
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;  
bright angels attesting,  
The shroud and napkin resting.  
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;  
to Galilee he goes before you."  
Christ indeed from death is risen,  
our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia.*



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

When you serve the parish as an Extraordinary Minister for the Homebound you take your place in a long line of disciples who enjoyed the company of Jesus, listened to his word, wondered about his commands, cared for his people, and most importantly, are doing what he asks of us. You represent our parish to the sick and homebound by providing Holy Communion to our fellow parishioners who are unable to participate at Mass but can still be recipients of the Body of Christ.

In 2023, members of this Ministry visited 2126 members of the parish at their homes, or in a facility where they were being cared for. Some people who are sick and homebound probably feel that they don't want to be a bother to anyone. But quite to the contrary, the Extraordinary Ministers are anxious to make the extra effort to bring Holy Communion to those in need. The level of appreciation expressed by the receiving parishioner is unmatched. But it is important to note the equal satisfaction felt by the visiting minister that makes the Ministry such a unique experience.

It is common for extraordinary ministers to visit the same people week after week, and often develop a special bond with them, and in some cases their families. It becomes a shared friendship in faith. Interested? Please contact the Rectory for further information regarding this very special and significant mission right here at Saint John's.



## THE LEGION OF MARY

### Our Lady of Hope Praesidium

The Legion of Mary is a ministry which undertakes apostolic work to give Christ to the world through the love of Mary. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and volunteer work, which includes visits to the sick and aged, religious education, prison ministry, community outreach, communion to the homebound and more. Many good intentions are brought to fruition through Legion membership. Come join us in giving glory to God by spreading the love of Jesus with Our Lady's help. Please call Judy Paulsen or Christine Cappiello at 631.878.0009.



## CALLING ALL MEN!

### Men's Prayer Group

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on Saturday mornings at 9am 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 call  
the Parish Office at  
631.878.0009 or  
email to  
[rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).





# Get Involved at SJE

## CONSOLATION MINISTRY

We are seeking new members to help us lead and comfort families through the funeral process.

There are several roles available depending on what **you** are comfortable with. Greeters attend the funeral and assist in welcoming families to the church.

**Companions** are directly involved with the families preparing for the funeral mass. **Bakers** make something for the family at the time of the funeral. If you are more interested in a clerical support role, **booklet makers** prepare a worship aid for the funeral and coordinators contact members to provide for each of these roles.

We currently have no bilingual, English-Spanish, members, but our Ministry needs them!

We are a joyful ministry and would love to share with you how positive this ministry.

Email: [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)

## ALTAR LINENS

### LAUNDRY HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of help with our altar linens. It would need a commitment once every two weeks or so to care for, launder, dry, iron and return the cloth items used at Masses in the Church and Seton Chapel. Great job for those who love to do wash, iron, use starch, and more! For more information, contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

## HOLY GROUND

### GARDEN PROJECT

#### We Need Your Help with Spring Planting!

Spring is here, and we're inviting families, ministries, individuals, and friends to care for a part of our parish grounds by planting and maintaining a small area. Let's keep our parish and school beautiful—together!

If you have a spot from last year, or your looking for a spot this year... Please email [Garden@sjecm.org](mailto:Garden@sjecm.org) or call the rectory office 631-878-0009



## ART & ENVIRONMENT

The Art and Environment ministry cares about making the church and Seton chapel a prayerful and peaceful space for all to enjoy here at SJE. Using our passion for nature, we use a variety of flowers, plants, assorted foliage and other natural elements to highlight each liturgical season. We aim to create an environment where parishioners feel welcome throughout the year. We invite you to consider joining our ministry to lend a hand in keeping our parish a warm and inviting place for all to come and worship.



## OFFICE WORKERS

### St. Genesius Guild

Are you interested in working in an office environment? Meeting and helping your fellow parishioners? Then the St. Genesius Guild would be a great fit! We are a volunteer ministry where we help out with office work in the rectory on Saturdays.

Some of our duties are to answer the rectory phone, direct callers to the proper ministries, assist the priests with appointments, help with mass cards, print funeral booklets, general office work, etc. Please e-mail Rosanne Giese in care of [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) for more information. Please reference St. Genesius Guild in the subject line.

## *Parishes Praying for Priests* **UNITED IN ADORATION**

*Please Join Us...*  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 29 TH**  
**3PM - 7PM**

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

Without our priests we have  
NO Eucharist and NO Sacraments

**SETON CHAPEL**  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CONVENT



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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Our parish Baptism Ministry assists parents who wish to have their child (children) receive the Sacrament of Baptism. The mission of the Baptism Ministry is twofold. We want all families to feel welcome at St. John the Evangelist parish, and we want them to feel fully informed and prepared for this life changing Sacrament. Baptism is such an important step in the faith life of both parents and children and we accompany the families throughout this journey.

In January 2025, we made some changes to enrich our Baptism preparation program by making it more personal and expanding the content so that families not only feel welcomed here at St. John's, but also understand what how wonderful it is to feel God's transforming Love in the Sacraments.

Where do you start? Parents who want to have their child baptized should go to the parish website and click on the 'Baptism' icon to begin the process. Complete the initial inquiry form online and a member of the Baptism ministry will contact you shortly to explain the preparation program. The program includes attending an in-person Baptism preparation class, taking a short on-line video course, and submitting required paperwork; all of which is explained at the in-person class. Once everything has been completed, we will arrange a date for your child's Baptism.

If you're interested in learning more about this ministry or would like to volunteer, please email us at [Baptism@sjecm.org](mailto:Baptism@sjecm.org).





## 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 p.m. los martes. Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

[espanol@sjecm.org](mailto: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!

## 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:

April 28, May 12 & 19\*,

June 2, 16 & 30.

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

## The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

### Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

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

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

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis M. Romero

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2025

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

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre

Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2025

Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.org)





**45th Anniversary**  
**Mass & Reception**  
**Tuesday,**  
**April 22, 2025**

**Mass at**  
**7:00 pm**  
**St. Charles**  
**Hospital**  
**Chapel**

**Followed**  
**by a**  
**Reception at**  
**Infant Jesus**  
**Parish**

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



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## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

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

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

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

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

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

Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
7:00 PM Divine Will

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

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

Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC  
4:00 PM Legion of Mary - BMR  
7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC  
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus - Bingo  
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR  
7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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