

St. John the Evangelist

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

Roman Catholic Church



April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

"Lord, you will show us the path of life"

Psalms: 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, R.v.11a



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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 pm—7:00 pm

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, April 29th

5:00 pm - Fr. Felix
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 30th

8:00 am - Fr. Felix
10:00 am - Fr. Jerry
12 noon - Fr. Patrick
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 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.

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor +

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

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)

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Mass Schedule

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.*

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With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God
St. John the Evangelist Parish Joyfully announces the
Ordination of

Michael Hoonhout

to the

Permanent Diaconate

Mass of Ordination
Saturday, May 20, 2023
at 11:00 AM
Cathedral of St. Agnes,
Rockville Centre, NY
Admission limited by ticket only.

First Mass of Thanksgiving

as a *Deacon*

Sunday, May 21, 2023

At 12 Noon

St. John the Evangelist Church

First Blessings and reception

to follow in the Parish auditorium.



Preparing for the Week

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.



Saturday, April 22nd

5:00 p.m. Angelina Vigliotta
7:30 p.m. *Spanish* Orlando Narvaez

Sunday, April 23rd

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

Monday, April 24th Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Timothy Guinness
12 Noon Emily Romano

Tuesday, April 25th Saint Mark, Evangelist

7:00 a.m. Michael Capozzola Jr.
12 Noon Darlene Manzella
7:30 p.m. *Spanish* People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 26th Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Jamie Bennett
12 Noon Carmen Paolillo

Thursday, April 27th Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Robert Golann
12 Noon Francesca Gioia

Friday, April 28th Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Thomas McKibbin
12 Noon Special Intention-Christina Cappello

Saturday, April 29th Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Maureen Vita
5:00 p.m. Lillian Dunn
7:30 p.m. *Spanish* Douglas Sanmartin

Sunday, April 30th Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Diane Leavy
10:00 a.m. Jean Sinniger
12 Noon Suzanne Szvetcz
6:00 p.m. Rafael Medina

EASTER COLLECTION

2023	EASTER	\$56,965	AS OF 4/18/23
2022	EASTER	\$69,132	YEAR END
2021	EASTER	\$66,465	YEAR END

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

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Week January 1, 2023 to April 16, 2023

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$ 268,041	15	\$17,869
2022	\$226,214	15	\$15,080

2023
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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



	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	129	192
Total Pledged to date	\$53,625	\$71,504
Avg. Gift	\$416	\$372

Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Mission Middle School Academy
invites you to



an afternoon celebrating the
wisdom of our senior citizens

Senior Luncheon

Monday, May 1, 2023

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.

(No children permitted to the luncheon)

email ghalversen@olqany.org or call 631-878-1033 to RSVP
25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches

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.

CALL 631-878-1033 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MISSION

Praying for and With One Another...

We Remember...

Bernard A. Lefebvre +

"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

"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.

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.

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

Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
faithformation@sjecm.org mpirraglia@sjecm.org
Office Hours: By Appointment Only

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized Students!

We congratulate our 2023 RCIC students who were baptized and fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil!

Leslie Buestan Borja

Eymi Condemaita Iza

Jimena Moran Agustin

Sophie Sandolo

We are grateful to their families for bring them to the faith with love and support. Special thanks to Mike & Lynn Walsh who helped prepare the children for their Sacraments this year.



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 29th**. The retreat will be approximately one hour in length and will begin in the school auditorium.

"Family of Faith" Grades 1-6

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

Confirmation Prep - Next Sessions

Level 7: **TUESDAY, APRIL 25 @ 7:15PM, Church**

Level 8: **MONDAY, April 24 @ 7:15PM, Church**

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 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!

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Family Ministry...

A word of great thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to make Holy Week such a wonderful and prayerful experience for our parish families. It was a beautiful week filled with many blessings!

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt... *So many eggs! So many smiles!*



Holy Thursday Family Prayer Service

A beautiful interactive presentation of the gospel was followed by our parents and grandparents humbly answering the call to do as Jesus did, by washing the feet of their children and grandchildren.



Good Friday Children's Presentation of the Passion The children did an amazing job as they presented the Passion of our Lord through the eyes of those who were there on that day when Jesus was crucified. Then our beloved Fr. Felix led all of us in the adoration of the cross.



Parish Social Ministry...

Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus
at all times.

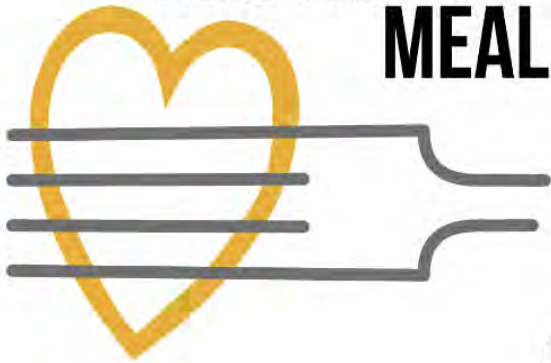
Please call to make an appointment.
Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120

HELP WANTED!

Ernie's Place, St. John's Food Pantry, is looking for volunteers to join the team that stocks our pantry shelves.

In addition to having fun and working with a great group of volunteers, you'll be sorting donations and stocking shelves. This team plays a critical role in the success of Ernie's, ensuring the pantry is organized and ready to welcome the families that visit each week. Hours are Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9am and 11am, however you don't need to commit to all the hours, every day, even an hour of your time is greatly appreciated. For more information about this great volunteer opportunity at Ernie's or for a tour, please call the Parish Social Ministry Office.

THE COMMUNITY MEAL



Join us at our Community Meal, Monday, April 24th from 6-7pm in the OLQA auditorium. Come and enjoy a home cooked meal prepared by some amazing volunteer chefs from St. John's. We host our Community Meal on the last Monday of each month, please join us for a night of great good and even better hospitality.

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:

May 1, 15, 29, June 12, 26.

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



Monday - Friday
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Seton Chapel**, in the Convent

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

Holy Ground Garden Project

We need you and your planting Help!

As we enter into the Spring season, can you help to take care of an area of our parish's huge property?

Once again, we are asking each family, ministry, individual or group of friends to begin taking care of a part of our grounds by planting and maintaining that area for our parish and school.

If you have a spot from last year, or your looking for a spot this year... Please email garden@sjecm.org or call the rectory office 631-878-0009



2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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



2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal: \$115,100.00

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 received by 80% of all monies raised above the goal! Please help us go above goal!

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

2023

CAMPAÑA DE APOYO A LOS MINISTERIOS CATÓLICOS

DIÓCESIS DE ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Una Familia Caminando juntos en
Comunión, Participación y Misión*



Meta de la Campaña de los Ministerios Católicos 2023: \$115,100.00

Apoyar a la CMA ayuda a apoyar a SJE! Recibimos de vuelta el 20% de lo que se recaude por debajo de la meta. Si superamos la meta, recibimos el 80% de todo el dinero recaudado por encima de la meta! Por favor ayúdenos a superar la meta!

Escriba su cheque pagadero a: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Mi Parroquia _____

Mi donativo total \$ _____

Mi Nombre _____

Cuota Inicial \$ _____

Mi Dirección _____

Ciudad, Estado, Código Postal: _____

Teléfono: _____ Firma: _____ Fecha: _____

También puede hacer su donativo en <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> o llámenos al 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

¡Muchas Gracias!



Is God Calling You To Serve As **A DEACON?**

By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called to holiness — the lay faithful as well as Bishops, priests, and deacons.

But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way? If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 60, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an Evening of Prayer and Discernment with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question.

There is no cost to the evening — just your time and openness.

COME PREPARED

to LISTEN to PRAY to REFLECT to DISCERN where God is calling you!

Meetings are being offered conveniently at four locations in our diocese.

- 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23 — Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park, 2 Floral Parkway
- 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 25 — Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park, 855 Carmans Road
- 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31 — St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street

with a Sunday Morning option,

FOLLOWING THE 11:00 AM MASS, to be held at

- 12:00 p.m., Sunday, June 4 — St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport, 20 Cheshire Place

RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179
or by email to diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you.



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. 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 began meeting on **Wednesday, April 12th**. 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 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.



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 Español 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.

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

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.

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!

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Worldwide Marriage Encounter está patrocinando una variedad de experiencias matrimoniales en persona y virtuales, algunas los fines de semana y otras los siete días de la semana. Las parejas explorarán su relación entre ellos, Dios y la Iglesia. El registro es limitado y se requiere una tarifa de solicitud de \$100. Para más información o para aplicar, llame al Felipe y Rosa Ruano Teléfono 203-979-6109 o renuevatumatrimonio.org.



Every Friday Night

Doors open @ 6:30 p.m.

Games begin @ 7:30 p.m.

In the Parish Auditorium

\$3000 IN PRIZES



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Queen of All Hearts
Council



There is much good
and necessary work to be done
in this world, and that's what the
Knights do every day!

Visit kofc.org/join us or speak to
a member of the Knights at
Church today.

Weekly Calendar

5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



- 1** Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions
- 2** Monitor technology use (trust but verify)
- 3** Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech
- 4** Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential risks
- 5** Inform children and youth they can always tell you if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or unsafe online

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Monday, April 24th, 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—RBUR

Tuesday, April 25th, 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 26th, 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 27th, 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. | Al-Anon— BMR

Friday, April 28th, 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 29th, 2023

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

Sunday, April 30th, 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 23, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' eyes were prevented from recognizing it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread - the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to "get it," but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

PRAY Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."