

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



April 27, 2025

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. *Psalm 118*



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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, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Fr. Abin

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

6:00 PM—Fr. Jerry

\*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...

### Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Easter (John 20:19-31)

#### *The Power behind our Lord's Resurrection*

**Today's feast, Divine Mercy Sunday,** marks the conclusion of another Easter Octave. The Easter Octave is eight days in length. It is one long Easter Sunday. This is how important the feast of Easter is. Easter is everything! Easter changed the course of history. It marked the beginning of Redemption. It marked the beginning of a new era filled with hope, heaven without end! It signifies God's complete love for humanity that was fulfilled and nailed permanently to the cross for all ages. Because of Easter, we have eternal life. Easter points to eternity. It is our gateway to paradise. Easter reminds us that our Lord is truly risen, risen forever!

**Today's gospel only reassures us of our greatest hope.** We see how faithful Jesus is to His disciples when He reappeared to them shortly after His resurrection from the dead. He promised them at the Last Supper Discourse, that He would return and bring them joy. Well, that is exactly what happened and what was needed on the Third Day. Unlike our Easter celebrations, this first Easter for His disciples was quite the opposite. They locked themselves in the dark upper room behind closed doors out of fear of the religious and Roman authorities

because of their association with Jesus. They feared for their own lives. They feared crucifixion because of the humiliation that one experiences along with a slow agonizing death. One suffered until one died on the cross after hours of shallow breathing. No wonder why the disciples locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the authorities who waited to end the Jesus narrative of hope and resurrection.

**I think it is too easy for us to intellectualize the love** that God has for humanity found in Jesus instead of taking the time to internalize all the suffering that Jesus had to endure for our redemption. But once we really begin to internalize and reflect on the mystery of His saving and redeeming love nailed permanently to the cross for all ages, our lives begin to change for the better. Our outlook on life and our approach to life itself is so much more joyful and rewarding. We see life from a

whole new perspective with eternity in sight! We begin to appreciate that great treasure that God has in store for us, eternity without end!

**Moreover, we see in today's gospel how merciful and forgiving** He was towards His disciples. Instead of being upset or angry with them for abandoning Him at the foot of the cross when He needed them the most, He only informed them of their greatest hope. He only reassured them in His risen and glorified state that He was truly alive and risen forever! He said, "Peace be with you. It is I." Instead of saying, "Where were you when I needed you the most?", He brought them peace and the forgiveness of sins. He said, "Look at the wounds in my hands and my feet." Here Jesus was only reassuring them and all people of all ages who would come to believe in His resurrection, that He was the same Jesus, the same person, they knew all along. He wanted them to know that He was not someone different or unrecognizable, but He Himself. The same Lord who was once crucified and now risen for our sake. St. Thomas Aquinas speaks of the Lord's wounds as "trophies" of His victory over death. They represent our greatest hope that we



too will rise again and share in the fullness of our Lord's resurrection on the last day. They signify and remind us of our full share in our Lord's risen and glorified state when the end of time comes.

**Easter reminds us that from death comes new life.** Easter brings us new hope. Easter is the fulfillment of all our hopes and longings found in the Risen Lord. What we see and witness again during this new Easter celebration, which is connected to that first Easter celebration, is the impact that their encounter with the risen and glorified Lord had in their lives. We see how the disciples, in just a matter of a few seconds, went from being fearful to fearless. Hopeless to hope-filled and joyless to joy-filled. This encounter with the risen and glorified Lord changed them forever and their whole outlook on life. Because of their personal encounter with the Risen Lord, they were on the path to evangelization in proclaiming

## Masses for the Week...

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

5:00 PM Laura Mondello  
7:30 PM (Spanish) Orlando Narvaez

### Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> *Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy*

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

### Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> *Easter Weekday*

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the DeFillipi Family  
12:00 Noon Edward McGann

### Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> *Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

7:00 AM Patrick Rooney  
12:00 PM Marta Lillian Montufar

### Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> *Easter Weekday*

7:00 AM James Paulsen  
12:00 Noon Special Intention-Ava Stevens

### Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> *Easter Weekday*

7:00 AM John Grammas  
**11:00 AM\*** Kevin Kret (\*note Mass time change for this day)

### Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> *St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00 AM Anne Comando  
12:00 Noon Dolores O'Brien

### Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> *Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

8:00 AM Angela Yu  
5:00 PM Theresa Pirro  
7:30 PM (Spanish) Juan Castro

### Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM Luca Cerullo  
10:00 AM Salvatore and Grace Rondone  
12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer  
6:00 PM People of the Parish

## 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 Season!

### EASTER DONATIONS

Year	Total	As of
2025	\$53,122	4/22/2024
2024	\$60,410	Final

### PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$278,443	16	\$17,403
2024	\$292,717	16	\$18,295

## 2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission



As of 4/22/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	130	120
Total Pledged to date	\$61,845	\$57,255
Avg. Gift	\$476	\$477
Percent of Goal	54%	50%

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!

Christ to the world, that He is alive and risen! This encounter with the Risen Lord allowed them to walk in the newness of life with the spirit of the Risen Lord close by their side.

**Hopefully during this new Easter celebration,** we can learn from this gospel narrative. This Resurrection Narrative reassured the first disciples that God was with them and faithful to His promise! We have eternal life because of the Easter mysteries. We have our Easter faith today because of these first disciples who shared their experience of the Risen Lord. Hopefully, during this new Easter season we can grow in our faith and be strengthened and renewed in our hope of our own redemption and the resurrection of our own bodies...that like Jesus, we too will be the same person when we rise from the dead, not someone different but our true selves. In other words, Easter enables us to reflect on the power of our Lord's resurrection and its universal implications for all of humanity who come to believe in Jesus and the Easter mysteries over time. Easter enables us to live again and to believe

again so that, like those first disciples, we too can grow in our faith and understanding of the power behind our Lord's resurrection within our own lives and sharing in the fullness of life with God.

**Together, during this new Easter season,** let us pray for Pope Francis that God may grant Him eternal rest from his labors. His love for us was tireless and extraordinary. Let us join with the entire Church that God may grant him peace and mercy. How beautiful it was to witness his strength and his love for us during his illness and how important it was for him to be with us to celebrate this new Easter before his passing the following day! How blessed we were to have a loving pope who served the Lord faithfully! Let us pray to the Holy Spirit that the Lord will guide the College of Cardinals in electing us a new pope who will represent our Lord and His love for us as the new Vicar of Christ here on earth. Let us pray for one another for a renewal of faith in the power of our Lord's resurrection during this Easter celebration...and join the early disciples in proclaiming to the world that the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive and truly risen!



## POPE FRANCIS 1936-2025

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,  
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,  
whom you made successor of Peter  
and shepherd of your Church,  
may happily enjoy for ever in  
your presence in heaven  
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,  
which he faithfully ministered on earth.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

### **Diocesan Memorial Mass for Pope Francis**

**Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 pm at the  
Cathedral of St. Agnes  
in Rockville Centre**

*Celebrant:*

*Bishop John O. Barres  
with many of our  
parish priests concelebrating!*

Eternal rest grant unto Pope Francis, and  
let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace, Amen.





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# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Margaret Capozzola + Peter Buxton  
Christopher J. Smith, Jr.  
Constance Sergio + Pope Francis

“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

Andrew Balzano + Henry Lokaj  
Brooke-Ashley Reyes and her unborn twins  
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*

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

*Emely Alcantara*

## Mass Intentions

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

## Altar Bread and Wine

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

An offering of \$200 is requested.

## Votive Candles/Altar Candles

A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful  
statues in our church. You may have a particular  
devotion to one of these saints. These candles are  
next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph,  
St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and,  
hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and  
reflection. **Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.**

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

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



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**FOLLOW THE  
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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)



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# Parishes Praying for Priests

## UNITED IN ADORATION

*Please Join Us...*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 29 TH

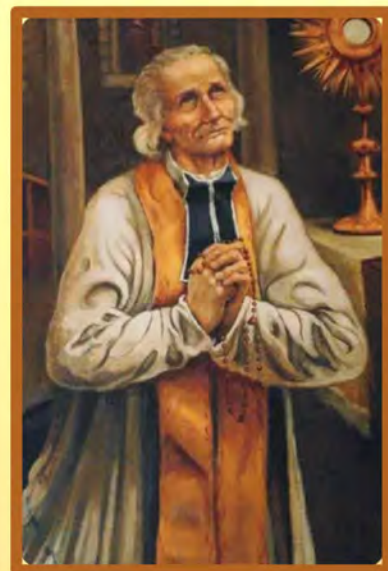
### 3PM - 7PM

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.





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- ✓ -Small, Individualized Educational Program
- ✓ -Special Education Program
- ✓ -Before & After Care
- ✓ -Financial Aid
- ✓ AND MORE...

## Get IN Touch



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# Triduum & Easter at St. John's





# The Office of Family Ministry

## So much for which to be thankful...



The Office of Family Ministry extends a word of great gratitude to the members of the Family Life Ministry, our Moms on the Journey and our young adult and youth volunteers, all of whom worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for our parish children and their families to come together and pray their way through Lent and Holy Week.

## Holy Week Family Prayer Services

Our Family Life Ministry team spent countless hours preparing for our Holy Week Prayer Services. Their dedication, patience and willingness to help wherever needed is truly amazing! Here are a few highlights of our Holy Thursday Prayer Service, our Good Friday Presentation of the Passion and Death of Jesus and our Holy Saturday Easter story and egg hunt.

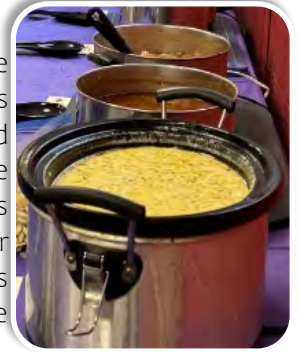




## Family Life Ministry



During Lent our team provided opportunities to feed the hungry through our Sandwich Sunday Program which makes sandwiches to support Lighthouse Mission. We also hosted two Lenten Soup Suppers during which parishioners came together to enjoy a simple Lenten meal of delicious meatless soups and then prayed the stations of the cross in our outdoor prayer garden. The children did all the readings for the stations and truly came to a better understanding of the Way of the Cross.



## Young Adult and Youth Volunteers

We are blessed to have youth volunteers and young adults who are faith-filled, talented and willing to serve! From filling Easter eggs with candy for our parish egg hunt to presenting the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday, these young people are truly A GIFT to our parish and they bring the Hope of Easter to life! Thanks to all of you who gave your all to make Holy Week so special for our parish children and their families.



## Moms on the Journey

A word of great thanks to our Moms on the Journey who came together to create "Easter Bags" for the children in each of the families who registered for our Parish Social Ministry Easter Meal Program. Using the generous donations from our parishioners and the Easter books and Bibles that were purchased specifically for each child, the Moms (and a very special little helper) filled shopping bags for more than 70 children! The Moms (and some of their daughters) also worked at Ernie's Place on the Easter Meal Distribution Day. To facilitate the family check in and the distribution of the Easter gifts. They are truly an awesome group of moms!





# 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:

- ☐ Syrup
- ☐ Oatmeal
- ☐ Pancake Mix
- ☐ Fruit Cocktail
- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Cake Mix and Icing
- ☐ Bags of Red Beans
- ☐ Bags of Black Beans
- ☐ Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- ☐ Small Bags of White Rice
- ☐

Our food pantry welcomes and helps families in need every week on Mondays from 6:30 -7:30 PM and on Thursdays from 3-4 PM. Currently, we need help serving those who come through our door. We see dozens of people in need each time we are open, the hour goes by fast! Ernie's Place is a place of friendship for our volunteers and a place of support and hospitality for the families we serve. Please contact Heather at:

631-878-0009 ext. 120 or via email at

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

for more information on volunteering at Ernie's Place, we really need the help and would love to have you join us!

*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.*

– St. Teresa of Avila

## 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)
- ♦ Gently used men's & women's sneakers
- ♦ Gently used long sleeve t-shirts





## Community Meal at SJE!

Pasta and Potatoes was the theme of last month's community meal served up by an amazing group of volunteers to those in need in our community. Delicious food was cooked and dropped off by another team of wonderful volunteers and included Shepherd's Pie, Mac & Cheese and Irish soda bread! We have teens who love to bake and made dozens of cupcakes, brownies and cookies for dessert. If you'd like to be part of the crew, we always need help! Please call 631-878-0009 ext.

120 or email [socialministry@sjecm.org](mailto:socialministry@sjecm.org)

for more information. Our Community Meal is usually served the last Monday of every month and is attended by many individuals and families who need help in our community. They are grateful and we are blessed to be able to serve them.

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)



## 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.

# Faith Formation

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

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

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

During the Season of Lent, we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our students in Grades 3-8, as well as prepared and celebrated First Reconciliation with our First Communion candidates. Priests from our parish and from outside our parish were on hand to hear confessions for both students and their parents and family members who were present for the services. Thank you to all the priests, volunteers, musicians and staff who made these services such a prayerful experience.



Please also keep in your prayers our First Holy Communion candidates who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time in the coming weeks! (You may see some of them at our Sunday liturgies!)

## 2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website.

([sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org), click on "Faith Formation")

### LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

#### **Next Class Session:**

**Tuesday, April 29** at 7:15 PM in the Church

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

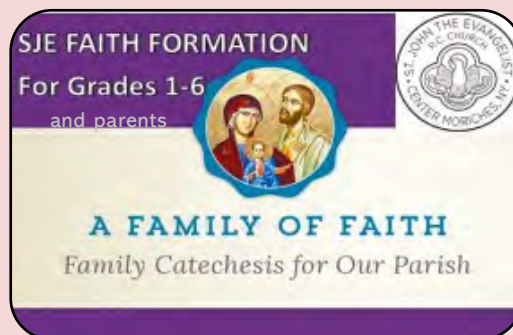
**Level 7 Community Service Sheets Due April 29**

### LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

#### **Next Class Session:**

**Monday, April 28** at 7:15 PM in the Church

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



**Closing Prayer Services (Attend One)**

**Tuesday, May 13 or Thursday, May 15**

**@ 5 PM in the Church**

*\*Please note there are no 7PM sessions for the closing prayer services in May.*



## A Message from Msgr. Walden...



"God exists is the real message of Easter." Those are the words of Pope Benedict XVI that I was inspired by as I read them this past week. I still remember from my catechism days in religious education back in the early 1950s: God created us to know Him, love Him, and to be happy with him forever in heaven." How true those words are and how they come alive as we reflect on Easter for fifty days. God created us in His very image out of pure, unconditional love. He has entrusted us to each other as well as the planet we live on. He has powerfully and clearly revealed His life and love for us through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we see divine love is life giving, life renewing, life sustaining, and eternal. The fifty days of the Easter season is our time to look beyond where we are, to give thanks to who and what got us here, and to embrace the hope that we are invited to be with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and one another forever. There is no human way we can make that happen. All we have to do is to humbly express our wonder and awe in the words we pray as the Host that is the Body of Christ is held up at Mass at Communion time: "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my should shall be healed." No, I am not worthy. Love is never love if I think or feel I have earned or deserved it - Love is a pure gift. What is the Word that makes the words "my soul shall be healed" a reality. It is not a spoken word or printed word, but God Himself in Jesus Christ: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:1-5)

To embrace the gift of who we are through God's love and mercy is to become God's love and mercy. If I am not God's love and mercy, then there will always be the feeling and reality that something is missing. That "missing something" is an obstruction caused by anger, disappointment, sinfulness, and self-willed ignorance and isolation.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. God's mercy is far more than the forgiveness of our sins - it is the life-giving wisdom, presence and commitment of God's love in His all-embracing wisdom, mercy, and joy. To see God's glory is to be embraced, enlightened, enabled, encouraged, and inspired in the very depths of our minds and hearts. As much as we might "feel too busy" to pray, even more God is joyfully waiting to lift us up with His loving, merciful eternal life-giving presence.

I offer Psalm 121 and its prayer for your reflection:

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and  
coming both now and for ever. Glory...

**Psalm Prayer:** *Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared a quiet place for us in your Father's eternal home. Watch over our welfare on this perilous journey, shade us from the burning heat of day, and keep our lives free of evil until the end.*





# 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.



Knights of Columbus

# BINGO Night

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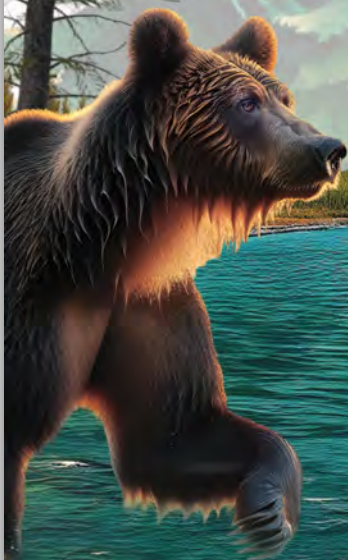
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Vacation Bible Camp....



July 14th - July 18th

Registration Opens  
April 25th

Watch the parish website for details





## 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).



## GARDEN MINISTRY

*Did you know that St John's has a beautiful garden, Heaven's Harvest, located between the Convent and Rectory? The dedicated volunteers of this ministry work together to produce bushels and bushels of produce which we donate to Ernie's Place and our Street Ministry. We plant, water, weed and harvest now through November. At this time, we need your help; we are looking for volunteers to help us to prepare for the season. The best part about this volunteer opportunity is you can choose a time that works for you. We have raised beds; it doesn't have to be strenuous, and you can work alone or bring a friend. This can be a great family activity, and all ages are most welcome. Great for students who need community service too! To learn more about how you can help get our garden ready for the growing season please reach out to Heather at 631-878-0009, ext. 120 or via email at :*

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

*Lend a hand and be a blessing,  
your parish needs you!*



## 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

## 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 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.



## 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.

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# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</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 30<sup>th</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, May 1<sup>st</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, May 2<sup>nd</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, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, May 4<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