

Palm Sunday + April 2nd, 2023

St. John the Evangelist

April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

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25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, New York, 11934-3968
631-878-0009 | rectory@sjecm.org

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 8th

5:00 pm - No Mass

7:30 pm - Easter Vigil - Fr. Patrick

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

Easter Sunday, April 9th

6:00 am—Fr. Patrick (Sunrise Mass)

8:00 am - Fr. Felix

10:00 am - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Jerry

2:00 pm - Fr. Peter (*Spanish Easter Sunday Mass*)

*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 now take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.



Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor + pastor@sjecm.org

Reverend Felix Akpabio

Parochial Vicar

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

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

Dawn Waller

Principal

dwallers@olqany.org (ext. 201)

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House

Monday—Thursday:

9 a.m. — 8 p.m.

Tuesdays -

5-8pm Spanish speaking support.

Friday -Saturday

9 a.m. — 2p.m.

We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.

A message from Fr. Patrick...

Advancing the Kingdom of God

The purpose of Lent is to help us turn our lives completely over to God. We are drawn closer to God and grow in holiness and in greater awareness of God's presence unfolding in our lives. Through prayer and fasting, we can be drawn nearer to God when we take these spiritual disciplines seriously and focus more on the goodness and the power of God's complete love for humanity. We learn to trust more and more each day in God's Divine Providence, knowing how important it is to keep Him close to our hearts. During these past 40 days, we have been given another opportunity to do just this! We trust more and rely more on God, knowing how essential it is to keep Him at the center of our lives! I think we would all agree how important Lent has become in our lives as we advance on in years; Lent brings us directly into contact with God when we take extra time fasting from things or activities that only prevent us from spending more time with Him in prayer and reflection.

Throughout these past forty days, Jesus has shown us again, by word and example, how to trust more and rely more on the presence of God in our lives. He has shown us the way from the crib to the cross, how to be dependent on God and how to remain obedient to His Word, even when things do not always go our way. Jesus shows us how to remain firm in our faith knowing that God will remain true to His promises in restoring humanity back to wholeness and in bringing the world the fullness of salvation! All we must do is trust more in His Word. Then, we see how true God is to His promises. We will see its relevance and promising effects in our lives and the reassurance it brings.

During the Lord's encounter and dialogue with Pontius Pilate in speaking about His Kingship and Kingdom, Pilate was not threaten because He did not see Jesus' Kingdom backed by any army or military, which normally defines the strength of one's nation. Instead, all he saw was Jesus' own people turning Him over by saying "crucify Him, crucify Him." But little did Pilate know then of the power behind the Lord's Kingship and Kingdom - as does one who comes to believe in Jesus' Lordship over time. Pope Benedict Emeritus XVI, in Volume II of Jesus of Nazareth, clearly stated that one helps advance the Kingdom of God when one grows in one's faith in God. In other words, the one Kingdom that has the power to surpass all other earthly kingdoms is when the community of believers take their faith in God and His Word more seriously in their lives. Imagine, if the world keeps their faith in Jesus alive in their hearts and proclaim His Lordship to all the ends of the earth, how much more God's Kingdom would flourish over all other worldly kingdoms in our society today, even those with the best military backing! If we want to see the power and the strength of God's Kingdom rule the earth with peace and hope, then we, as Christians, need to respond in charity and grow in our faith in the Lord, who loved us all to the very end!

Pope Benedict Emeritus also reminded us of the way in which we can become more faithful and dependent on God. When referring to the Washing of the Feet, Benedict reminded us that we must surrender to God. During this great act of charity, Jesus summarizes His entire life and saving ministry in one great gesture. He kneels, "He Descends" signifying the importance and the effect His birth had on society when He descended upon the earth that first Christmas night. He came to serve and restore us to wholeness and to cleanse us from our former sinful ways by washing us clean so we can approach God in true faith and with clean and sincere hearts, and help others to do the same. When we descend before God in faith and in service to one another, we help advance the Kingdom of Heaven by helping others to grow in their own faith and understanding of God by surrendering more each day to His Word in total trust and obedience.

As we enter the Holiest week of the year, we recall the most significant week in Salvation History, the First Holy Week that brought the world redemption. We have another opportunity to journey with the Lord to the cross that brought us all the gift of new and everlasting life. What a beautiful time for us to look upon the cross again, in faith and in trust, knowing that God will continue to remain ever faithful and true to His promise in drawing us closer to Him in love. Now is the time for us to surrender again to His Word with complete faith and obedience, knowing the great treasure that He has in store for all of us - the Kingdom of Heaven, Heaven without end. I hope and pray that we all take this week very seriously as we look upon the One who alone can reassure us of our greatest hope, and who alone can bring us peace of mind and heart, especially with all that is going on in our world today, so we trust more and rely more in God each day just like He did to the very end!



Preparing for the Week

| Saturday, April 1st | |
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| 5:00 p.m. | Adele Lederer |
| 7:30 p.m. <i>Spanish</i> | Nicole Tapuay |
| Sunday, April 2nd | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Kevin O'Brien Jr. |
| 10:00 a.m. | Thomas and John Donato |
| 12:00 a.m. | Kristen Bigora |
| 6:00 p.m. | Patricia Williams |
| Monday, April 3rd Monday of Holy Week | |
| 7:00 a.m. | Daniel Hickey |
| 12 Noon | Matina Orfanos |
| Tuesday, April 4th Tuesday of Holy Week | |
| 7:00 a.m. | Michael Cappozola, Jr. |
| 12 Noon | Philip Schleede |
| 7:30 p.m. <i>Spanish</i> | People of the Parish |
| Wednesday, April 5th Wednesday of Holy Week | |
| 7:00 a.m. | Ken Kret |
| 12 Noon | Harriet Smith-Efthymiou |
| Thursday, April 6th Holy Thursday | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 4:30 p.m. | Family Holy Prayer Service |
| 7:30 p.m. | Mass of Lord's Supper |
| 11:45 p.m. | Night Prayer |
| Friday, April 7th Good Friday | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 12 Noon | Children's Service |
| 3:00 p.m. | Solemn Liturgy |
| 6:15 p.m. | Outdoor Stations of the Cross |
| 8:30 p.m. | Night Prayer |
| Saturday, April 8th Holy Saturday | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 8:00 p.m. <i>Vigil</i> | Easter Novenas |
| Sunday, April 9th Easter Sunday | |
| 6:00 a.m. | Sunrise Mass |
| 8:00 a.m. | Easter Novenas |
| 10:00 a.m. | Easter Novenas |
| 12 Noon | Easter Novenas |
| 2:00 p.m. | Easter Novenas |

Easter Flower & Mass Remembrance Envelopes

Envelopes were included in the monthly envelope mailing and are also available at the doors of the church.



Those names that are included on the envelopes will be remembered during the Easter Novena Masses.

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

Parish Offices will be CLOSED:

- Holy Thursday, April 6th
- Good Friday, April 7th
- Holy Saturday, April 8th
- Easter Monday, April 10th



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



| | 2023 | 2022 |
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| Parish Goal | \$115,100.00 | \$115,100.00 |
| Number of Donors | 78 | 98 |
| Total Pledged to date | \$27,100 | \$43,000 |
| Avg. Gift | \$347 | \$438 |

Tax statements...

Simply call the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org for your 2022 statement. Statements are available. You can have your form mailed to you, emailed to you.

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING

We've missed you.
Come home
at Easter.



RECONCILIATION
MONDAY

Visit a Catholic church near you
during our extended Confession hours.
To find a church and continue your
Lenten journey, visit: DRVC.org

April 3rd

2 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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PLEASE JOIN US THIS YEAR BY ATTENDING

The Chrism Mass




April 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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St. Agnes Cathedral

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre



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During the Chrism Mass, Bishop John Barres will consecrate the Oil of Chrism and bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. These holy oils will be used throughout our Diocese during the coming year in celebration of the Sacraments. Priests of the Diocese will also renew their call to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ.





Holy Week

Holy Thursday - April 6th

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am in the church. Come begin the Triduum with morning prayer at 9:00 am in the church.
Family Prayer Service: 4:30 pm : This family prayer service will help our children to truly understand the significance of Holy Thursday and it will provide an opportunity for all to experience the Washing of the Feet.
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm in the church. Come and pray this beautiful liturgy, experience the washing of the feet and process to the auditorium for the response of the Blessed Sacrament.
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament: approximately 8:45 pm (after the Mass of the Lord's Supper) until 11:45pm. Come and pray in the quiet peace of Christ.
Night Prayer: 11:45-12 midnight in the Auditorium.

Good Friday - April 7th

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am. Continue the prayer of the Triduum with morning prayer at 9:00 am in the church.
Children's Good Friday Prayer Service: 12 noon. This is a beautiful way for children to experience the Passion of our Lord in a very personal way. There will be one or two practices prior to Good Friday. The Good Friday Children's Service takes place in the church.
Stations of the Cross: Friday, 4/7 @ 1:00 in the church. Come pray the Way of the Cross.
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord Friday: 3:00 pm in the church. Pray through the Passion of our Lord, receive the Eucharist and venerate the cross.
Confessions: 4:30—6:00 p.m. Church
Living Stations of the Cross: 6:15 pm in front of the church. Walk through the streets of Center Moriches as our Spanish Ministry leads us in this profoundly personal way of the cross.

Holy Saturday - April 8th

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am in the church.
Easter Vigil: 7:30 pm in the church. This absolutely beautiful liturgy begins in darkness and takes us into the light of Christ. Celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation with our RCIC and RCIA candidates.

Easter Sunday - April 9th

MASSES

6:00 am-Outdoor Sunrise Mass on the lawn in front of the convent.

8:00 am Church, 10:00 am, Church 12 noon Church, 2:00 pm Church (Spanish)

Faith Formation

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

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

Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

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

Have a Blessed Holy Week!

Please Pray...
for our RCIC Candidates!



Four of our Faith Formation students will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this week! Please keep them and their families in your prayers!



First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our students who made their First Reconciliation last month! We're also grateful to our music ministry, cantors and the many priests who came out to hear confessions for our young people! Thank you to all our volunteers and staff who assisted at the Rehearsal and on the days of First Reconciliation!



First Communion Preparation

For those in their second year of preparation who will be receiving First Communion this Spring, just a reminder about our upcoming parent/student First Communion Retreat on April 29. Also, be sure to mark down your child's rehearsal date and time for First Communion! Retreat times and rehearsal dates/times were assigned based on your child's communion date.



Confirmation Prep: (Levels 7 & 8)

LEVEL 7:

Tuesday, April 18 @ 7:15PM, Church

LEVEL 8:

Monday, April 17 @ 7:15PM, Church

Registration for 2023-24

Begins in June

*Our program starts when children enter
First Grade!*

*Questions? Email us at
faithformation@sjecm.org*



See What's Happening at OLQA

Registration Is Happening Now!

Schedule a Tour: Call 631-878-1033 or Scan the QR Code!



Pre-K Program (Ages 3 & 4)

Our Pre-K offers full-day & half-day sessions with small class sizes & an academic emphasis on math/science readiness, language and reading skills and social/emotional development.

Student Mentorship:

Our fifth grade students have been buddying up with our first graders to help mentor them in different academic subjects, including reading and math!



Sports Seasons:

Basketball & Volleyball 2023:
Our basketball season just ended and volleyball season is about to get underway!



Science Field Trip:

Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 took a field trip to Brookhaven National Lab for some hands-on learning!



Community Service:

"Core Team" Middle School students recently made wash kits for SJE's Street Ministry.



St. Patrick's Day:

Students decked out in green & enjoyed some St. Patrick's Day fun! We also came together for a school Mass organized by our 6th graders and celebrated by Fr. Patrick.

Family Ministry...

Please contact us at 631-878-0009 ext. 124
or email clapham@sjecm.org

The Parish Easter Egg Hunt is this weekend!

Sunday 4/2-2023 after the 10:00 Mass on the Great Lawn in front of the school. All children are invited! Children must be accompanied by an adult. After the egg hunt, all are invited to head over to the school for the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. A special thanks to the families who came to help fill the eggs for our egg hunt. They worked together like a well-oiled machine and filled over 1100 eggs!

THANK YOU to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who worked with our homebound parishioners to fill plastic eggs for the Egg Hunt. What a beautiful way for those who are homebound to participate in parish life! Thanks to all who helped!



The Moms on the Journey...rock the Easter Outreach Project!

Our Moms on the Journey group prepared Easter Bags filled with plastic Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies, rosary beads, chocolate bunny lollipops and handmade crosses, for those families who registered for our Parish Social Ministry Easter Meal Program.

The bags were decorated and the crosses were made by the students at O.L.Q.A, our Catholic School. The students did an AWESOME job!

If you're a mom who wants to grow in your faith and enjoy the company of other Christian moms, please consider joining this amazing group of women. Our next monthly gathering will be **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**. Bring a friend and come be renewed and refreshed.



Children's Holy Week Prayer Services— sponsored by the Family Life Ministry

Family Holy Thursday Prayer Service: Thursday, 4/6/2023 at 4:30 pm : This family prayer service will help our children to truly understand the significance of Holy Thursday and it will provide an opportunity for all to experience the Washing of the Feet.

Children's Good Friday Prayer Service: This is a beautiful way for children to experience the Passion of our Lord in a very personal way. The Good Friday Children's Service will take place at **12 noon on Friday 4/7/2023**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Our program meets during the 10:00 Mass every Sunday. 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!



Pancake Breakfast



Palm Sunday
April 2nd

In the Parish Auditorium

After the
8 am & 10 am Masses

Pancakes, Sausage,
Coffee, Tea, and Juice
Free to all!

Sponsored by
Queen of All Hearts council 4126
Knights of Columbus



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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| 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 |
| 59 | 60 | | | |

Praying for and With One Another...

We Remember...

"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, Thomas Turner, Nicholas Lee,
Louis Montanaro II, Nolan Horn,
Roy and Joan Lundquist, Frank Ferraro ,
Arianna DeOliveira, Angelina Osman,
Victor Visca , Joseph Francis Mazzola, Michael
Pomara, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Robert Sajdak
"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

US Marine Corps

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

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.



Stations of the Cross

Yesterday I died with Him; today I live with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I am raised with Him.

-Pope Francis

This Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross on **Fridays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church, beginning **March 3rd**



Because no marriage is beyond hope...

A **marriage-saving** program is here in the
New York/Metropolitan Area
April 21-23, 2023

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille* can help.

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230

<https://www.helpourmarriage.org>

info@HelpOurMarriage.org

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges

It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage. Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are encouraged to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

To contact the Long Island/New York Business Office:
516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.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



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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

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

Safe Environment Updates...

All volunteers and employees at SJE are **required** to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the VIRTUS classes by visiting www.drvc.org 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>



Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 16, 2023

MASS and AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

12 Noon Mass

Presider: Fr. Felix

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

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

4 p.m. Benediction

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

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

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

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

-Pope Francis

Did you know...



Hi St. John's. I'm Rev. Henry Leuthardt. A little background about myself. I grew up in East Moriches on a family farm/nursery with my father and mother, Henry and Patricia, and my two younger brothers, Peter and John. Hence, my hometown parish was here at St. John's.. I went to the parish school here and played on both the CYO baseball and basketball teams. I went on to Mercy High School in Riverhead and was on the National Honor Society as well as the baseball and football teams there. I also played ice hockey on the local pond whenever it was frozen during the winter; kind of like the Canadian farm boys. I was also in the Golden Gloves as an amateur boxer in my late teens, early twenties. I was a volunteer fireman for seventeen years in my hometown, East Moriches, also playing on the F.D. softball and basketball teams.



young Henry on the family farm tractor

I was undecided after high school as to what to do with my life, so I worked on the family farm while also going to school part time/nights at Suffolk Comm. College. When I finally decided to be a priest, I finished college at Stony Brook University, graduating with a degree in English. I then went to Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington and was ordained a priest in 2010. My previous assignments were at St. Joseph's in Ronkonkoma, Cure' of Ars in Merrick, and I'm currently assigned to St. Rosalie's in Hampton Bays.

I would just like to express my congratulations and warmest best wishes to St. John's on your 125th anniversary as a parish. I will keep you all always in my prayers. God bless you all.

Love,
Fr. Henry



Fr. Henry at his ordination Mass celebrated by Bishop Murphy in 2010'

Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

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

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

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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

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

Requisitos:

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

Matrimonios:

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

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!



Estaciones de la Cruz

Figura crucis con El hoy vivo con El. Figura las crucifixa con El hoy crucifixa con El.
-Papa Francisco

Esta Cuaresma, celebraremos el Vía Crucis los viernes a las 8:00 p.m. en la iglesia

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I love arriving to Mass early when the sacristan is preparing the altar, or even shortly after the prior Mass clears out. This is because I enjoy praying the rosary with fellow parishioners as well as having my choice of seat in the church, but there's also something about the silence, the stillness that permeates the atmosphere during that time. Sitting alone with one's thoughts tends to either disturb or flat-out bore many people, but consider the silence in a new light this Easter Sunday. Mary of Magdala visited Christ's tomb only to find it empty; what was the tomb like after Christ had risen and left? I'd like to think the silence of the sanctuary before Mass is like the silence of the tomb: still, peaceful and, most of all, joyful, for our Savior conquered the grave. In a way, arriving early to a silent church is like Mary arriving to Jesus' tomb and finding it empty. Soon, though, the church is filled with other believers - witnesses to the risen Christ who proclaim his victory over sin and death to share in the Eucharist before going out into the world to serve and make disciples.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Mass, many of us are swept up in a dizzying Easter timeline full of brightness and pastels, rushing from Mass to Easter egg hunts to lunch or dinner that may leave kids and adults alike exhausted. But our Easter worship and traditions are important because they mark this day as the most joyful of all celebrations, indeed the greatest event in human history. The Lord Jesus is calling us to new life in him! We take this time to celebrate and reflect on what this means. After his resurrection, Jesus revealed himself over time to his Apostles. But before they saw Jesus and truly understood he had risen from the dead, they experienced great sadness and fear. In the same way for us, we must remember that there is no Easter without the suffering and darkness of Good Friday. St. Paul tells us in the second reading that, in order to celebrate the feast, we must "clear out the old yeast, so that [we] may become a fresh batch of dough." We can't celebrate with "the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness" - we must let Christ purify our hearts and fill them with his Truth.

WITNESS Let the joy of Easter fuel a new resolve to be a witness to the Resurrection. Take Easter week to contemplate Scripture, to let Jesus fill your heart with his light and forgiveness so that you may bear his witness to those you encounter in the days and weeks to come.

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? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission.

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.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 3rd, 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 4th, 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 5th, 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 6th, 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 7th, 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 8th, 2023

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

Sunday, April 9th, 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