

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



April 6, 2025

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. Psalm 126





April 6, 2025

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## OUR PARISH MISSION

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

-Mission Statement

## Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 2:45 PM  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel  
(Convent) - Monday through Friday  
3:00 - 7:00 PM

## Next Weekend's Schedule

### Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Fr. Abin

\*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





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Punta Gorda, FL 33950-5546  
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<http://sacredheartfl.org>

April 5, 2025

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist,

I pray this letter finds you in peace and joy! It is with great excitement and heartfelt anticipation that I write to you today as I prepare for this week's parish mission. As a close personal friend of your pastor, Fr. Patrick Riegger, I have witnessed the depth of faith and community that characterizes St. John the Evangelist Parish, and I am honored to have the opportunity to share in this experience with all of you.

Our mission will be a time of renewal, reflection, and exploration—the perfect opportunity for us to come together as a community and delve deeper into the wonders of our Catholic faith. In our fast-paced world, it is all too easy to become absorbed in the chaos and lose sight of the beauty and richness of our spiritual lives. This mission aims to reignite that spark, to gather under the loving guidance of our Lord, and to inspire one another to live out our faith with passion and purpose.

The mission will take place this week on **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:30 pm** in the church. Please join us for these powerful evenings of reflection and spiritual growth.

Over the course of our time together, we will explore fundamental aspects of our faith that speak to the heart of our relationship with God and one another. Through dynamic talks, engaging discussions, and moments of prayerful reflection, we will find new pathways to deepen our faith, reignite our hope, and refresh our spirits. Each session will be an invitation to encounter Christ anew and to discover the joy that comes from walking together on this beautiful journey of discipleship.

I encourage each of you to set aside these days for your personal growth and the nurturing of our parish community. Bring your families, your friends, and your openness to encounter the transformative power of God's love—something that is equally enriching for both newcomers and lifelong parishioners.

Let us come together to embrace this wonderful opportunity to thrive spiritually, to cultivate the seeds of faith within our hearts, and to encourage one another in living out the Gospel in our daily lives. I believe that this mission has great potential not only to teach but to heal, inspire, and awaken within us a renewed zeal for our Catholic faith.

Remember, the journey of faith is richest when shared with a community that supports and uplifts one another. I cannot wait to meet all of you and embark on this enriching experience together. Be prepared to laugh, to cry, and to be caught up in wonder!

With love and blessings,  
Fr. Jerry Kaywell  
Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish



# Masses for the Week...

## Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday (First Saturday)

5:00 PM Kevin Kret  
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Jordan Hubbard  
10:00 AM Kristen Bigora  
12:00 Noon John Immel  
6:00 PM Rosemary and Pat Curtin

## Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Timothy Gilmartin  
12:00 Noon Sophie Kostuk

## Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Sharon Palagonia  
12:00 PM Sally Pellagrini

## Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Myrna Stabile  
12:00 Noon Frank Iannazo

## Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Joe A. Chambel  
12:00 PM Barbara Mulholland

## Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Myrna Stabile  
12:00 Noon Mary Lou Pane

## Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Vincent and Stella Stripeikis  
5:00 PM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney  
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM Deborah Bocchino  
10:00 AM Carmine Marceno  
12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer  
6:00 PM Patti LeBlanc



Easter Novena & Mass Remembrance envelopes are now available at all of the exits of the church. These will be the intentions for all of the Easter Masses. All intentions will remain on the altar throughout the Easter Octave. Please return the envelopes to the rectory before Easter.

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$223,752	13	\$17,212
2024	\$240,944	13	\$18,534

## 2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission



As of 4/1/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	109	95
Total Pledged to date	\$56,810	\$48,400
Avg. Gift	\$521	\$509
Percent of Goal	49%	42%

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!



April 6, 2025

# A Message from Bishop Barres...



DIocese of Rockville Centre  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 2025

Dear Friends:

The future of the Catholic Church's worldwide mission and evangelization depends upon holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life which complement and support the Apostolate of the Laity.

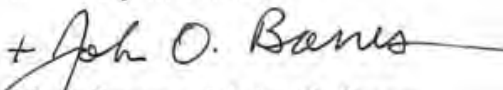
Thank you for all you do to support and encourage these vocations.


Many young people discerning these critical vocations graduate college with substantial student loan debt. In turn, many of the religious communities and dioceses they seek to enter are not able to absorb the growing financial burden of the candidate's educational debt.

The Labouré Society offers an innovative and creative solution for men and women discerning these vocations to raise funds for vocations through a formational process and a proven philanthropic method. I am personally grateful to the Labouré Society for all they have done to assist men and women from Long Island and throughout the Church in the United States to respond to their vocational call in a responsible, mature, just and generous way.

I enthusiastically support the mission of the Labouré Society.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



As we celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis has invited us to be Pilgrims of Hope. To honor this, we are introducing a special Lenten project. Next week, we will begin creating doves that represent our hope for the world. These doves will be displayed as part of our Easter celebration, from the Easter Vigil through Pentecost.

## A Lenten Project

Here's how you can participate:

- Take home paper and instructions to create your dove.
- Pick up a Jubilee Year prayer card in the foyer to join in praying as we reflect on what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope.

Important Dates:

- Complete your dove and return it by **April 5th & 6th.**
- The doves will be part of our Easter display, and we invite you to reflect on the Jubilee Prayer throughout this Lenten season.

We look forward to seeing your doves and praying together as we journey through this special year!



## *A Mission of Wonder*

with Father Jerry Kaywell

Father Jerry Kaywell is the pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Punta Gorda, Florida, known for his engaging and dynamic approach to delivering sermons. He combines eloquence, inspiration and humor in his preaching. Music has been a defining part of his life, with Father Jerry composing music from a young age and working in film and television as a composer and producer. He co-created award-winning digital commercials and contributed to a Grammy-winning gospel album.

Father Kaywell's life has also been marked by personal struggles, including surviving two bouts of cancer, including stage-three lymphoma. His experiences with cancer deeply influence his ministry, particularly his ability to offer counsel and comfort to those with terminal illness. Father Jerry's journey to the priesthood was delayed by his pursuit of a secular career in music. However, after surviving his cancer battles, he returned to Florida, earned degrees in theology and divinity, and was ordained as a priest in 1991.

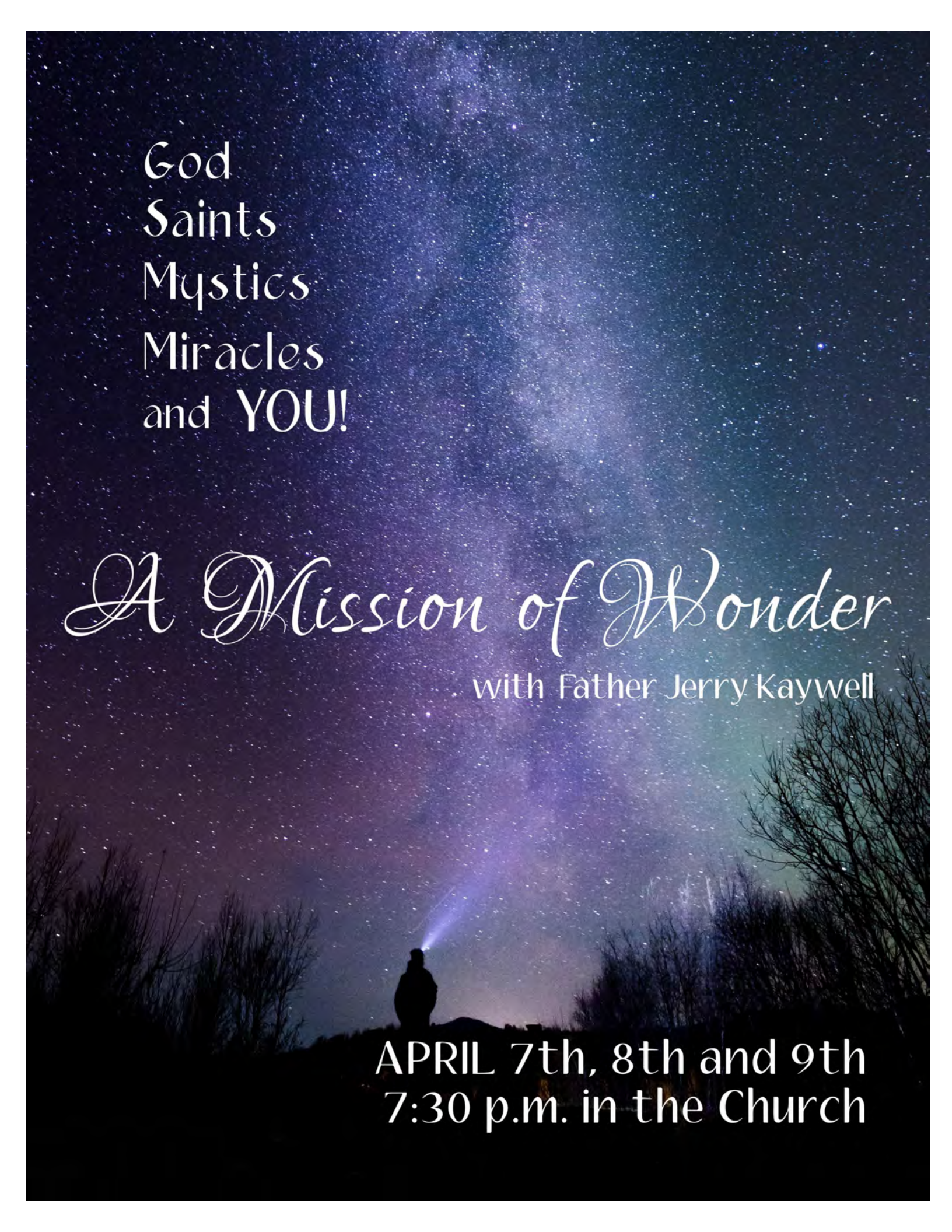
Father Jerry's commitment to his parish has extended to the rebuilding of Sacred Heart Church, which was destroyed by Hurricane Charley in 2004. Under his leadership, the church was rebuilt and opened in 2008. He continues to serve his parish with joy. Father Jerry is delighted to be giving the parish mission here at St. John the Evangelist this year.

Join us for our parish Lenten Mission

*God, Saints, Mystics, Miracles and YOU!*

April 7th, 8th and 9th





God  
Saints  
Mystics  
Miracles  
and YOU!

# *A Mission of Wonder*

with Father Jerry Kaywell

APRIL 7th, 8th and 9th  
7:30 p.m. in the Church



Please join  
Queen of All Hearts Council 4126  
for a complementary...

# Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Tea & Juice

## Sunday April 13th

SJE Parish Auditorium

### After the 10am Mass





# Stations of the Cross

Estaciones de la Cruz



We invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross in the church, Friday evenings during Lent.

7:00 PM English  
8:00 PM Spanish



# Palm Sunday

## Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm, 7:30 pm (Spanish).

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon and 6:00 pm.

# Confessions

Sinners  
Welcome & Wanted

## Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



# Holy Thursday

April 17<sup>th</sup>



## Morning Prayer

9:00 am in the church.

Come begin the Triduum with morning prayer..

## Family Prayer Service

4:30 pm in the church. 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.

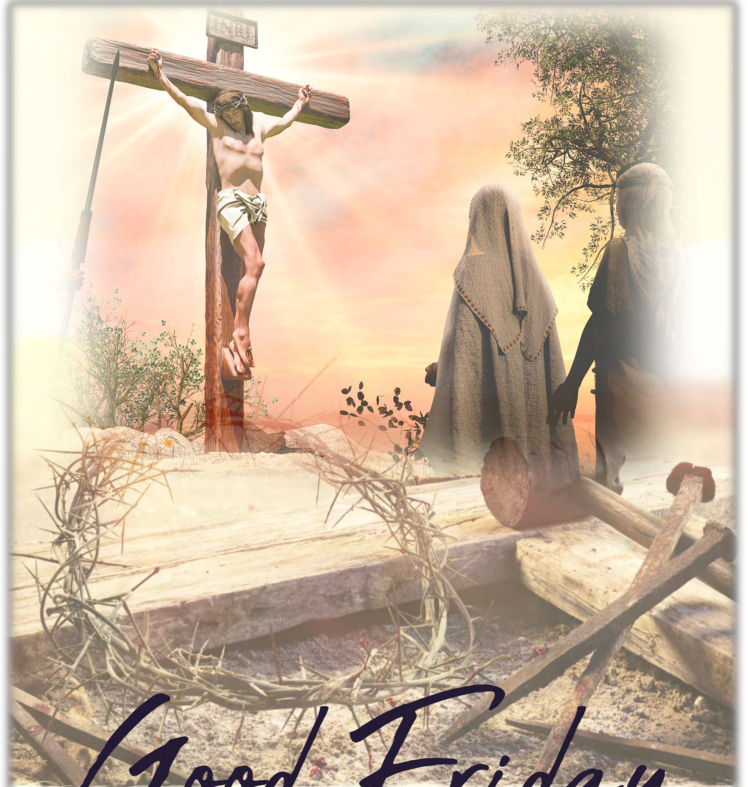
## Mass of the Lord's Supper

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

8:45 pm (after the Mass of the Lord's Supper) until 11:45pm. Come and pray in the quiet peace of Christ. Holy Thursday Night Prayer 11:45-12 midnight in the Auditorium.



# Good Friday

April 18<sup>th</sup>

## Morning Prayer

9:00 am in the church.

Come continue the Triduum with morning prayer

## Family 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

1:00 pm in the church.

Come pray the Way of the Cross.

## Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

3:00 pm in the church. Pray through the Passion of our Lord, receive the Eucharist and venerate the cross.

## Confessions

4:300 - 6:00 pm in the 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 19<sup>th</sup>

## Morning Prayer

9:00 am in the church.  
Come continue the Triduum with morning prayer  
and blessing of the food.

## Family Prayer Service and Egg Hunt

11:00 am in the church followed by the egg hunt  
on the Great Lawn in front of the school.

## Confessions

4:00 - 5:00 pm in the church.

## Easter Vigil

8:00 pm in the church. This liturgy begins  
in darkness and takes us into the light of  
Christ. Celebrate the sacraments of  
Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation  
with our OCIA candidates.



# Easter Sunday

April 20<sup>th</sup>

## Easter Masses

5:30 am-Outdoor Mass on the lawn  
in front of the convent.

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon in the Church

## Misa de Pascua Española

2:00 pm en la Iglesia

*Celebrate the joy of the Resurrection  
and the promise of hope and eternal  
salvation that it brings.*



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# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

**Theresa Rooney**

"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

**Daniel Garcia + Logan Coyle + Robert Pauze  
Todd Skala + Danielle Lopez + Henry Lokaj  
Marilyn Peterson + Maureen Hogan**

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

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

## Our Military

### US Marine Corps

LC Michael Abbatiello  
CPL Evan Berkemeyer  
PFC Sean Brady  
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II  
SGT Quentin Montemarano  
PVT Charles O'Connor  
E-1 Christian Raeihle  
PFC Kyle Toscanini  
2<sup>nd</sup> LT Christopher Walther

### US Army

SGT Sean Casey  
PVT Joseph Cestare  
SPC Michael Garcia Jr  
PVT Anthony Koch  
CPL Aidan O'Neill  
PFC David Smith  
Steven Valentin  
PFC Francis J. Amalifitano

### US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello  
MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr  
STGCS Brian Holzmacher  
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr  
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera  
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero  
SR Thomas Taylor

### US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello  
SSGT David Giese  
SSGT Jason M Hermes  
PFC Kyle Kerstiens  
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens  
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens  
SrA Jared T. Rosato  
LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza  
SSGT William E. McCauley II  
1st Lt. Claire McGrath

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

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



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

*Theresa Cartolano*

## Mass Intentions

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

## Altar Bread and Wine

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

**An offering of \$200 is requested.**

## Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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

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

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



# Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5

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)

Last month in our "Family of Faith" program for Grades 1-6, families learned about the Holy Spirit, Pentecost and the structure of the Catholic Church through several creative presentations. Thank you to all who participated and volunteered!



## 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!

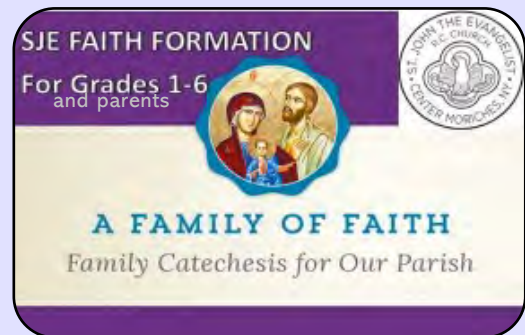
**Level 7 Community Service Sheets Due April 28<sup>th</sup>**

### 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!



**Reconciliation in the Church for Grades 3-6  
(Attend One) Thursday, April 10  
@ 5 PM or 7 PM**

# The Office of Family Ministry

## Holy Week Prayer Services for Families

Holy Thursday



Come pray with us on Holy Thursday at 4:30 PM in the church as we learn about the institution of the Eucharist and personally experience the call to serve others, as we share in the Holy Thursday Mandatum - The Washing of the Feet. All are welcome!

Good Friday



On Good Friday, we will pray through the Passion and Death of Jesus in a presentation especially designed for children. Join us at 12:00 in the church. *Students in grades 6 through college are needed to assist with our presentation.* Contact Carolyn Lapham if you would like to help – [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org)

Holy Saturday



Come on Holy Saturday as we pray through our “waiting day”. We will gather at 11:00 AM in **Seton Chapel** (in the Convent). Our prayer service will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the convent Lawn. Bring your Easter basket or a bag to collect some eggs!



Adult volunteers are needed for many of our Family Ministries including:

- ♦ **Martha & Co.:** Our parish hospitality ministry!
- ♦ **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Our children's liturgy program that takes place during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass.
- ♦ **Family Life Ministry:** The ministry that does it all! Fun family events of all kinds!

For more information or to volunteer for any of these ministries, please email [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org). Looking forward to hearing from you soon!



# Parish Social Ministry

Whether you are 21 or 91, it's never too late to volunteer! John faithfully serves those in need in our community every Thursday from 3-4 PM, we could use your help too! We stock our pantry shelves in the mornings and serve on Thursday afternoons and on Monday nights. Please contact Heather at 631-878-0009 ext.120 or email [socialministry@sjecm.org](mailto:socialministry@sjecm.org) to get more information!



## Ernie's Place Shopping List

Here is a list of items needed for our pantry. These items can be left at the doors of the Church or in the bin outside of Ernie's Place:

- ☐ Jelly
- ☐ Oatmeal
- ☐ Easter Candy
- ☐ Fruit Cocktail
- ☐ Tomato Sauce
- ☐ Raman Noodles
- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Cake Mix and Icing
- ☐ Bags of Red Beans
- ☐ Bags of Black Beans
- ☐ Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- ☐ Small Bags of White Rice

## THRIFT SHOP

Open Wednesdays from 9 AM - 12 Noon

Please visit our shop! You'll see new and lots of gently used clothes, shoes, pocketbooks, jewelry, housewares and many toys all at great prices! The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish Outreach programs and used to assist our neighbors in need in our parish and the local community.

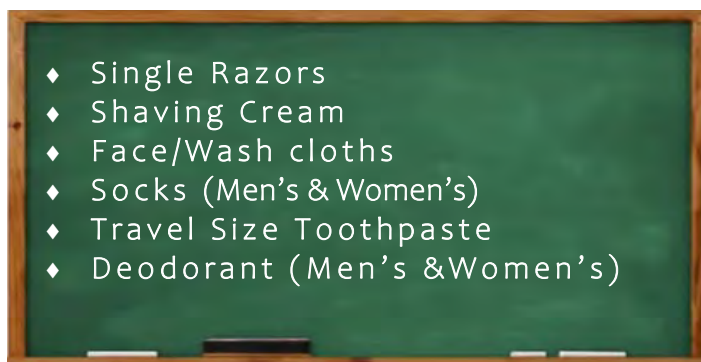
The success of our Thrift Shop relies on the generous donations from our community which can be left in the green bins in the school parking lot, in front of our shop. We gently urge you to donate on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9 - 11 AM.

**Spring cleaning time is here!**

Please consider donating your new or gently used clothing or household items during this time. It's a great way to organize your home and give back to our Parish community at the same time!

## Street Ministry 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.



Thank you for your generosity!





## 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.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

# Return to Me.

## 40 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Starting on March 7th, visit 40 different parishes across Long Island for the 40 days of Lent.

### MARCH

**March 17: St. Patrick**  
Huntington | 12:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 18: St. Joseph**  
Hewlett | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 19: Most Holy Trinity**  
East Hampton | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**March 20: Our Lady of Mercy**  
Hicksville | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**March 21: St. Aloysius**  
Great Neck | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**March 22: Sacred Heart**  
Island Park | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**March 23: St. Anthony of Padua**  
East Northport | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 24: St. Mary**  
East Islip | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 25: Resurrection**  
Farmingdale | 1:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**March 26: St. Boniface**  
Elmont | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**March 27: St. Agnes**  
Greenport | 5:00-9:00 p.m.

**March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Massapequa Park | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**March 29: Good Shepherd**  
Holbrook | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

### APRIL

**April 1: St. Bernard**  
Levittown | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**April 2: St. Jude**  
Mastic Beach | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**April 3: St. Gerard Majella**  
Port Jefferson Station | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**April 4: St. Aidan**  
Williston Park | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary**  
Roosevelt | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**April 6: St. John the Evangelist**  
Riverhead | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

**April 7: St. Martin of Tours**  
Bethpage | 7:30-9:00 p.m.

**April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Medal**  
Wyandanch | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

**April 9: Holy Name of Mary**  
Valley Stream | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**April 10: St. Louis de Montfort**  
Sound Beach | 7:00-8:30 p.m.


**April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle**  
West Hempstead | 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

**April 12: Our Lady of Grace**  
West Babylon | 8:30-9:30 a.m.


**April 14: St. Rose of Lima**  
Massapequa | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

**April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes**  
West Islip | 12:30-7:30 p.m.

**April 16: St. Kilian**  
Farmingdale | 12:45-7:30 p.m.




To learn more, visit: [drvc.org/return25](http://drvc.org/return25)



"We pledge to persevere in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life."


- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, June 24, 2022



## Rosary for Life

JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER  
**Every Friday - 3:00 PM**


Scan for Zoom link:



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March 5 - April 13

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**Local Contact:** Call Bob Williams at 631-615-1735 or email him at [waverlyaverespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:waverlyaverespectlife@gmail.com)

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April 6, 2025



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## 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:

March 31, April 14 & 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 as us as we learn to follow the example of St. Joseph and grow in our faith, reflect on the Gospel and have coffee. For more information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.



# Confirmation

## for Adult Catholics

Are you a baptized, practicing adult Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Holy Communion but not the Sacrament of Confirmation?

For those who were never confirmed as a child, there is a way to receive this holy sacrament as an adult. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a strengthening in the indwelling, action and grace of the Holy Spirit. Without it, one is not fully initiated into the Catholic Church, because this Sacrament confirms your baptism and empowers you to live a genuine life of witness as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Preparation is needed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is given to adult Catholics once a year on the Solemn Feast of Pentecost (Sunday, June 8, 2025). The process to be confirmed as an adult requires a mature grasp of the Catholic faith and freely committing oneself to live it. Informal classes on the Catholic Faith are given to adult candidates for Confirmation over the seven weeks leading up to Pentecost (April 23 – Jun 4, 2025).

For more information on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult, contact Deacon Michael at [mhoonhout@sjecm.org](mailto:mhoonhout@sjecm.org).



## A Message from Msgr. Walden...

**"Let the one among you** who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." These words are from the Gospel for today's Mass (John 8:1-11), where we see Jesus being challenged as to what to do with the woman caught in adultery. It is all too easy to condemn, talk and gossip about, and quickly point out the faults and failures of others. But in the end, what is really accomplished by all that? Lent is a time given to us to look into our own hearts and see where we have sinned and hurt others as well as ourselves. On Ash Wednesday, one set of words used when the ashes are placed on our foreheads are: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Our impatience, anger, and gossip fueled by the sins of others, in the end, accomplishes nothing and leaves us feeling empty and, hopefully, somewhat uncomfortable.

**To become forgiving,** we must first look into our own hearts and see where we have been uplifted, relieved, and renewed by the forgiveness of others. Unless we are willing to do that, it is almost impossible to find peace, hope, and inspiration from the Sacrament of Confession. How can we really expect God to erase and forget our wrongdoing when we are not willing to do that for one another? Perhaps one of the sins we need to confess and repent from is our unwillingness to let go of things others have said to us or about us and things they have done to hurt us. And just as importantly, we must humbly and sorrowfully seek forgiveness for how we have not only been the victim of such words and actions, but how we are the source of such words and actions. Good penances or ways to be reconciled with others and in our own hearts is to focus on the kind, nourishing, helpful and loving words and gestures we use to speak to others and about others. How good it is to take the initiative to do good, loving and simple things each day for others and to use good, constructive, loving, and life-giving words! We have been created to be loved by God

and to become that love for and with each other.

**As I wrote last week,** it is so good to have the opportunity for confession after each weekday Mass in our parish, on Saturday from 4:00-4:45 PM and 5:30-5:50 PM before the 6:00 PM Mass on Sunday. On Monday, April 14, we will join with the other parishes of our diocese and offer confessions from 3:00-9:00 PM. As a priest, I am uplifted and overjoyed at being able to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing and Hope with all who come to Confession.

**I offer these words** from the March 2025 Knights of Columbus monthly magazine written by the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly:

*"The virtue of magnanimity opens our hearts to always respond with charity, humility, and gratitude to God. It is characterized by selfless generosity of heart. We come to see we are loved by God and are aware of the gifts and talents he has given us. We know that our gifts are not for our own use but for serving and uplifting up of others. And because we are grateful for these gifts, we recognize and even celebrate the gifts of others, especially those gifts that we may not personally possess. In other words, magnanimity gives us the mindset to always see the best in others and interpret their actions and attitudes in the most favorable light possible. It gives us the strength to practice the spiritual works of mercy - bearing wrongs patiently and responding to difficult situations with forbearance rather than revenge. It can be hard to take the high road, especially when we have been hurt, but it is always the better path."*

**Jesus has not won us over,** but reconciled us to Himself through His Life, Death, and Resurrection and gives us Himself so beautifully in the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Penance over and over again. How blessed we are and what a blessing we become over and over again!







## 45th Anniversary Mass & Reception

**Tuesday,  
April 22, 2025**

**Mass at  
7:00 pm**

**St. Charles  
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Chapel**

**Followed  
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# 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 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.

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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

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7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

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**Prayer Invitation**

Please join a nationwide prayer effort for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children.

St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

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# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, April 8<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 PM Divine Will

## Wednesday, April 9<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, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, April 13<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