



April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday



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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 13th

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 14th

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Felix

6:00 PM - Fr. Felix

*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 Felix Akpabio

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

Carolyn Lapham

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Katie Spellman

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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.

Mass Schedule

Confession Schedule

A Message from Father Felix...

JESUS REVEALS GOD AS OUR MERCIFUL FATHER

The Old Testament speaks frequently and with tenderness about God's mercy yet, it was Jesus, who through his words and actions, revealed to us in an extraordinary way, God as a loving Father, rich in mercy and abounding in great kindness and love. In Jesus' merciful love and care for the poor, the oppressed, the sick and the sinful, and especially in His freely choosing to take upon Himself the punishment for our sins (a truly horrible suffering and death on the cross), so that all may be freed from destructive consequences and death. He manifested in a superabundant and radical way the greatness of God's love and mercy for humanity. In His person as God-man, one in being with the Father, Jesus both reveals and is God's love and mercy itself. On Good Friday we heard from the Passion "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing". That is a great act of mercy for us sinners.

The message of God's love and mercy is especially made known by the gospels. The good news revealed through Jesus Christ is that God's love for each person knows no bounds, and no sin or infidelity, no matter how horrible, will separate us from God and his love when we turn to him in confidence, and seek his mercy. God's will is our salvation. He has done all on our behalf, but since he made us free, he invites us to choose him and partake of his divine life. We become partakers of his divine life when we believe in his revealed truth and trust him, when we love him, and remain true to his word, when we honor him and seek his kingdom, when we receive him in Holy communion and turn away from sin; when we are mutually caring and forgiving.

The same is true of the revelation of feast of Mercy, "The feast of mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness, It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of my Mercy" (by sr. Faustina). These requests of the Lord given to sr. Faustina between 1931 and 1938 can be considered the beginning of the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion in the new forms. Everything in life takes courage, perseverance, determination and hard work for effective outcome. Through the efforts of sr. Faustina's spiritual directors, Fr. Michael Sopocko, and Fr. Joseph Andrasz, SJ. and others... including the Marians of the Immaculate Conception ...this message began to spread throughout the world.

However, it is important to remember that this message of the divine mercy, revealed to sr. Faustina and our present generation is not new. It is a powerful reminder of who God

is and has been from the very beginning. This truth that God is in His very nature love and mercy itself, is given to us by our Judeo-Christian faith and God's self-revelation. The veil that has hidden the mystery of God from eternity was lifted by God Himself. In his goodness and love chose to reveal Himself to us, his creatures, and to make known his eternal plan of salvation. God revealed Himself fully through his only son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In the person of Jesus Christ, conceived through power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, the unseen God was made visible. What a great God we have and trust. He is our only source of hope to eternity.

Why is trust in Jesus so important in understanding Divine Mercy? It is the vessel for drawing graces from God. It is our response to God's great mercy. First and foremost it is our

part to trust in him. In fact, the image of the Divine Mercy bears the inscription "Jesus I trust in You!" inviting us to answer this call. The graces of my mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Trust is our faith, hope and love in action. Trust, then, means to believe in Jesus, to love him and to hope in him. It means to be totally absorbed in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, to rely completely upon him. If we do this wholeheartedly then, we can say with the Apostle Paul "it is no longer I that live but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20).



Be merciful as your Father is merciful. We are not only to receive the mercy of God, but to use it by being merciful to others through our actions, our works and our prayers: in other words, we are to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The corporal works include the following: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the prisoners, comfort the sick, and bury the dead. The spiritual works of mercy include the following as well; teach the ignorant, pray for the living dead. Correct sinners, counsel those in doubt, console the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, and forgive wrongs willingly. Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy (Matt 5:7). Our own merciful attitude is likewise a preparation especially time. Without deeds of mercy, our devotion would not be real. For Christ does not only reveal the mercy of God, but at the same time he places before people the demand that they conduct themselves in life with love and mercy. POPE John Paul II states that this requirement constitutes the very heart of the Gospel ethos (Rich in Mercy, 3). It is the commandment of love and promise. Together let us respond to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Masses for the Week...



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!



EASTER DONATIONS		
Year	Total	As of
2024	\$52,100	4/2/2024
2023	\$59,789	Final

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$232,297	12	\$19,358
2023	\$201,255	12	\$16,771



As of 3/12/2024	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	95	119
Total Pledged to date	\$48,400	\$49,705
Avg. Gift	\$509	418
Percent of Goal	42%	43%

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 goal!

Saturday, April 6th First Saturday

- 5:00 PM Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, April 7th Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

- 8:00 AM Special Intention - Judy Paulsen
- 10:00 AM Leonardo Castiglione
- 12:00 Noon Natalie Doyle
- 6:00 PM Kristen Bigora

Monday, April 8th The Annunciation of the Lord

- 7:00 AM Albert Guadagno
- 12:00 Noon Anthony Bocchiere

Tuesday, April 9th Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Warren Clark
- 12:00 Noon Goncalo E. Henriqueta

Wednesday, April 10th Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Joe A. Chambel
- 12:00 Noon Thomas O'Brien

Thursday, April 11th Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

- 7:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro
- 12:00 Noon Josephine Bannon

Friday, April 12th Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Special Intention - Christopher Moore
- 12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister, Katy Dyer

Saturday, April 13th Easter Weekday

- 8:00 AM Martin and Itala Picinich
- 5:00 PM Chayne Sutherland
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, April 14th Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 AM Daniel Dern Jr.
- 10:00 AM Jack Dyer and his sister, Katy Dyer
- 12:00 Noon Jerome Dempsey
- 6:00 PM Patricia Flemming

Jesus, I trust in you.

THIS SUNDAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 7, 2024

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 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel
(The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 PM in the Church.)
4 PM Benediction

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29, 2024 and concludes Sunday, April 7, 2024 – 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

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Emely Alcantara, Robert DeLuca,
Robert Fives

*"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

Tony Variale, Laura Boge, Ray Galpin

*"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.

Our Military

US Army

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

US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello
STGCS Brian Holzmacher
MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Marine Corps

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

US Air Force

SSGT David Giese
SSGT Jason M Hermes
PFC Kyle Kerstiens
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
A1C Jared T. Rosato
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

In Memory of Jerome Dempsey

This Week, the Altar Candles will be lit:

In Memory of the Deceased of the Parish

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

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.

Parish Social Ministry

THANK YOU!

If you had been driving by St. John's last Saturday, you would have seen a string of cars filled with grateful families coming to Ernie's Place to pick up their Easter meal, a gift card and a bag of Easter candy along with lots of smiling, soggy volunteers. While the weather didn't work in our favor, our parish community certainly stepped up to make our program a great success. We started with Lent bags overflowing with donations to Ernie's, families sponsored families, and our OLQA students decorated candy bags that were filled with love and candy from our "Moms on the Journey". We started the morning early with NY Five Start baseball players helping us to transport our donations from Ernie's to the auditorium and putting our meal bags together, and our amazing volunteers served with great love, compassion and friendship. Together we provided a full Easter meal to 73 families with 107 children receiving a bag of Easter candy. It was an awesome day in spite of the weather. The donations of time, labor, gift cards and all-around kindness and generous spirit was so very appreciated by the families we serve. When I say we could not have done it without you, I truly mean that.

There are so many ways we can make a difference in our community, both big and small, and together we are making a difference. Thank you for being a parish family that inspires such generosity and kindness.



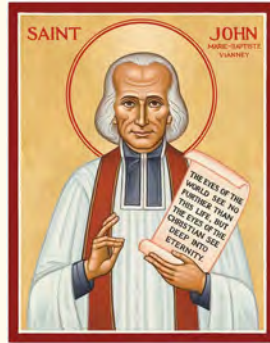


PARISHES PRAYING FOR PRIESTS

+ United in Adoration +

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Parishes of DRVC are answering Our Lady's call to pray for our shepherds. All are invited to pray for our priests by name at their parishes.



St. John's has answered Our Lady's call! Please join us for Adoration in Seton Chapel from 3-8 PM on April 9, 2024.

Faith Formation

CHECK OUT OUR FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE!

Registration Begins June 2024!

Fast Facts:

- St. John the Evangelist's Religious Education program serves our parish youth, **beginning in FIRST GRADE**, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments.
- Information on our registration process & programs will be available on our website in June!
- If your child was not baptized here at SJE, we will need a copy of the child's baptismal certificate (or a copy of their birth certificate if they were not baptized).

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Help Wanted: Can You Give Back?

Are you looking for a way to serve our community? We are always looking for parishioners to help teach our young people about the faith. You don't have to be a theologian - simply have a desire to share the faith and be willing to relate it to our youth.

◆ Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)

Would you like to help with our Family Catechesis program for Grades 1-6? We would love to add you to our Family of Faith Team of volunteers who help organize, plan and present at our sessions!

◆ Confirmation Prep! Small Group Leaders: Grades 7 & 8

Are you looking for a new challenge and would like to get involved in our Confirmation Prep - we have a spot for you! Our new Confirmation prep program is based on a small-group model and we need your help! We are particularly looking for Level 7 leaders for the incoming Level 7 class in Fall 2024!

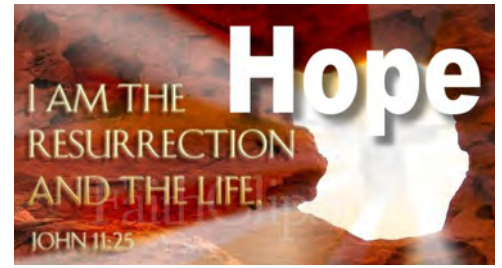


Interested? Contact Michelle at 631-878-0009 ext. 123 or via email at mpirraglia@sjecm.org

Faith Formation

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

Our Faith Formation staff wish you a blessed Easter! Thank you to everyone who has been so instrumental in encouraging and guiding our young people in the faith!



First Graders / New Students:



Registration Begins In JUNE

St. John the Evangelist's Religious Education program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Registration for the 2024-25 academic year will begin in mid-June. Those who are entering Grade 1, as

well as those with children who may not have been in religious education for awhile, are welcome to register this June. A new online registration form for the 2024-25 Academic Year will be posted. Keep an eye on the bulletin and our Social Media for exact dates!

1st Communion Retreats: Saturday, 4/13

Location: School Auditorium

Time: See your child's 1st Communion Letter

For those receiving their 1st Communion this Spring (2024), we will be having a parent/student retreat on Saturday, April 13. The retreat will be approximately one hour in length and will begin in the school auditorium. Questions? Email us at faithformation@sjecm.org.



CONFIRMATION PREP

Next Sessions:

Level 7: TUESDAY, APRIL 8 @ 7:15 PM, Church

Level 8: MONDAY, April 9 @ 7:15 PM, church



Family Ministry



Happy and Holy Easter to all! Our St. John's parish family certainly journeyed together through Lent and the Holy Triduum with prayer, sacrifice, fellowship and service. May the days ahead bring joy, peace and hope as we continue praying, serving and growing in faith as an Easter people. God Bless!

A Word of Great Thanks to all who served in our many Family Ministry prayer services, events and service projects during the season of Lent and throughout Holy Week. Your commitment to building the faith community here at St. John's is amazing and a great witness to all of the countless ways that the Lord is working through the many talented parishioners and faith-filled families we have in our parish. There are no words to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many hours of planning and preparation that so many of you put into these past six weeks. May God bless you and your families with the undeniable affirmation that you are beautifully made and greatly loved!

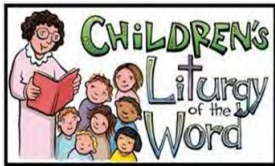
If you're new to our parish or you'd like to reconnect during this Easter season, here are some of the family ministries at St. John's. All are most welcome!

Moms on the Journey



Our moms' group is going strong! We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the upper meeting room of the Barn. A casual, fun-filled, Spirit lead group, "Moms on the Journey" provides an opportunity for busy mothers to be pampered...to grow in their faith... and to share the joys and challenges of Christian motherhood with other moms. This ministry has been a true blessing for all those who come. If you're a mom who wants to go deeper *and* enjoy the company of other Christian moms, please consider joining this amazing group of women. **Our next monthly** gathering will be **Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm** in the Upper Room of the Barn. **Bring a friend and come on down.**

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word



Program meets during the 10:00 Mass every Sunday. Our young parishioners leave Mass after the Collect (Opening Prayer) and return in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. While at CLTW, the children enjoy the readings, responsorial psalm and gospel presented in language that is easy for them to understand. An interactive homily and prayer of the faithful allow the children to participate more fully in the Liturgy of the Word. All children ages 4 and up are welcome. No registration is necessary...just come to the 10:00 Mass and have your children join the group when the priest invites the children to come up. This program is a joy-filled blessing for all!

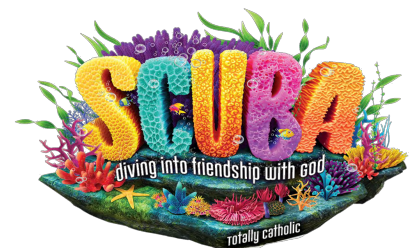
Family Life Ministry: Our Family Life Ministry provides varied opportunities for families of all ages to come together to pray, to serve others and to share in some good clean family fun. We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm in the upper meeting room of the barn. We pray, brainstorm, share ideas and plan family activities, events and service projects. All are welcome!

Upcoming Family Life Ministry Events

April 14 - Sandwich Sunday 11:00 AM – School Cafeteria

Vacation Bible Camp at St. John's

July 15-19, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Students currently in Pre-K through Grade 4 are eligible for VBC. Older students can serve as youth volunteers. More information will be available next week! Check the bulletin / parish website for details!





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Bereavement Support Group...

Grieving is a natural process each of us goes through after the death of a loved one. While no one can take away our sadness, others can help by listening and caring. Sharing our feelings with others who have experienced the death of a loved one help many people begin the healing process.

WHEN: Saturday mornings, beginning April 27, 2024

TIME: 10:30 AM to 12 Noon

WHERE: First floor meeting room in the Barn.

The Barn is the blue building located in the back of the school parking lot.

FACILITATORS: Maureen Harney and Loretta Gallagher

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or via email at Rectory@sjecm.org

FEES: \$10 donation for the workbook.

*Grief never ends but it changes. It is a passage, not a place to stay.
It is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith. Grief is the price of love.*



A Message from Msgr. Walden...



Skepticism, doubt, uncertainty, ignorance, and fear all too easily come into our minds when things happen that we never expected or are out of our control. These thoughts are seen in today's Gospel with the account of "Doubting Thomas". In today's Gospel (John 20:19-31), we see the Risen Jesus appearing to His disciples who are behind locked doors lest they be associated with Him as His followers and in danger of even crucifixion themselves. Those fearful negative thoughts are first of all dispersed not only by Jesus' risen presence, but even more by His greeting: "Peace be with you." Then He showed them His hands and His side. And a second time He addressed them: "Peace be with you." Those were far from words of anger, disappointment, and blame. They were the words of the One whose company and life they had shared so powerfully during His earthly presence, who shared his company, words, and love with them so powerfully. Then He sent His life of mercy and forgiveness on them as He said: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

We get a second picture of Jesus' love and desire to continue His life with his disciples as He engages doubting Thomas. Again there are no words of rebuke or correction but simply an invitation to Thomas "to put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Jesus did not try to prove Himself to Thomas or any of the others nor does He try to prove Himself to us. Even more, as we see in Thomas, we do not have to perfectly prove ourselves to Him. He simply invites and welcomes us as we are at this very moment into His life and offers to be part of our lives. Sadly, President Biden used March 31st to usurp the joy of the Risen Christ with a call to nationally celebrate a Transgender Day of Visibility. Sadly in our nation, in addition to the promotion and defense of abortion, there is also a huge focus on sexual identity and who and what we want to be sexually. Life in the womb,

along with all who are alive, is a gift from God. We were created in the image and likeness of God and to be loved by Him in this world and forever with Him in heaven. Thomas came to see that. Peter came to see that as He responded to the three-time question from the Risen Christ, "Do you love me?", with the words, "Yes Lord you know that I love you." Can we boldly say the same? First and foremost, we are created to be the children of God who are worth the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God.

There is a tremendous bond with those who love us and who we love in return, a bond that brings security, joy, and hope. All during this Easter Season, we will see once again how the Risen Christ raised up those who opened their hearts to Him. May we find the same security, joy, and hope.

I offer these words of prayer from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

- Jesus is the Word – to be spoken.
- Jesus is the Truth – to be told.
- Jesus is the Way – to be walked.
- Jesus is the Light – to be lit.
- Jesus is the Life – to be lived.
- Jesus is the Love – to be loved.
- Jesus is the Joy – to be shared.
- Jesus is the Sacrifice – to be offered.
- Jesus is the Peace – to be given.
- Jesus is the Bread of Life – to be eaten.
- Jesus is the Hungry – to be fed.
- Jesus is the Thirsty – to be satiated.
- Jesus is the Naked – to be clothed.
- Jesus is the Homeless – to be taken in.
- Jesus is the Sick – to be healed.
- Jesus is the Lonely – to be loved.

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

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!

Tienda de segunda mano SJE los miércoles:

de 9 AM a 12 del mediodía

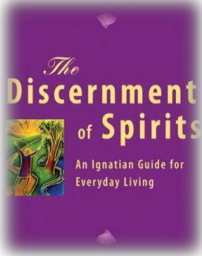
¿Estás buscando una gran oferta? St. John's Thrift Shop es el lugar para usted y su familia. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Cuando visite nuestra tienda, verá mucha ropa, carteras, zapatos, joyas, artículos para el hogar y muchos juguetes fantásticos nuevos y en buen estado, todo a excelentes precios. Las ganancias de las ventas semanales en la tienda se devuelven a nuestros programas de Alcance Parroquial y se utilizan para ayudar a nuestros vecinos necesitados en nuestra parroquia y la comunidad local.

El éxito de nuestra tienda de segunda mano depende de las generosas donaciones de nuestra comunidad que se dejan en los contenedores verdes del estacionamiento de la escuela. Si está buscando una excelente manera de retribuir a nuestra comunidad parroquial, considere donar su ropa nueva o en buen estado, o aquellos juguetes que a sus hijos les hayan quedado pequeños.

Women's Group...

Fr. Timothy Gallagher's book on The Discernment of Spirits, lists St. Ignatius' 14 rules for discernment, then goes through each rule a chapter at a time, describing how to apply it in our lives. In the ups & downs, consolations and desolations of our spiritual life, we go through times of pure joy to "Where are You Jesus?"



St. Ignatius (1491-1556), recuperating from war wounds was given reading material on the life of Christ & the saints. As he thought about what he read, he became aware of his thought patterns, how the thoughts affected his feelings, and how the good feelings remained with him. When he had worldly thoughts, although he felt good while thinking them, he noticed that afterward the feelings left him empty. He continued reading spiritual books, growing in wisdom. God was leading him, fulfilling His Plan for him to be a great saint & to teach us. God's plan for us is the same, the *process is slow*.

As women who love Jesus, we need & want to learn to recognize Jesus' voice & grow closer to Him. At times we feel inadequate, wondering is this Jesus speaking, me or the enemy? In our group we begin to see we're all equal, with the same problems, emotions, weaknesses, confusion, strengths, desires, fears, doing the best we can, we don't have to be perfect. Jesus consoles us through our love for each other. If you feel desire to come but are fearful, we understand because we've been there & at times still are, so just come as you are, no rules or requirements, you don't have to read or share. We respect the privacy of others, sharing is *anonymous!*

We meet **every other Monday** from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the IHM room, white house (convent) between school & rectory.

Dates: April 8*, 15, 29, May 13, 20*, June 10, 24 (summer break).

Dates with * are makeup dates.

Facilitators: Carol Ketcham, Anita Luccari.

For additional information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009 . Or... **just show up!**

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, call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at drvc-faith.org

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



CYO BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Sixth Grade CYO Basketball team!
They were the 6th grade champs for Long Island! Great Job!



Coaches:

Tim Gilmore (head)
Gil Curtin (assistant)

Players:

Cameron Gilmore
Cayden Miller
Jaxson Kemp
Graham Javetski
Benny Curtin
CJ Vollaro
Bryce Leekam
Martin Leader
Eathan May
Weston Gettinger

Knights of Columbus
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

FRIDAY NIGHT'S

Doors Open at 6:30 PM
Games Begin at 7:30 PM

\$ 3000 IN PRIZES

For more information
kofc4126.com



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>

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.

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 8th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous-Men only - BMR

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

- 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 - Front Mtg Rm - Auditorium

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024

- 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 11th, 2024

- 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 AI-Anon - BMR

Friday, April 12th, 2024

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

Saturday, April 13th, 2024

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

Sunday, April 14th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room
BUR - Barn Upper Room
SC - Seton Chapel