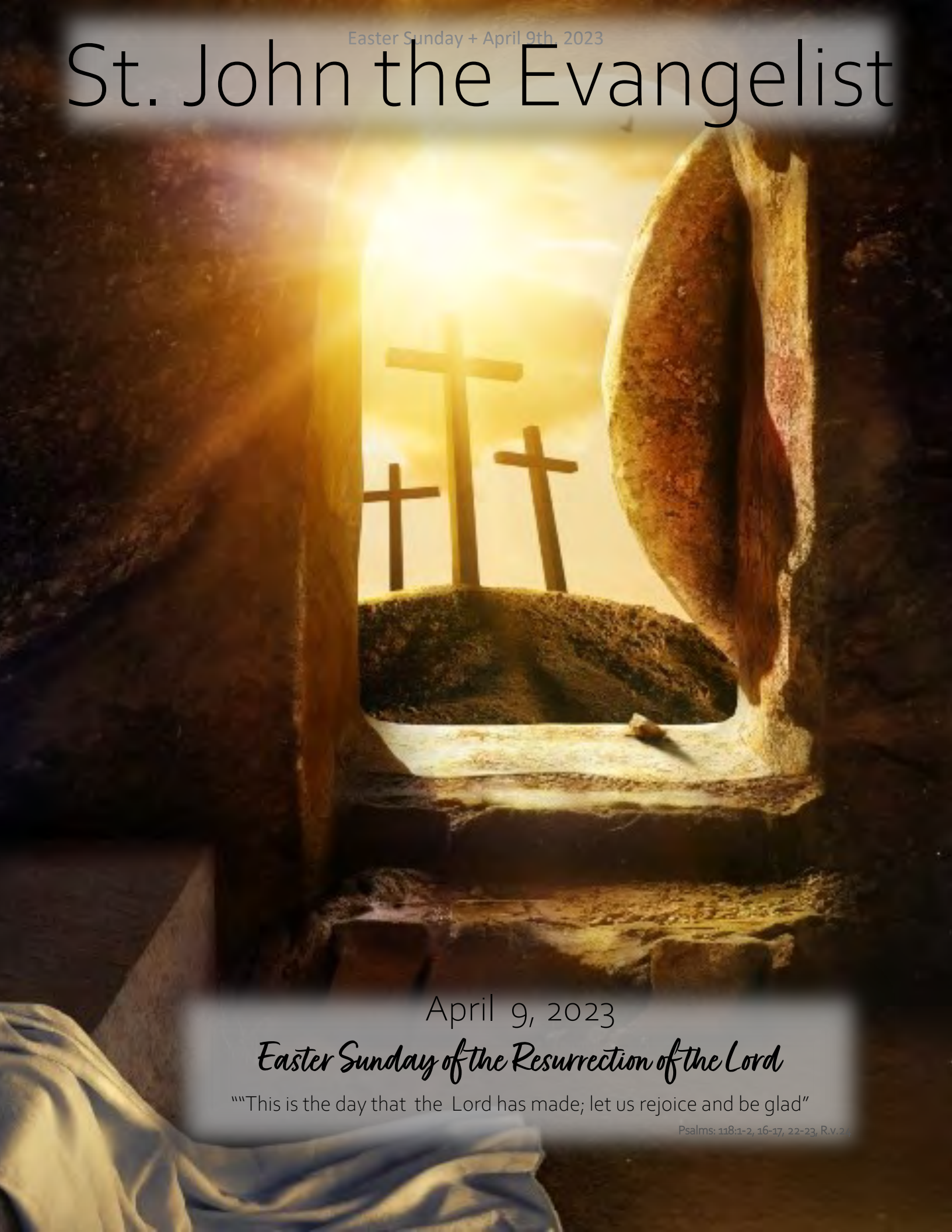


Easter Sunday + April 9th, 2023

St. John the Evangelist



April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad”

Psalms: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R.V. 24

Easter Sunday + April 9th, 2023



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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 15th

5:00 pm - Fr. Jerry

7:30 pm - (*Spanish*) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, April 16th

8:00 am - Fr. Peter

10:00 am - Fr. Felix

12 noon - Fr. Felix

6:00 pm—Fr. Jerry

*Presider subject to change. Please call the Rectory or check SJE Social Media for latest updates.

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday—Friday: After the 7 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

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Parochial Vicar

Reverend Gennaro DiSpigno
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele
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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.*

OLQA

Office Hours

Mass Schedule





DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 9, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Every Easter, you and I are reminded of the power of the Paschal Mystery. Commemorating the celebration of the first Eucharist at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, walking with Jesus on the road to Calvary on Good Friday in the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and celebrating Christ's triumphant conquering of sin and death in the Mass of the Resurrection on Easter is a potent reminder of God's love for us.

During this season of Easter and this time of National Eucharistic Revival, it becomes even clearer to us that the Paschal Mystery is not a mere historical event, but a mystery in which we are privileged to participate every time we celebrate the Mass. In the Easter sequence, we sing: "Christians, to the Paschal Victim, offer your thankful praises!" The word, *Eucharist*, which means, *thanksgiving*, implies that every time the Church gathers for the celebration of the Mass, she offers an act of "thankful praise" to the Lord. In this act of offering thanksgiving to God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we as a priestly people offer the sacrifices of our lives with the offering of the Body and Blood of the Lord, by which our sacrifices take on new value and meaning (see, CCC, §1368).

Love is central to the mission of the Church. The sacrifices that we offer to God each day and in the celebration of the Eucharist are an expression of our love for him and for his people. When Christ appeared to Peter and the apostles on the Sea of Galilee after his Resurrection, he asked Peter: "Do you love me?" As he responds, "yes, Lord" to that three-fold questioning, Christ calls him to mission: "feed my lambs...tend my sheep...feed my sheep" (see John 21:15-19) Like Peter, you and I are faced with that same question from the Lord: "do you love me?" In other words, do we take the contemplative time that our hearts yearn for to renew our love for the Lord? In the offering of our time in prayer we are reminded of the very nature of God's love. Through that experience of true love, we realize that as disciples of Christ, you and I are called to mission: to bring the love of Christ to world; to glorify the Lord by our lives; to extend the Divine Mercy to those who suffer; to let the earth shake with the joy of the Resurrection!

Every human heart is created to love. As we grow deeper in our devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as a Diocese this June, we ask the Lord to strengthen our hearts to love as Jesus loves and for the zeal to proclaim to those we encounter that "God is Love" (1 John 4:8,16).

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season!

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



DIÓCESIS DE ROCKVILLE CENTRE
—OFFICE OF THE BISHOP—

Abril 9, 2023

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Cristo Resucitó! Aleluya!

Cada Pascua, usted y yo recordamos el poder del Misterio Pascual. Conmemorando la celebración de la primera Eucaristía en la Misa de la Cena del Señor, caminando con Jesús por el camino del Calvario el Viernes Santo en la Liturgia de la Pasión del Señor, y celebrando la victoria de Cristo sobre el pecado y la muerte en la Misa de la Resurrección en la Pascua es una poderosa forma de recordar el amor de Dios por nosotros.

Durante este tiempo de Pascua y este tiempo de Reavivamiento Eucarístico Nacional, se nos hace aún más claro que el Misterio Pascual no es un simple acontecimiento histórico, sino un misterio en el cual tenemos el privilegio de participar cada vez que celebramos la Misa. En la secuencia Pascual, cantamos: "Ofrezcan los cristianos ofrendas de alabanza a gloria de la Víctima propicia de la Pascua". La palabra Eucaristía, que significa acción de gracias, implica que cada vez que la Iglesia se reúne para la celebración de la Misa, ofrece un acto de "alabanza agradecida" al Señor. En este acto de acción de gracias a Dios en el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa, nosotros, como pueblo sacerdotal, ofrecemos los sacrificios de nuestra vida con la ofrenda del Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor, por lo que nuestros sacrificios adquieren un nuevo valor y significado (ver, CCC, §1368).

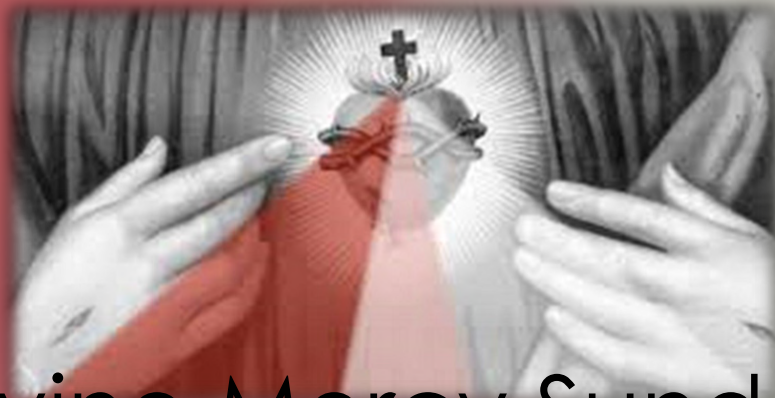
El amor es la misión central de la Iglesia. Los sacrificios que ofrecemos a Dios cada día y en la celebración de la Eucaristía son expresión de nuestro amor a Él y a su pueblo. Cuando Cristo se apareció a Pedro y a los apóstoles en el mar de Galilea después de su resurrección, le preguntó a Pedro: "Me amas?" El respondió, "sí, Señor" a esas tres preguntas, Cristo le llama a la misión: "apacienta mis corderos... cuida mis ovejas... apacienta mis ovejas" (cfr. Jn 21, 15-19) Como Pedro, tú y yo nos enfrentamos a esa misma pregunta del Señor: "¿me amas?". En otras palabras, ¿nos tomamos el tiempo contemplativo que anhela nuestro corazón para renovar nuestro amor al Señor? En el ofrecimiento de nuestro tiempo en oración se nos recuerda la naturaleza misma del amor de Dios. A través de esa experiencia de amor verdadero, nos damos cuenta de que, como discípulos de Cristo, tú y yo estamos llamados a la misión: llevar el amor de Cristo al mundo; glorificar al Señor con nuestras vidas; extender la Misericordia Divina a los que sufren; ¡hacer que la tierra tiemble con la alegría de la Resurrección!

Cada corazón humano ha sido creado para amar. Mientras profundizamos en nuestra devoción como Diócesis al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en este mes de junio, pedimos al Señor que fortalezca nuestros corazones para amar como Jesús ama y para el celo de proclamar a los que encontramos que "Dios es amor" (1 Juan 4:8,16).

Le deseo a ustedes y a sus familias una feliz Pascua de Resurrección!

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Reverendísimo John O. Barres
Obispo de Rockville Centre



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

Preparing for the Week

Saturday, April 8th

5:00 p.m. No Mass
 7:30 p.m. *Spanish* No Spanish Mass
 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Easter Novenas

Sunday, April 9th

8:00 a.m. Easter Novenas
 10:00 a.m. Easter Novenas
 12:00 p.m. Easter Novenas
 2:00 p.m. *(Spanish)* Easter Novenas

Monday, April 10th Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 a.m. Easter Novenas
 12 Noon Arthur F. Misischia

Tuesday, April 11th Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 a.m. Easter Novenas
 12 Noon Margaret Cleary
 7:30 p.m. *Spanish* People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 12th Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 a.m. Easter Novenas
 12 Noon Paul Foss

Thursday, April 13th Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 a.m. Easter Novenas
 12 Noon Darlene Manzella

Friday, April 14th Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 a.m. Alberta Heinrich
 12 Noon Christopher Bowman

Saturday, April 15th Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Diane Leavy
 5:00 p.m. Anna Ostermeyer
 7:30 p.m. *(Spanish)* People of the Parish

Sunday, April 16th Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

8:00 a.m. Tom and Madeline Mastroberti
 10:00 a.m. Natalie Doyle
 12 Noon Noel Faria Sr.
 6:00 p.m. Gloria and Anthony Profeta

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.

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:
 Easter Monday, April 10th

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$237,832	14	\$16,988
2022	\$201,775	14	\$14,412



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



	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	107	158
Total Pledged to date	\$47,425	\$61,990
Avg. Gift	\$443	\$392

Parish Social Ministry...

Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus at all times.
Please call to make an appointment.
Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120



During the Lenten season and this past Saturday the generous parish community of St. John's came together to provide a full Easter Meal to members of our community.

With the support of our parishioners who sponsored a family, donated gift cards, filled their purple bags with donations to Ernie's Place and those who volunteered on Saturday morning in the pouring rain, we were able to provide a full Easter meal to **90** local families. The students of **OLQA** decorated Easter bags/baskets for each of the children receiving a meal, the **Mom's on the Journey** donated the eggs and candy that filled each of the bags and our **Legion of Mary** provide a beautiful Divine Mercy Chaplet and pray card for each family. Each family received the fixings' of a holiday meal along with a gift card to one of our local grocery stores. These simple acts of love, service and charity represent Jesus, who after washing the feet of his disciples on Holy Thursday, tells his disciples, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you", to go out into this world to serve. Thank you for living our mission, seeking "to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do."



Wishing you all a happy and blessed Easter season.



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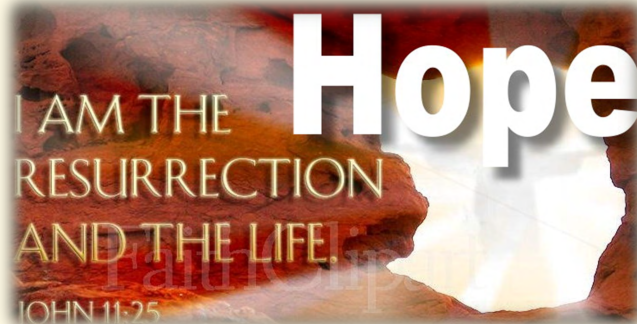
Faith Formation

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)



Happy Easter!

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 2023-24 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 2023-24 Academic Year will be posted. Keep an eye on the bulletin and our Social Media for exact dates!

1st Communion Retreats:

Saturday, 4/29

Location: School Auditorium

Time: See your child's
1st Communion Letter

For those receiving their 1st Communion this Spring (2023), we will be having a parent/student retreat on Saturday, April 29. The retreat will be approximately one hour in length and will begin in the school auditorium. Questions? Email us at faithformation@sjecm.org.



"Family of Faith" (Grades 1-6)

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

For parents & students, our closing prayer services for the "Family of Faith" program will be held on Tuesday, May 2 @ 5PM Thursday, May 4 @ 5PM in the Church

Confirmation Prep—Next Sessions:

Level 7: TUESDAY, APRIL 18 @ 7:15PM,
Church

Level 8: MONDAY, April 17 @ 7:15PM, church



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. Our beautiful Resurrection Cross in the lobby is a physical reminder of our commitment to living our faith. May the days ahead bring joy-filled 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 countless joys and 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 pm-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 26, 2023. 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. Our next meeting is Wed. 4/19 @ 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Upcoming Family Life Ministry Events for 2023

April 16 Sandwich Sunday

April 19 Family Life Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm-
Upper Room of the Barn



A very special THANK YOU to Fr. Frank Pizzarelli for a wonderful Parish Lenten Mission last week.

WOMEN'S GROUP

What is discernment? How important is discernment for me to grow spiritually?

Do you feel a hunger & thirst to draw nearer to Jesus?

Come join our WOMENS GROUP as we study Fr Timothy Gallagher's book on Discernment and share our experiences on our spiritual journey with other caring women who understand & keep anonymity. Our group is ongoing, come anytime you feel the desire, all are welcome, there is no formal obligation.

In Father Gallagher's book, he shares examples revealing how to apply the process of discernment in our daily lives.

No matter where one is on her journey with the Lord, understanding even a little about discernment is a big help with decision making.

We meet every other Monday 10am-11:30am in the convent (white house) on the following dates:

March 6, 20, Apr 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, June 12, 26.

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



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A **marriage-saving** program is here in the
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To contact the Long Island/New York Business Office:
516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org

Praying for and With One Another...

We Remember...

Robert McGrath

"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

"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials.."

-1 Peter 1:6

Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.

Praying for Our Military

US Army

PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith,
SPC Jack Dyer, SPC Michael Garcia Jr.,
CPL Aidan O'Neill,
SPC Daniel Sisco, SGT. Sean Casey , Steven Valentin

US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SSgt Ryan Kerstiens,
SSgt Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens,
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza, SSgt David Giese

US Marine Corps

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

US Navy

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar bread and wine for the month of April has been donated:

In Memory of Kevin O'Brien Jr.

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

Mass Intentions

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

Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.
For the month an offering of \$150 is requested

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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

Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week

To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to rectry@sjecm.org

Easter Sunday - April 9th, 2022

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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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'

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>

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!



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
THE
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DISCIPLE

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 10th, 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—R BUR

Tuesday, April 11th, 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 12th, 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 13th, 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 14th, 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 15th, 2023

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

Sunday, April 16th, 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