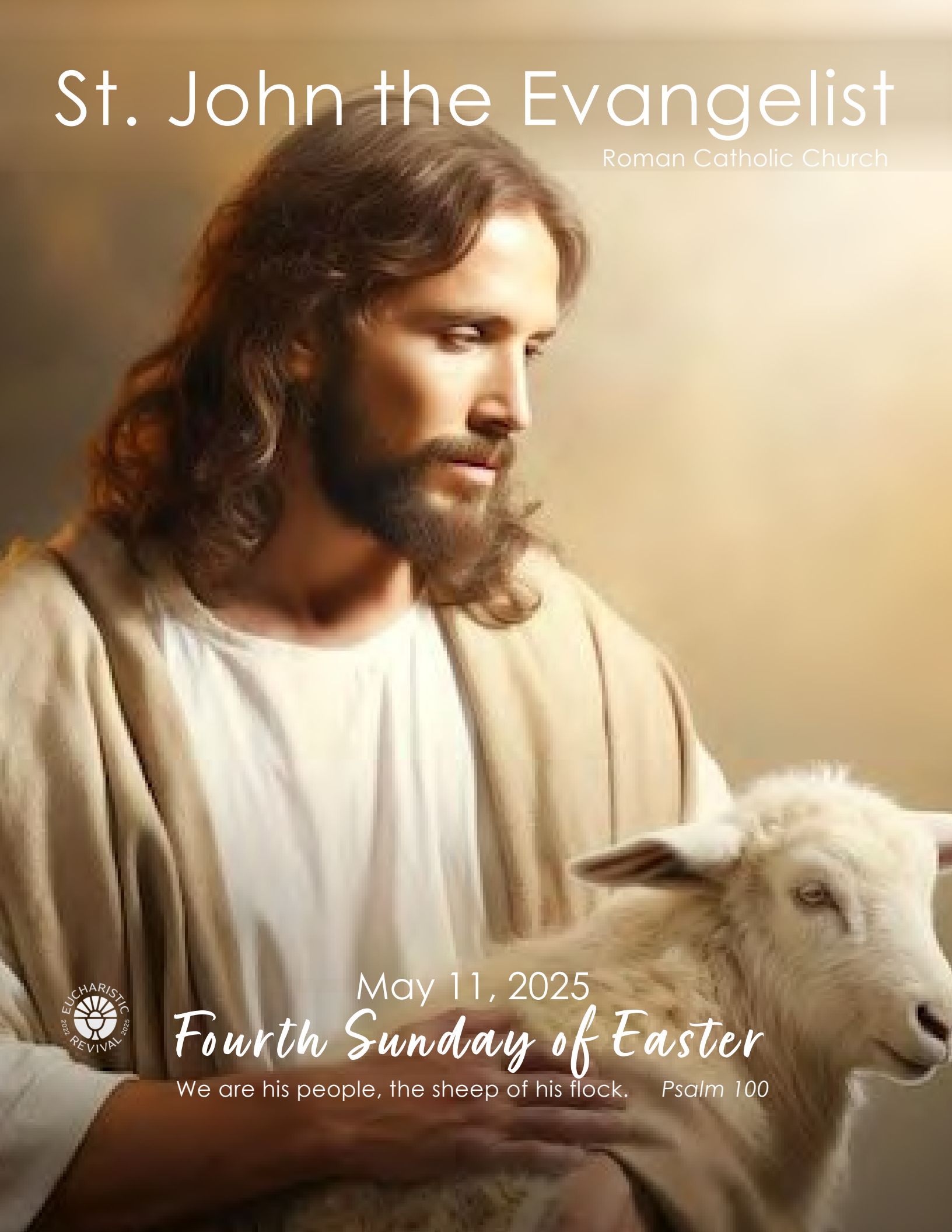


# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



May 11, 2025

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. *Psalm 100*



May 11, 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, May 17<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

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

**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)

## OLQA

## Office Hours

**Parish Office - Blue House**

**Monday - Thursday:**  
9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

**Friday - Saturday**  
9 AM - 2 PM

We ask that you call before visiting any parish  
offices.

## Confession Schedule

## *A Reflection from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...*

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ Good Shepherd Sunday**

**We know from the scriptures alone** that we can refer to Jesus in so many different ways. It is clear in all the four gospels that Jesus identifies Himself through words and images that we can easily identify with. Images that are uplifting and reassuring—images that really define who He is. For example, Jesus says in John's Gospel chapter 8:21 that He is the Light of the World. He goes on to say elsewhere, that He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He is the Living Bread, the Bread of Life. He proclaims to the world, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, whoever believes in Me and remains in Me will live forever!" He also identifies Himself as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. He makes it clear in so many ways that He is our hope and joy in this ever-changing world. He alone has the words of everlasting life. In Matthew's Gospel, chapter 11, Jesus says, "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me because I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest."

**Yet as comforting and as important as these sayings and images are,** probably the most comforting image that we can refer to Jesus with is the image of the Good Shepherd. He says in John's Gospel chapter 10, "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep...my sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." Here in John's Gospel, Jesus reassures us that He and the Father are one. Together they bring us eternal life. Like a good shepherd who tends to his sheep, Jesus is the one who laid down His life for us so that we can have eternal life. He prepared the way for eternity! If we hear His voice and harden not our hearts, we too can be led to green pastures, life everlasting. We too can live in full communion with God and with one another with Jesus as our Supreme and Eternal Shepherd.

**It is clear from today's gospel** all we have to do to attain eternal life is to hear His voice—the voice of the Good Shepherd who loved us to the very end, and who lives and remains forever in communion with God. It is up to us to follow Jesus—to walk in the newness of life with our Risen Lord. It is up to us to stay close to Jesus because He alone has the words of everlasting life. He alone can satisfy our hearts. He leads us to new life whenever we hear His voice.

**For the early Church, during the era of great persecution,** the early Christians relied on this image, the image of the Good Shepherd more than anything else. For them, it brought them great hope and comfort. What inspired them the most in persevering in their faith was

not the crucified Christ. Instead, it was the image of the Good Shepherd—that gentle image that reassured them of God's embracing love through Jesus. For us today, it is the crucified Lord that surpasses all images of Christ that brings us great hope and one that we adore in our churches. Yet, back in the early church, when so many Christians were being crucified for their faith, the Good Shepherd was the image they wanted to see. For them, the image of the crucified Lord hanging from the cross was the furthest from their mind because it only reminded them of their own pain and suffering from the authorities trying to suppress Christianity.

**Down in the Catacombs in Rome, Italy,** the main image one sees engraved in stone, where so many gathered to worship for liturgy in hiding, is the image of the Good Shepherd. No wonder this image was venerated the most in the early church, because of the reassurance it brought so many people who were enduring great hardships in the public forum for their faith and love for Jesus. It reminded them how much God loved them and how much God wanted to embrace them for their faith and trust in the lordship of Christ.

**There is no question how relevant this image of the Good Shepherd** is for us today. We too have our own hardships and fears to deal with. Most images, if not all images of the Good Shepherd bring us great comfort because it captures for us and sums up for us the great and tender love that Jesus has for us and for all of humanity. It illustrates for us kind of love that God has for us when we listen attentively to His voice and respond faithfully to His commands. The image of the Good Shepherd captures the level of compassion and concern that our Lord has for His flock of all ages—that He comes to lift us up and raises us to new life. His love for us is all embracing and everlasting.

**This simple image shows us the pathway to happiness,** to new and eternal life. It brings us peace of mind and forgiveness of the heart. It reassures us of God's presence in our lives. This image of the Good Shepherd brings us new hope. It captures for us the true meaning of Easter—that Jesus is alive and truly risen! This sacred image reassures us that Jesus is among us to show us the way to all truth and understanding. The iconic image of the Good Shepherd says it all. It reminds us just how special we are in relationship to Christ and of God's all-embracing love for humanity!



# Masses for the Week...

## Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Mother's Day Novenas

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas

10:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas

12:00 Noon Mother's Day Novenas

6:00 PM Mother's Day Novenas

## Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas

12:00 Noon Vera Montalbano

## Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas

12:00 PM Christopher Bowman

## Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Saint Matthias, Apostle

7:00 AM Thomas Heilig

12:00 Noon Mother's Day Novenas

## Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas

12:00 Noon Special Intention - Joan Murphy

## Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas

12:00 Noon Myrna Stabile

## Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Frank Creamer

5:00 PM Sally Pelligrini

7:30 PM (Spanish) Henriqueta Stoffel

## Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Judy DiLorenzo

10:00 AM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

12:00 Noon John Immel

6:00 PM People of the Parish

*Have a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!*  
~the pastoral staff at St. John the Evangelist



Mother's Day Novena envelopes are still available at the exits of the Church for the 9 day Novena. Please return your envelope to the Rectory office by this Monday, **May 12<sup>th</sup>**.



## Easter Appeal

Please join in supporting our **Annual Easter Appeal**. We rely on your generosity to continue the mission of the Church here at St. John the Evangelist. We as a parish provide many ministries and services to our community including the food pantry and Street Ministry. **Have a blessed Easter Season!**

### EASTER DONATIONS

Year	Total	As of
2025	\$57,155	to date
2024	\$60,410	Final

### PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$312,794	18	\$17,377
2024	\$329,149	18	\$18,286

**2025**

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist*  
Sent on Mission



As of 5/6/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	135	133
Total Pledged to date	\$63,795	\$61,310
Avg. Gift	\$473	\$461
Percent of Goal	55.4%	53%

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!



# Eucharistic Revival Night

Join us for a special evening of worship and spiritual renewal as part of the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival across Nassau and Suffolk Counties.



## Nocturnal

Eucharistic Adoration

**Eucharistic Revival Night + Sunday, June 1st**  
**St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches**

6:00 PM – Mass

7:00 PM – Holy Hour

8:00 PM – Eucharistic Procession (around parish grounds)

9:00 PM – 6:00 AM – Nocturnal Adoration\*

*Come experience dynamic preaching, deep prayer, and  
a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.*

\*Sign-up weekend: May 24/25 or use the QR Code





# Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Revival Nights

## *A Sacred Journey Across Long Island*

Beginning on **May 31<sup>st</sup>**, the *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will launch two nine-day **Eucharistic Pilgrimages** that will journey across Long Island, culminating in a grand celebration at **St. Anthony's High School** on **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**.

These pilgrimages will carry the **Holy Eucharist** in **solemn procession** through a wide array of sacred and public spaces including towns, schools, hospitals, cemeteries, and parishes. Along the way, participants will have the opportunity to engage in **Eucharistic Adoration**, the **celebration of Mass**, **Eucharistic Catechesis**, **Praise and Worship**, and other deeply spiritual experiences. These events aim to unite the faithful in a powerful public witness to the **Real Presence of Jesus** in the Eucharist.

The People of God are encouraged to **walk with Jesus** in the Blessed Sacrament, to pray within the designated **pilgrim churches**, and to joyfully **proclaim the Gospel** to those who witness the procession as it moves through their communities.

As a part of this spiritual movement, **Revival Nights** will also be held throughout **Nassau and Suffolk Counties** from **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** through **Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**. Each evening will include **Eucharistic Adoration**, **dynamic preaching and catechesis**, **Eucharistic processions**, and **Nocturnal Adoration**, creating an atmosphere of renewal and deepened devotion.

Together, these events form a profound diocesan effort to **rekindle Eucharistic faith and devotion**, inviting all to encounter Christ in a new and transformative way.

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EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

## REVIVAL NIGHTS

**PRAY WITH JESUS. WALK WITH JESUS.**

NASSAU	SUFFOLK
<b>Saturday, May 31</b> 8:00 pm Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport	<b>Saturday, May 31</b> 7:00 pm Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Seaforth
<b>Sunday, June 1</b> 7:00 pm Maria Regina, Seaforth	<b>Sunday, June 1</b> 7:00 pm St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches
<b>Monday, June 2</b> 7:00 pm Holy Family, Hicksville	<b>Monday, June 2</b> 7:00 pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue
<b>Tuesday, June 3</b> 7:00 pm Our Lady of Loretto, Hicksville	

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## PILGRIMAGE

<b>Saturday, May 31</b> Opening Mass at St. Therese, Montauk 10:00 am Procession through Montauk 11:00 am - 12:00 noon	<b>Tuesday, June 3</b> Sts. Philip and James, St. James Procession to St. Patrick, Smithtown 11:00 am
Opening Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre 5:00 pm Procession to St. Christopher, Baldwin 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	<b>Wednesday, June 4</b> Mass at Corpus Christi, Mineola 7:30 am Procession to Chaminade High School, Mineola 8:45 am
Procession from Our Lady of Poland to Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Southampton 6:00 pm	<b>Thursday, June 5</b> St. John of God, Central Islip Procession to St. Anne, Brentwood 6:00 pm
<b>Sunday, June 1</b> Mass at St. Isidore, Riverhead 10:30 am Procession to St. John, Riverhead 11:30 am	<b>Friday, June 6</b> Mass at St. Gertrude, Bayville 8:30 am Procession to St. Dominic, Oyster Bay 9:30 am
Mass at Cure of Ars, Merrick 7:30 am Procession to St. Barnabas, Bellmore 8:30 am	<b>Saturday, June 7</b> Closing Mass at St. Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington Station 8:30 am
Mass at St. Barnabas, Bellmore 10:30 am Procession to St. William the Abbot, Seaforth 12:00 noon	Closing Procession and Benediction St. Patrick, Huntington 11:00 am
<b>Monday, June 2</b> Mass at St. Raphael, East Meadow 7:30 am Procession to Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville 8:30 am	

*Walk with Jesus*  
Mark your calendars for days of public witness as we walk with Jesus on the roads of Long Island.

Learn more and see the full schedule at [drvc.org/congress](http://drvc.org/congress)





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# EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS BEHOLD 2025

with Guest Speakers:



Dr. Edward  
Sri



Father Pierre  
Toussaint, CFR



Father Jose  
Diaz



Sister Mary  
Gabriel, SV



Father Daniel  
Rivera

**PENTECOST  
SUNDAY  
JUNE 8**



**10AM-5:30PM**

Saint Anthony's  
High School,  
South Huntington



Admission is free but registration is required.

All are invited for a day of prayer, catechesis, Adoration, and Holy Mass with Bishop John O. Barres. This congress will deepen devotion and equip attendees to share the graces of the Eucharist through inspiring talks, witness testimonies, worship, fellowship, and the culmination of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

**For registration, schedule,  
and more details, visit:**

**[www.drvc.org/congress](http://www.drvc.org/congress)**



May 11, 2025

# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Antoinette Tonkin

“For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.” -1 Thessalonians 4:14

## Pray for the Sick

Andrew Balzano

Brooke-Ashley Reyes & her unborn twins

Joseph Townsend + Todd Skala

Eileen DeRicco + Peter Angel+ Tom Dennis

*“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 III  
SR Jack Patrick Walsh

### 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 May has been donated in memory of:

*Emely Alcantara*

This week, the Blessed Mother Candle will be lit in Memory of:

*Loretta Militello*

## 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)



Come embark on an unforgettable Adventure  
at St. John the Evangelist 2025  
Vacation Bible Camp....



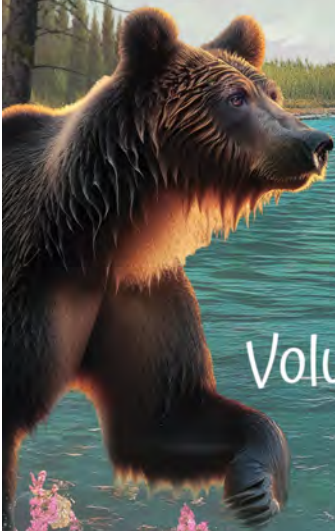
July 14th - July 18th

To register Scan the QR code or  
visit the parish webiste [SJEcm.org](http://SJEcm.org)

Camper Registration



Volunteer Registration





## PILGRIMS OF HOPE



2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

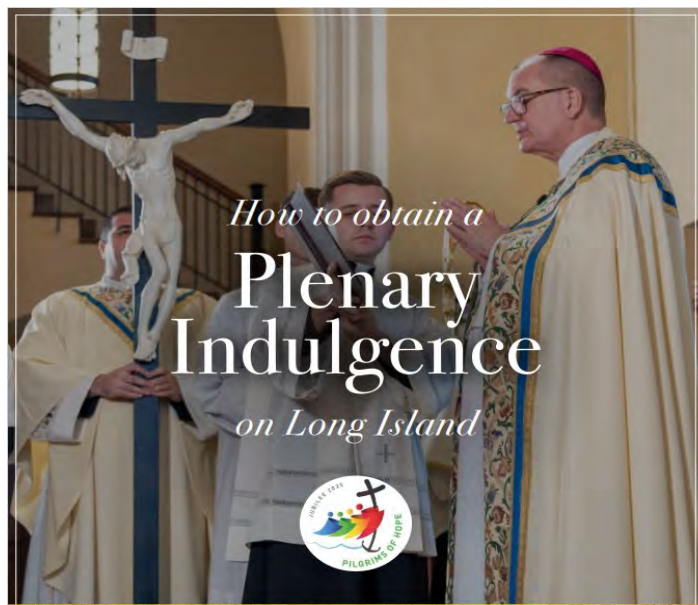
May your grace transform us into  
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

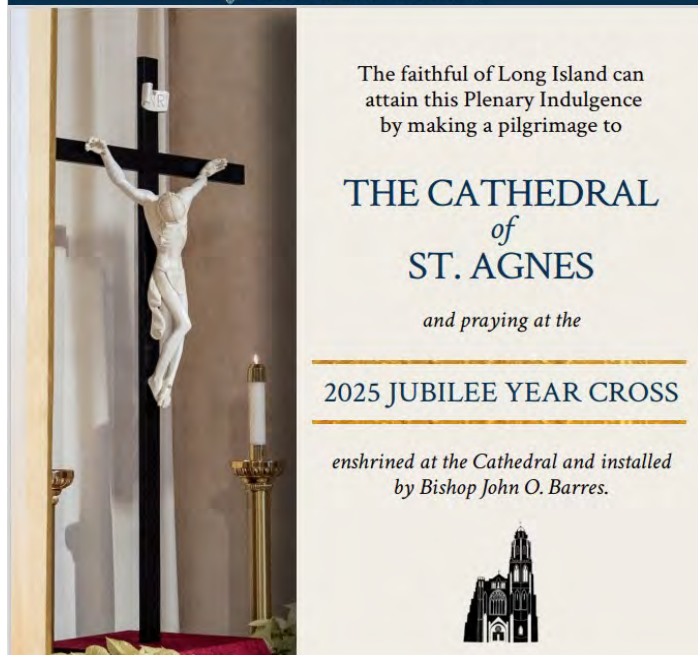
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE



### Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope

- Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- Be spiritually detached from sin
- Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

"This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord."

POPE FRANCIS



# The Catholic Church desperately needs new vocations. *You can help!*

It's critical for the sake of our children, grandchildren and future generations that we help rescue Catholic vocations in peril of being lost.

## *You have the power to end the vocation crisis!*

We can't afford to have virtuous, on-fire-for-the-Lord candidates lose the opportunity to enter formation simply due to the burden of education debt which religious orders and dioceses are unable to absorb.

Labouré has helped hundreds of aspiring Catholic sisters, priests, and brothers to remove the barrier of student loan debt so they can proceed with formation!

### *Do you want more sisters, priests, and brothers?*

Please prayerfully consider supporting Tess's calling to join the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians - Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, where she will dedicate her life to evangelizing young people through reason, religion and loving kindness.

With your help, she can resolve her student loan debt and proceed with formation in 6-18 months rather than 6-18 years!



PLEASE SUPPORT TESS'S VOCATION:  
[rescuevocations.org/aspirant/Tess-Austin](https://rescuevocations.org/aspirant/Tess-Austin)



**LABOURÉ**  
HELP RESCUE VOCATIONS



2025

# Parent *Internet* *Safety* Nights

## What Parents Need to Know

### Dates & Locations:

**7:00PM**

**Thursday, May 15**

**St. Patrick's School**

6 N. Clinton Avenue, Bay Shore

**Wednesday, May 28**

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional School**

2 St. John's Place, Center Moriches

### About

Suffolk County Police will discuss how to respond appropriately to concerning statements about schools posted on social media, along with the potential consequences of making such posts. The session will also address what steps to take if you or your child sees or receives these types of comments online. An overview of the Suffolk County Police Department's investigation procedures will be provided.

Planning and practice keep schools safe. Schools are safe. It is important not to live in fear. We will talk about the difference between lockout and lockdown. It is easy to get the words mixed up especially in the height of a situation. The evening will end with information about the Suffolk County Police response and our roles in schools.

**No registration required  
- all are welcome.**



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- ✓ -Grounded in our Catholic Faith & Service
- ✓ -Small, Individualized Educational Program
- ✓ -Special Education Program
- ✓ -Before & After Care
- ✓ -Financial Aid
- ✓ AND MORE...

# May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*during the 10:00 AM Mass in the Church*

*Sunday, May 18th*



# Faith Formation

Faith Formation Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>Email: [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)

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

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 CANDIDATES RETREAT:

Participating in crafts, song, video presentations and more, our First Communion candidates and their families learned more about the Eucharist and being the Body of Christ in the world at our retreat on April 26. Special thanks to all our volunteers who made the retreat so special!



**OFFERING:** For those scheduled to receive First Holy Communion this May (2025), we have posted our First Communion offering (\$75) online. Check your email for more information. You can also scan the QR code here to make the offering.

Questions? Email us at [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org)

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



## 2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

Upcoming Event:

Sponsor/Candidate Night

Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00 PM in the Church

**\*Sponsor forms due at this event!**

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

Check your email in late May/early June, when we should have our Confirmation date, as well as our "Fearless" Fall Prep Program calendar available!



Closing Prayer Services (Attend One)  
Tuesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 15  
@ 5 PM in the Church

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



## CHECK OUT OUR FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE!

[sjecmff.blogspot.com](http://sjecmff.blogspot.com)

## Registration Begins June 2025!

### Fast Facts:

- St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation 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).



### 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.*

#### ♦ Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)

Would you like to help with our Family Catechesis program for Grades 1-6? Parents and students meet together once a month. 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: Gr. 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 Confirmation prep program is based on a small-group model and we need your help! Students meet twice a month, with sessions featuring large-group, interactive presentations and small group discussion. We are particularly looking for Level 7 leaders for the incoming Level 7 class in Fall 2025!

***Interested? Contact Michelle at  
631-878-0009. ext. 123 or via email  
at [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)***



# Parish Social Ministry

# Street Ministry



## Ernie's Place Shopping List

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet  
on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through  
which He looks compassion on this world.*

– St. Teresa of Avila

Our Street Ministry is an amazing community of volunteers who provide hot meals, clothing and toiletries to individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless or unable to receive other supportive services. We need your help! Come use the awesome gifts that God gave you to serve those in need in our local community. All areas on the Street Ministry team need volunteers including - working in our donation room folding and organizing clothes, cooking hot meals at home and dropping them off on Thursday nights (we provide the take-out containers!), making PB&J sandwiches, using your muscles to load our van and participating in our van runs where you can hand out meals and clothing to those in need. The Street Ministry has a place and a job for everyone! To get started, please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 or for more information, please email [socialministry@sjecm.org](mailto:socialministry@sjecm.org) and once you are ready to start volunteering look for emails from [StreetMinistry@sjecm.org](mailto:StreetMinistry@sjecm.org) to sign up in your area of interest. Thank you for considering this vital opportunity to serve! We hope to hear from you! We are tremendously grateful for all our volunteers and the donations we receive; both allow us to continue to do this work every week.

## Street Ministry Shopping List

Below is a list of items that are needed for Street Ministry. Please leave donations in the box by the doors of the Church.

- ♦ To-Go Tins
- ♦ Single Razors
- ♦ Shaving Cream
- ♦ Face/Wash cloths
- ♦ Socks (Men's & Women's)
- ♦ Travel Size Toothpaste
- ♦ Deodorant (Men's & Women's)
- ♦ Gently used men's & women's sneakers
- ♦ Gently used long sleeve t-shirts





## Join SJE Holy Grounds Ministry



# HELP US GROW

It's time to kick off another beautiful season with the SJE Holy Grounds Ministry!

Thank you to all who poured so much love, time, and care into our parish gardens last year. The church grounds looked absolutely stunning — a true testament to your dedication and stewardship.

Once again, we're inviting families, ministries, individuals, and friends to take part in this joyful work by planting and maintaining a small area of our parish grounds. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just looking for a simple, meaningful way to serve, we welcome you!

As we begin assigning garden spots, please remember:

- If you cared for a spot last year and would like to keep it, you must contact us to confirm before beginning any planting.
- If you're new or would like to take over a garden area, we'd love to hear from you.
- All volunteers must contact the parish office or email [garden@sjecm.org](mailto:garden@sjecm.org) before doing any planting.

This helps us assign areas properly and ensure the whole parish is beautifully cared for.

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."*

— St. Francis of Assisi

Your small acts of service in the garden are never small in the eyes of God — they are seeds of beauty and faith that continue to grow in our community.

*Let's grow something beautiful together — in faith, in service, and in love for our parish home.*



## A Message from Msgr. Walden...

There are many important things to do everyday and important people to deal with. Whoever or whatever is important has meaning, weight, or influence for us. "Important people" are in positions of leadership and have the responsibility of doing what is good for us. As I write this reflection (Tuesday, May 6, 2025 because it must be sent in to the bulletin to be published by Wednesday), we are awaiting the election of a very important person in our Church, a new pope. One of the papal titles or descriptions is "servant of the servants of God", emphasizing and inspiring humble love. One of the most powerful ways that Jesus described this are His words from Luke 22:27: *For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves."*

Humble service is an integral part of the way we live our lives everyday with the people we live with, encounter, and who are part of our lives. The moment we are born, there is great joy and a loving commitment to meet our every need from feeding, bathing, and embracing. As we get older, we see the humble love of our parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, and uncles and are truly grateful not only for the love we have received from them, but for the opportunity to love them joyfully in return. No need is too great and no response too difficult.

We are all here today because of the all-powerful, life-giving love of God. Not only do we have life in this world, as members of His family He wants us to live with Him forever with one another and all the angels and saints in the kingdom of heaven. Does that thought and reality make the difference such divine love hopes will come to be? There is no doubt about our importance to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are so important that, "While we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). How important is the presence of God in all we say and do each day? The people we love energize us when we spend that "quality time" with them. We are enriched by their presence and carry that joy when the physical encounter is over. How important is quality time with God? What does that mean? We make time for those who are important to us who we are important to. Time and attention are two of the most precious gifts we can give to one another. Encountering God everyday means we not only spend time in personal prayer but that we carry

the joy, hope, and gratitude of that experience with us throughout each day. We never forget those who are part of us and they never forget us. The way to deepening our life with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is to make time, and at the same time, look forward to time spent in prayer as well as Sunday Mass. At our celebrations of Mass, we praise God, thank God, and present our needs and concerns to Him. The climax is humbly opening our hands or mouths to gratefully invite Jesus into our very being. His physical presence is nourishment, hope, strength, and love that will keep our minds and hearts, full of joy and grateful that we are loved and can love God and everyone we encounter in our lives every single day. How blessed we are when we see how important we are to God and to one another, a full-time reality that leads to an eternal reality!

I offer Psalm 23 for your prayerful reflection:

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.*

*He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.*

*If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.*

*You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.*

*You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.*

*Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.*

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. Glory...*

**Psalm Prayer:** *Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in the waters of Baptism; you anoint us with oil, and call us to salvation at your table. Dispel the terrors of death and the darkness of error. Lead your people along safe paths, that they may rest securely in you and live for ever in your Father's house.*







## GARDEN MINISTRY

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

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

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



*Adoration*  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
at  
St. John the Evangelist

Monday - Friday from  
3:00 - 7:00 PM  
in Seton Chapel, in the Convent

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM. All are invited to pray for our Shepherds. Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you can be present for a specific hour, email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

Knights of Columbus

**BINGO**


*Night*

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

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SJE Parish Auditorium





## Long Island Coalition for Life

**Abortion Pill Reversal Presentation**  
 Monday, May 19, 2025, 7:30 PM at the Long Island Coalition for Life meeting, held at St. Joseph RCC parish school building (gymnasium), 45 Church St., Ronkonkoma.

Shantae Rodriguez, certified physician assistant and Director of Medical Services at Soundview Pregnancy Services, will explain chemical abortion and abortion pill reversal (APR), including her experiences with assisting pregnant women who may be considering APR. APR may be used to treat mothers who have taken the first pill of the chemical abortion protocol but then change their mind about continuing with the abortion.

Please join us for this informative presentation.  
 For more information, contact the LICL:  
 631.243.1435; [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

# Save the Date!

## 34th Annual CHARLES R. RAMPONE SR. & RICHARD A. LONIGRO SR. MEMORIAL Golf Classic



### Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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## Comunidad Hispano...

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en español los sábados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oración, todos los viernes a las 7:30 PM en la Capilla del Convento Parroquial. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

### MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

#### BAUTISMO:

Por favor traiga el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

#### Requisitos:

1. Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
2. Certificado de registro de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de la charla prebautismal (OBLIGATORIO para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia.

Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

#### CASAMIENTO:

Las parejas que planean casarse deben concertar una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de la boda. Esto les dará tiempo suficiente para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame a la oficina

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes. Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

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

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to call before you come and visit.

#### ¡Dejanos ayudarte!

#### DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 7:30 PM

Jueves 3:00 PM a las 4:00 PM.

#### TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

#### COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM  
auditorio de la escuela

#### MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley  
7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para quienes lo necesiten. Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

## Women's Group...

Join us as we read, learn, and share life's experiences in a welcoming, open group. No commitment required - come when you can! You don't have to share or read aloud, and everything is confidential. We respect each other and are here for support. Bring a friend!

This year, we are reading "The Sanctifier" by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, exploring how the gifts of the Holy Spirit lead us to holiness. Our discussions often provide clarity and comfort, especially as we relate the lessons to our own lives. The book is provided.

We meet every other Monday from 10:00-11:30 AM in the white house between the school and rectory, ending in time for 12:00 Mass if you'd like.

#### Dates:

April 28, May 12 & 19\*,

June 2, 16 & 30.

Carol Ketcham and Anita Luccari, Group Moderators ~  
For info: 631-878-0009

## Men's Prayer Group...



## CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 9 AM** in the Convent. Join us as we learn to follow the example of St. Joseph and grow in our faith, reflect on the Gospel and have coffee. For more information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.



## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Please take some time look through the back pages of the bulletin! It features many local businesses (and often the work of parishioners) and the good work they do in our community. We have parishioners who do everything from car detailing to car mechanics to lacrosse training to taking care of pets. Take a look and learn more!

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

Also, if your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, the nearly 1,400 people who attend Mass at St. John the Evangelist - most of whom live and shop in the Moriches, Mastic, Shirley, Eastport, Speonk and Remsenberg area - receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of families in the area with information about your business.

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

# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
7:00 PM Divine Will

## Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

## Thursday, May 15<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  
4:00 PM Legion of Mary - BMR  
7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

## Friday, May 16<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  
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR  
7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

## Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, May 18<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