

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



May 12, 2024

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

“The Lord has set his throne in heaven”

*Psalm 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-2ab*



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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 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

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, May 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Felix

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

\*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**

Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**

Director of Faith Formation

**Katie Spellman**

Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

**Katie Waller**

Director of Operations

## OLQA

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Regional Catholic School**

*(on the campus of SJE)*

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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 Fr. Felix...

Prayer is an essential part of the Christian faith. It is considered one of the most powerful tools to connect with God. Here are some reasons why prayer is important in Christianity.

Prayer makes us more like Jesus.  
Prayer shows us the heart of God.  
Prayer reveals the wisdom of God.  
Prayer helps us find direction in life.

Most importantly prayer helps us receive forgiveness and love.

**Prayer helps us love God**, our neighbors as well as our enemies.

Christian prayer is a spiritual communication between man and God, a two-way relationship in which man not only talks to God but also listens to Him. It's like a child's conversation with their father. Just as a child naturally asks their father for the things they need, prayer to God allows believers to express their thoughts, emotions, and needs. Here are some key aspects of Christian prayer.

**Private prayer:** This involves personal communication with God. It can be audible or silent, formal, or informal. Private prayer allows individuals to pour out their hearts, seek guidance, and express gratitude.

**Corporate prayer:** Christians also pray together as a community. Corporate prayer occurs during church services, small group meetings, or other gatherings. It unites believers in seeking God's presence and interceding for others.

**Thanksgiving:** Christians express gratitude to God for His blessings, provision, and answered prayers. Thanksgiving prayers acknowledge God's goodness and faithfulness.

**Confession:** prayer is a way to confess our sins and seek forgiveness Christians admit their wrongdoings, repent, and receive God's mercy.

**Intercession:** Intercessory prayer involves praying on behalf of others. Christians lift the needs, struggles, pain, and challenges of friends, family and even strangers to God for divine intervention.

It is important to remember that prayer is a treasured privilege for believers, allowing them to commune with their creator and their faith journey in a personal relationship with God. If we look at the life of Jesus, we see that he prayed -with others (Luke 6:12), for others Matthew 19:13-14), and on his own (Luke 5:16, Luke 6:12).

**Prayer shows us the heart of God.** Prayer is important because it makes us more like Jesus and because it reveals to us the heart and mind of God. When we look at the spiritual powerhouses of the past, we know that prayer was immensely important to them. C.S Lewis stated: "I pray because I can't help myself..."

I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me."

**Martin Luther said:** "I have so much that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." Prayer is the Master's key; Jesus started with prayer and ended with prayer. We should follow Him on this approach to have a direct link to God the Father.

**On May 12th**, this great nation celebrates Mother's Day. You may use any captions that would put a big smile on your mother's face. Sweet Mother's Day captions:

**My mother is** a treasure beyond measure.

There is no force on earth more powerful than a mother's love.

Mom, rain or shine, I'm glad you're mine.

Your mother is the first person who will teach you how to reach for the stars.

If anyone deserves a day that's all about them, it's my mother.

A mother's love is unconditional and everlasting.

A mother's love is a special bond between a mother and child that can never be broken.

Different things might come to mind when you think of a mother's love. It can be that love knows no boundaries. It can be a blessing without measure, a tenderness that lasts forever. You might think of all the little moments that add up to a lot of sacrifice. Being a mother is very rewarding and can be quite hilarious. If you are a parent, you know what I am talking about. True love is a mother who kisses the face that just threw up on her and smiles. A mother's love is like a breeze on a hot day. "A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity. It dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path." By (Agatha Christy). We should always thank God for giving us wonderful mothers to take care of us.

**I would also like to share some news** with you all. After more than a decade of serving alongside you in our beautiful parish, I wanted to let you know that my assignment will end, effective June 26th of this year.

It has been a tremendous honor to be a part of this community and to witness your faith, dedication, and love for one another. The memories we have created together will forever hold a special place in my heart, and I am deeply grateful for the kindness and support you have shown me throughout these years.

As I transition into this new phase of life, I ask for your prayers for a smooth journey and for the continued blessings of the Holy Spirit. Although I will no longer be actively serving as part of our parish, please know that you will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for the privilege of journeying with you and for your unwavering faith. May God continue to bless each of you and your families abundantly.

Please pray for me.

# Masses for the Week...

## Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Mother's Day Novenas  
 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> Seventh 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 13<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas  
 12:00 Noon Vera Montalbano

## Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Saint Mathias, Apostle

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas  
 12:00 Noon Jean Dodici

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

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas  
 12:00 PM Robert Salomone

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

7:00 AM Robert Salomone  
 12:00 Noon Mother's Day Novenas

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

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas  
 12:00 Noon Caterina Vaccaro

## Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novenas  
 5:00 PM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney  
 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Katy Dyer and her brother, Jack Dyer  
 10:00 AM Maureen O'Connor-Bueter  
 12:00 Noon Patricia McKelvey  
 6:00 PM Mother's Day Novenas

# Mother's Day Novena...

Enroll your loved ones in our 2024

## Mother's Day

## Novena of Masses

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Those names that are included on the envelopes will be remembered during the Mother's Day Novena Masses that begin on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped at the rectory office by May 13<sup>th</sup>.



| PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS                         |           |            |                |
|---|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present. |           |            |                |
| Year  | Total     | # of Weeks | Average Weekly |
| 2024  | \$329,149 | 18         | \$18,286       |
| 2023  | \$298,626 | 18         | \$16,590       |

**2024**  
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
POWER OF EUCCHARIST CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith -  
Renewed by the Eucharist*

| <i>As of 5/7/2024</i> | 2024      | 2023      |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Parish Goal           | \$115,100 | \$115,100 |
| Number of Donors      | 133       | 166       |
| Total Pledged to date | \$61,310  | \$63,870  |
| Avg. Gift             | \$460     | \$384     |
| Percent of Goal       | 53%       | 55%       |

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!

SJE Family Life Ministry Presesnts...

# VACATION BIBLE Camp

July 15th - 19th, 2024

9 AM - 12 noon

Children Grades K-5

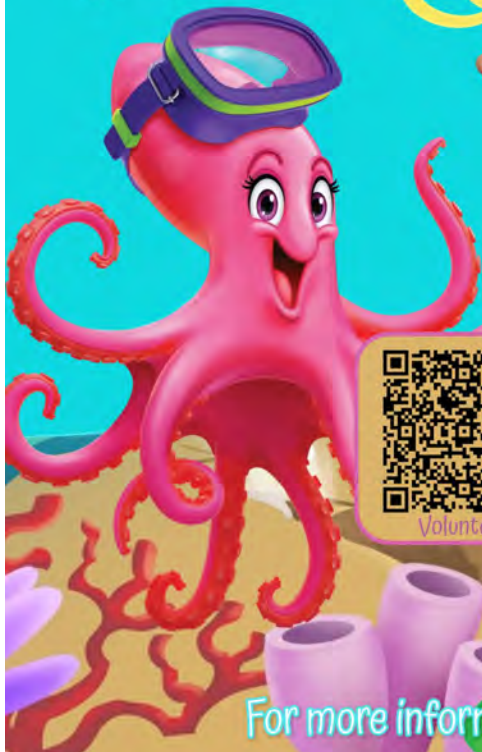
(in September 2024)

VBC is an awesome way to dive deeper into your faith, make new friends and have an unbelievably fun-filled week!

Just go to the parish website and click on VBC and complete the Camper registration form, or use the QR Code!



Camper QR Code



Volunteer



We are in **DESPERATE** need of adult volunteers! Please consider climbing aboard!

Youth volunteers are also needed. Students in 6th grade and older are most welcome to join the VBC crew. All volunteers can register via the parish website. Just click on VBC and complete the volunteer registration form. or use the QR Code!

For more information please email [Clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:Clapham@sjecm.org)

# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Michael Capozzola + Dreama Pascuitti  
+ Judy Elizabeth Gohlsen + Adalinda Tucker

*"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

Kathleen Fontaine, Christopher DeStefano,  
Frank Macchia, Roy Cloughen,  
Marion Maison, Frank O'Boyle,  
Margaret Henning

*"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 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  
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero

### 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

# Corpus Christi Procession

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
after the 12 Noon Mass**

*An event like this brings blessings to  
our church and community!!!*

**Stay tuned for more details....**



# MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



## *May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

during the 10:00 AM  
Mass in the Church

## Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

*Stephen Hession*

This week, the Sacred Heart Candle will be lit in memory of:

*Maureen Tully*

The Altar Candles will be lit in memory of:

*Lisa Marie Belano Vigliotta*

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit in honor and gratitude for:

*The Women of Grace*

The Blessed Mother Candle will be lit in memory of:

*Kenneth Hans Fuchs*

The St. Theresa Candle will be lit in memory of:

*Mr. and Mrs. Owen Igoe*

### 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 \$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.

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)

# The Office of Family Ministry

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*Here at St. John's there are so many opportunities to grow in faith, to serve others and to build up the Body of Christ . Perhaps some of the upcoming events , service projects and programs that are offered through the Office of Family Ministry may provide you with new ways to respond to the gospel's call to "Love One Another."*

*For more info contact Carolyn Lapham @ [Clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:Clapham@sjecm.org).*

*Take a look at what's coming up!*

**May 19 - Sandwich Sunday** is next Sunday. We will meet at 11:00 in the school cafeteria. Come make sandwiches to feed the hungry! Sponsored by our Family Life Ministry,



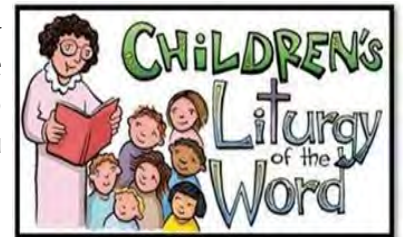
**May 19 - "Spreading the Love"** project, which will provide small gifts and hand-written cards for our homebound parishioners, will be done in conjunction with Sandwich Sunday. All are welcome...especially families and teens! Community service hours can be earned through these events.



**May 28 - Moms on the Journey** 7:00 PM Upper Room of the Barn. Come enjoy an evening of fun, friendship and fun with other busy moms. Step away from the busyness of life and spend the evening with Jesus and your sisters in faith! Moms of ALL ages are most welcome!

**May 19 & 26, and almost every Sunday during the 10:00 Mass,**

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program breaks open the readings of the day for children in grades Pre-k-Grade 5. High school students and adults are desperately needed to help our program continue. There are many different roles depending upon how you would like to help – from serving as a door holder or crossing guard, to reading the scriptures, to being "another pair of hands" during the program, to preparing a fun interactive "homily" based on the readings. There' truly something for everyone! And the best part is you do it whenever you can!



**Family Life Ministry:** Our Family Life Ministry provides various opportunities for families of all ages to come together to pray, to serve others and to share in some good clean family fun. Our team meets 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 Wednesday, June 5 @ 7:00 PM in the Upper Room of the Barn.** All are welcome!



The Office of Family Ministry  
invites you to join our

# Martha & Co. Ministry

(a.k.a Hospitality Ministry)

## WHAT'S THIS MINISTRY ALL ABOUT?

It's just what it sounds like. This ministry is being developed in order to provide opportunities for fellowship in conjunction with weekend Masses, prayer services and special events. The Hospitality Ministry will plan, shop, set-up, provide light refreshments and clean up.

## WHEN?

The beauty of joining this ministry is that you do **what you can, when you can**. There is no major time commitment. We will keep a list of who's on board and when an event comes up, we will email everyone on the list. If you can help...great! Just respond to the email. If you can't- no worries. You'll remain on the list and we'll email you for the next event.

## WHO?

We need doers. All of you "Marthas" out there, this ministry is for you. We need bakers, table and chair movers, "fussers" to create our various environments, shoppers, organizers and cleaner-uppers. All are welcome to join. Our hope is that this ministry will be a multi-generational sharing of talents and wisdom, fun and faith.

## HOW?

To sign up please email [Clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:Clapham@sjecm.org). Please include your name and phone number in the email.

# Faith Formation

## "FAMILY OF FAITH" (GRADES 1-6)

Families learned more about the Communion of Saints and the Battle of Prayer during our last Family of Faith sessions! We look forward to seeing everyone at one of our closing prayer services in May!

**NEXT SESSION:** Closing Prayer Service

Tuesday, May 14 @ 5 PM or Thursday, May 16 @ 5 PM

*\*NOTE: There are no sessions at 7 PM for the closing prayer services.*



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 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 13. Special thanks to all our volunteers who made the retreat so special!

**OFFERING:** For those scheduled to receive First Holy Communion this May (2024), we have posted our First Communion offering (\$50) 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)



## CONFIRMATION PREP

**LEVEL 7** - Our Level 7 students experienced Eucharistic Adoration with Msgr. Walden presiding. Guest speaker and musician Tess Austin, director of Catholic Identity and Mission for the DRVC Department of Education, explained this ancient and beautiful form of prayer and provided the music during adoration.

**NEXT LEVEL 7 SESSION:**

Sponsor/Candidate Night - Monday, June 3 @ 7 PM, Church

**LEVEL 8** - Our Level 8 students broke open the story of the Man Born Blind, discussing spiritual blindness, bullying and human dignity, with guest speaker Carolyn Lapham, our parish's coordinator of Family Ministries.

**NEXT LEVEL 8 SESSION:**

FALL 2024 - "FEARLESS" PROGRAM (TBA)



# Parish Social Ministry

## Street Ministry

Are you a great cook? Or perhaps a social butterfly who enjoys engaging with others in the community? Maybe you prefer to work behind the scenes? Do you love to fold clothes and organize things? *Come use the awesome gifts that God gave you to serve those in need in our local community!*

Our Street Ministry is an amazing community of volunteers who provide hot meals and clothing to individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless or unable to receive other supporting services. Whether you are interested in working in our donation room, cooking hot meals, making PB&J sandwiches, or participating in our van runs, Street Ministry has a place and a job for everyone! To get started or for more information contact Victoria Paparatto at [streetministry@sjecm.org](mailto:streetministry@sjecm.org)

### Street Ministry Shopping List

- ◆ Men's/Women's light weight coats, medium, large and extra large
- ◆ Men's/Women's t- shirts, all sizes
- ◆ Men's/Women's sweatshirts, medium, large and extra large
- ◆ Men's/Women's sweatpants, small, medium and extra large.
- ◆ Men's Jeans size 32, 34 and 36.



## Ernie's Place

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

### Pantry Shopping List

- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Jar Tomato Sauce
- Pasta
- Flour
- Mayo
- Mustard
- Ketchup



## SJE Thrift Shop

Wednesdays 9 AM - 12 Noon

Are you are looking for a great deal? St. John's Thrift Shop is the place for you and your family. Everyone is welcome!

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

The success of our Thrift Shop relies on the generous donations from our community that are left in the \*green bins in the school parking lot.

If you are looking for a great way to give back to our Parish community, consider donating your new or gently used clothes, or those toys your children have outgrown.

\*We strongly encourage donations be dropped at the Thrift Shop Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday Mornings between 9 AM and 11:30 AM when volunteers are present.

# Faith Formation

## REGISTRATION...

### Begins In JUNE

#### First Graders & New Students

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!

**Ordination to Priesthood** 2024

Rev. Mr. Joseph Lettieri      Rev. Mr. Dennis Gannon

Let us pray for the two men who will be ordained by Bishop John O. Barres to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ on **Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre.

The Ordination will air live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN). It will be replayed later that evening at 8:00 p.m. CFN is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. CFN is also available on select cable and satellite systems and through live stream on [cfntv.org](http://cfntv.org). You may also view CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".

EUCHARISTIC  
*Adoration*

*In an ever changing world the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God's changeless love.*

MOTHER TERESA

@catholicedaily

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

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.

## A Message from Msgr. Walden...



The true blessing we have in our lives is the gift of faith. It is our trust in God and His love, mercy, wisdom, and presence that enables us to do far more than just get through difficult and confusing situations and times. It is the presence of God through the gift of faith that we meet the challenges and find the path to peace and hope. Jesus certainly did not succeed in converting all whose lives He touched, but He never gave up being who He was and what He came into our world to do for us. Despite what, on the surface, surely looked like defeat as He was crucified, Jesus never wavered in being the presence of God's goodness, love, mercy, and truth. His presence was the presence of God's proactive love. He did not let opposition, rejection, threats, and seeming abandonment to deter, defeat, or chase Him away.

It is not what I think I need or want in my daily life but what I have - the gift and vision of faith. We can look at people and situations through the eyes of fear, suspicion, anger, jealousy or frustration and exhaust ourselves mentally, or we can look at people and situations through the eyes of gratitude, joy, humility, and love. That is the vision and perspective of faith. It does not lead us to escape the realities in front of us, but to embrace them with the mind, heart, courage, wisdom, and love of Jesus. Yes, there is darkness, anger, and division in our midst. We really cannot find peace by trying to ignore these realities. Like Jesus, our challenge is to bring light where there is darkness, truth where there is falsehood, goodness where there is evil, and mercy where there is unjust pain and suffering.

In the Gospel for today's Mass (John 17:11-19), Jesus is concluding His remarks to His Apostles at the Last Supper and prays for them and for us: "I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more

than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

Our call is the call of Jesus Himself - to make the world a better place because we are in it and those we encounter in the world fuller and richer in life because of our presence to them and with them. We can curse and bemoan the darkness or we can be a light in it.

As we celebrate Mother's Day today, we thank our mothers for the life, love, joy, and their very selves. You are clearly God's light and blessing for us. Happy Mother's Day!

I offer Psalm 43 that I prayed last Tuesday in morning prayer. It offered me hope, light, and inspiration and I hope it does the same for you.

*Defend me, O God, and plead my cause  
against a godless nation.*

*From deceitful and cunning men  
rescue me, O God.*

*Since you, O God, are my stronghold,  
why have you rejected me?*

*Why do I go mourning  
oppressed by the foe?*

*O send forth your light and your truth;  
let these be my guide.*

*Let them bring me to your holy mountain,  
to the place where you dwell.*

*And I will come to the altar of God,  
the God of my joy.*

*My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,  
O God, my God.*

*Why are you cast down my soul,  
why groan within me?*

*Hope in God; I will praise him still,  
my savior and my God.*

Psalm Prayer: Almighty Father, source of everlasting light, send forth your truth into our hearts and pour over us the brightness of your light.

# SJE Safe Environment Updates...

All volunteers and employees at SJE are required to be registered with VIRTUS and complete a background check every 5 years. Depending on when your registration and last background check was completed, you may be receiving an email message from the Virtus system which will advise you of the need for an updated background check and the message will also include a link to Sterling, the third-party company that partners with Virtus to complete the process. As part of the process, you will have to enter your Social Security number, just as you did when you first completed your registration. By entering your Social Security number, there will be no cost to complete the check. If you do not enter your SSN, there will be a fee of \$95 which is required by NY State for a database/record search without the use of a SSN. Please check the appropriate box indicating if you wish to enter your SSN, if you do not, the system will ask for your Credit Card information for additional billing purposes. Please know that the Sterling site is a safe site for you to enter your personal information. You may also be asked to complete a review of a Code of Conduct at that time if you have not already done so.

**REMINDERS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS.** All SJE employees and volunteers must wear their SJE badge while on campus and serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your “spam” or “Junk” folder too.) Please reach out if you have any questions or need assistance with any part of the Virtus registration process.

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator  
 Cathy Mussi  
[cmussi@sjecm.org](mailto:cmussi@sjecm.org)  
 631-878-0009 ext. 126



## HOLY GROUND Garden Project

**We need you and your planting help!**

As we enter into the Spring season, can you help to take care of an area of our parish’s huge property?

Once again, we are asking each family, ministry, individual or group of friends to begin taking care of a part of our grounds by planting and maintaining that area for our parish and school.

If you have a spot from last year, or your looking for a spot this year...Please email [Garden@sjecm.org](mailto:Garden@sjecm.org) or call the Rectory Office at 631-878-0009.

# Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

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

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

## MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

### BAUTISMO:

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

#### Requisitos:

1. Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
2. Certificado de registro de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de la charla prebautismal (OBLIGATORIO para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo. Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia. Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

### CASAMIENTO:

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

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes.

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

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

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

### ¡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!

## Proyecto Jardín de Tierra Santa

¡Necesitamos usted y su ayuda para plantar! Al entrar en la temporada de primavera, ¿puede ayudarnos a cuidar un área de la enorme propiedad de nuestra parroquia?

Una vez más, pedimos a cada uno familia, ministerio, individuo o grupo de amigos para comenzar a cuidar una parte de nuestros terrenos plantando y manteniendo esa área para nuestra parroquia y escuela.



Si tiene un lugar del año pasado o está buscando un lugar este año... envíe un correo electrónico a [Garden@sjecm.org](mailto:Garden@sjecm.org) o llame a la rectoría. Oficina 631-878-0009

¿Estás enfrentando un embarazo difícil?

Di "Si" al

# FIAT

Que se cumpla

## Asistencia para el Embarazo



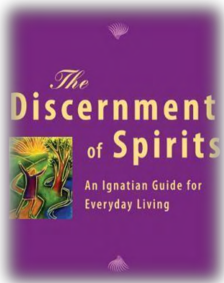
### Aquí hay esperanza.

Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita ayuda con un embarazo inesperado o difícil, hay ayuda disponible:

Llame al 631-476-LOVE (5683)  
Cualquier día, en cualquier momento (24/7).

Todas las conversaciones son confidenciales.

## Women's Group...



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

Dates: 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.

## Healing Mass for Young Adults

*Celebrated by Fr. Liam McDonald*



**Friday, May 17th, 2024**

Adoration at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Mass begins at 8:00 p.m.

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church  
280 East Main Street  
Smithtown



## PENTECOST CELEBRATION!!

Discover renewed purpose and community at our vibrant Pentecost gathering

16  
THURSDAY MAY AT 6 PM  
2024

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS AGES 21-35

Adoration In  
Convent Chapel  
6-7 p.m.

St. John the  
Evangelist  
25 Ocean Ave,  
Center Moriches,  
NY 11934

Food, Talk  
and Social  
7-10 p.m.





# Knights of Columbus Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



## Blessing and Dedication of the...

Please join the Knights of Columbus

## *Blessed Michael McGivney Statue*

**on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

After the 5:00 PM Mass

In the SJE Prayer Garden  
at the East end of the School Building.

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  
[koqc4126.com](http://koqc4126.com)



# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

## Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mtg. Room  
 BUR - Barn Upper Room  
 SC - Seton Chapel

### 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