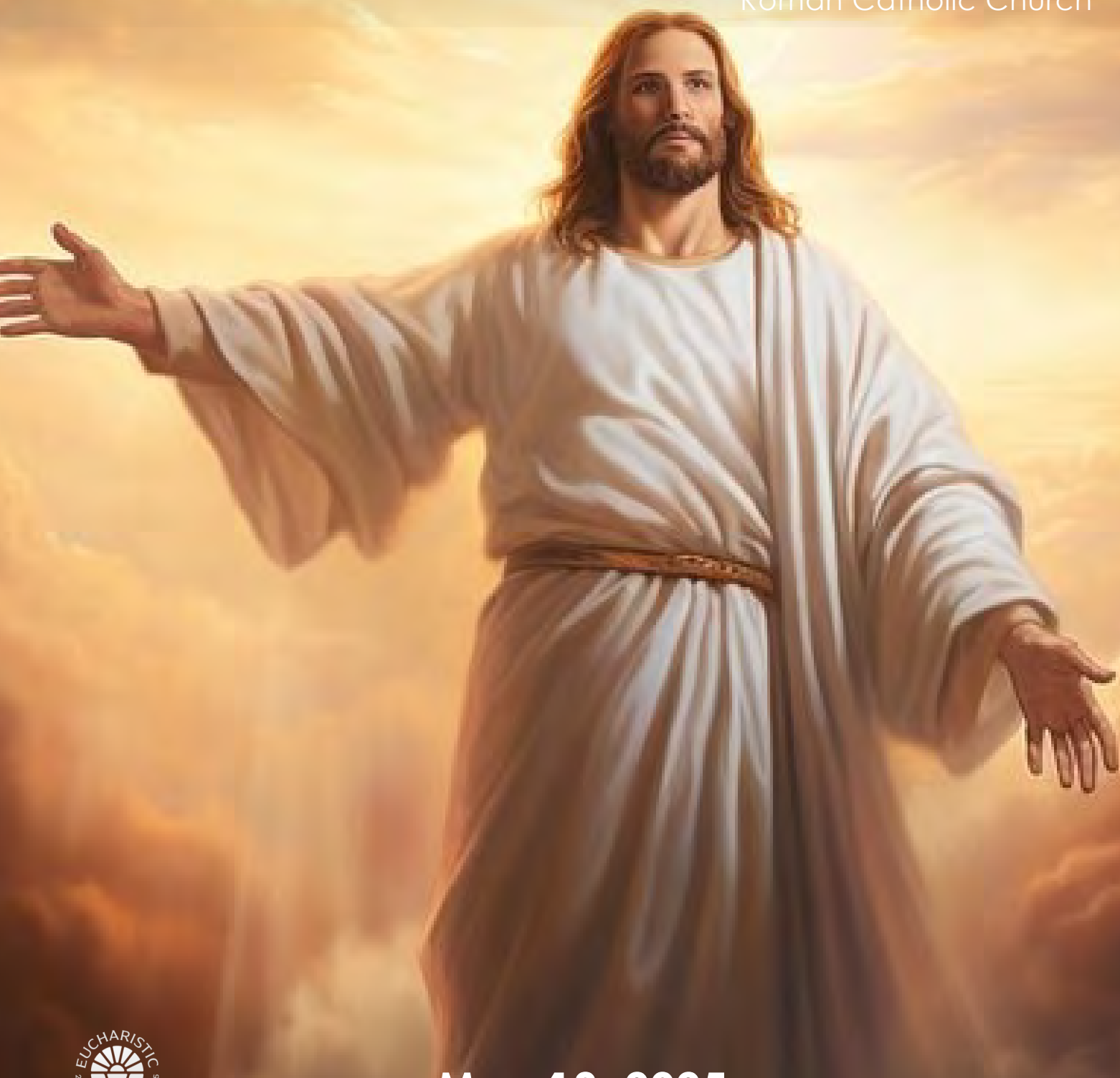


# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



May 18, 2025

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God. *Psalm 145*



May 18, 2025

25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, New York, 11934-3968  
631-878-0009 | [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

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 AM & 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &

7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

Confessions will take place in Our Lady's  
Chapel in the Church.

## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**  
Pastor

**Reverend Abin Panicker**  
Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden**  
Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**  
Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**  
Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**  
Deacon

**Michael Hoonhout**  
Deacon

**Ed Grieb**  
Deacon

**Carolyn Lapham**  
Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Heather Crayne**  
Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Katie Waller**  
Director of Operations

**Angela Werner**  
Director of Music Ministry

## Mass Schedule

## OLQA

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School**  
(on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place  
Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033  
[www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org)

**Dawn Waller**  
Principal  
[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller@olqany.org) (ext. 201)

## Office Hours

**Parish Office - Blue House**

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

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

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

We ask that you call before visiting any parish  
offices.

## Confession Schedule

## *A Message from Tess Austin...*

Hello Fellow Parishioners & Happy Sunday!

My name is Tess Austin, and you may remember me from my time as Campus Minister at OLQA or singing with the Sunday 5:30pm Mass Band! I always love when I get to come back out to Center Moriches, more recently to speak to the young people in Faith Formation. The St. John the Evangelist Parish Community has been such a blessing in my life and I am so grateful for this incredible parish community of faith.



Over the past two years I have been discerning a vocation to religious life with the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians – Salesian Sisters of St John Bosco. The Salesian Sisters are an active contemplative community dedicated to evangelizing young people through reason, religion, and loving kindness. Their mission of laying down their lives for the young is rooted in the very heart of Christ, and finds its model in Mary's motherly care. Through their presence with and among young people in schools, camps, retreats and parish education they strive to become for them - signs of God's love and presence.

I am thrilled to share with you that I have been accepted into this incredible community! The Salesian Sisters and I are so excited for me to enter into formation as I seek to lay down my life in love of Christ and become a sign of God's love and presence for the young.

However, like many men and women discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life, I am unable to enter because of my student loans. This week, I will be speaking at all Masses about the Labouré Society, a Catholic 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has helped deliver hundreds of men and women into religious formation who otherwise would have been blocked due to educational loans.



I'm hoping you can help and join me on this journey. More information on the Labouré Society can be found in the bulletin or at [rescuevocations.org](https://rescuevocations.org). I will be at the main doors of the Church after all Masses to answer questions. You can also email me at [tess@rescuevocations.org](mailto:tess@rescuevocations.org). Be assured of my prayers. I am so grateful for your support of me and my classmates as we seek to follow God's will in our lives. God bless you!

# Masses for the Week...

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

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

## Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Myrna Stabile  
12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

## Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Anna DiCioccio  
12:00 PM Josephine Giambalvo

## Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Patricia Cuff  
12:00 Noon Vincent and Stella Stripeikis

## Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Special Intention-Angela Yu  
12:00 Noon Colleen McLaughlin

## Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Patricia Boone  
12:00 Noon William Dittmer

## Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro  
5:00 PM Josephine Schepps  
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Dr. Anthony Salvi  
10:00 AM Kristen Bigora  
12:00 Noon Paul Orlando  
6:00 PM Vincent Lanni



We celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. As this is a holy day of obligation, we offer the following masses:

Wednesday (5/28) ~ 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
Thursday (5/29) ~ 7:00 AM  
Thursday (5/29) ~ 12:00 Noon  
Thursday (5/29) ~ 7:30 PM

## EASTER DONATIONS

Year	Total	As of
2025	\$57,255	to date
2024	\$60,410	Final

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$333,017	19	\$17,527
2024	\$347,297	19	\$18,279

## 2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission



As of 5/12/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	140	138
Total Pledged to date	\$65,895	\$63,410
Avg. Gift	\$464	\$459
Percent of Goal	56.4%	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!



# 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.

**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
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	

**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

## 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)





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

# 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 18, 2025

# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

**Russell Youmans**

“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 + Christopher McBride  
Todd Skala + Tom Dennis  
Eileen DeRicco + Peter Angelo**

*“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 Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

### 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  
SR Michael Paduana

### 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

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*

## 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)



# 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**

**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.**





# 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."

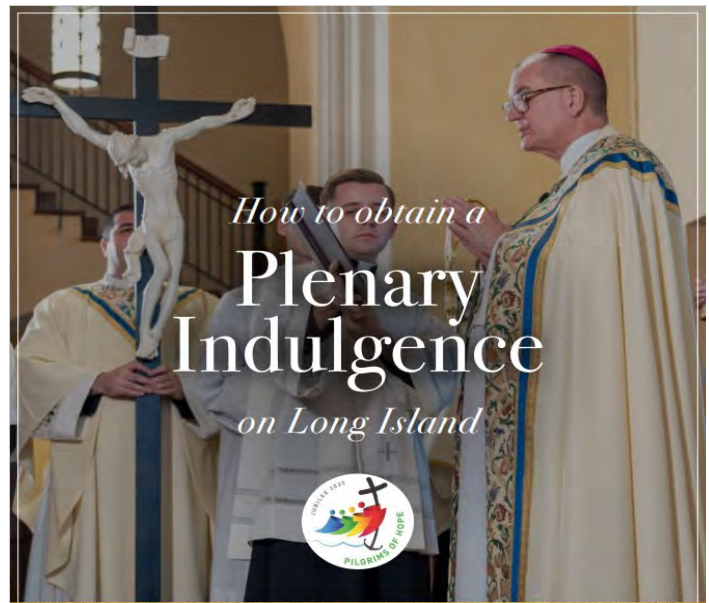
### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

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



The faithful of Long Island can  
attain this Plenary Indulgence  
by making a pilgrimage to

**THE CATHEDRAL  
of  
ST. AGNES**

and praying at the

**2025 JUBILEE YEAR CROSS**

enshrined at the Cathedral and installed  
by Bishop John O. Barres.



### 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





Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School

**Contact Us!**

631-878-1033

olqany.org

Scan QR Code



# See what we've been up to...



Congratulations to our second graders who received their First Holy Communion earlier this month! Their families came and participated in a retreat and communion breakfast the day before. Our second graders also led us in prayer during the May Crowning, with Fr. Patrick presiding. We also applaud our young actors and actresses who put on a fantastic performance of The Wizard of Oz (Youth Edition)! Special thanks to director Mrs. Alexis Schmidt and all our faculty and staff who supported our talented students!



# 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)

Our Level 7 and 8 students wrapped up the year with a special journal and lessons on Easter and the Resurrection. We also discussed the passing of Pope Francis and the Conclave.

We've also been celebrating First Holy Communions this month, with this being the last weekend of First Communion liturgies.

*Congratulations to all our  
First Holy Communicants and their families!*



## REGISTRATION 2025-26: NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS

Registration for the 2025-26 academic year will begin in June for new and returning students.

Our program begins when students enter First Grade. All registration is done online via our parish website. Keep an eye on the bulletin and the website for more information!

## 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!

### "Family of Faith"

We had a great closing prayer service!

We look forward to receiving your summer art project! See you at Mass!



## 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

*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 reasons we do the things we do and say the things we say. We act and speak motivated by fear, joy, disappointment, hope, vengeance, love and a host of other motives. In the Gospel for today's Mass (John 13:31-35), Jesus is speaking to His apostles at the Last Supper, literally His last evening in this world with them as He will be crucified the next day. He does not speak with fear, anger, disappointment, or spite. Fully aware of what is going to happen the next day, He continues being who He is and doing what He has come to do - bring God's life and love to the apostles and all who will ever be open to Him. As the Way, Truth, and Life He says, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." How is this a new commandment? It is because we see the depth and power of love in the author of life and love - God Himself not only telling us what we need to hear for our own good and the good of all people, but actually living that out as one of us in the face of the world's greatest injustice, ignorance, hatred, and stupidity.

As much as God seeks to embrace us with His love, just as importantly He seeks to be loved by us in return, not because He needs our love but because He is enriched by our love and we become more and more the image in which we are created: "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27). The words of today's Gospel make it crystal clear how we are created and how we live our lives to the fullest extent possible, by loving one another as He loves us. It is not easy to navigate through our everyday lives with all the distractions and information which with we are constantly bombarding ourselves. The more we can put down our electronic devices and turn off our twenty-four hour news reports, the more peace, inspiration, and hope we will know and the more grateful we will be for God's love and His confidence and joy in us as we fulfill the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

We are very familiar with the words of Jesus calling us to love one another as He loves us. We do know the joy of giving ourselves in unconditional love to those who are an intimate part of who we are. But where do we draw the line? In the book I am reading now, "Enchanted by Eternity" by William J. Slattery, PhD, I

was given a lot of food for thought and inspiration by this quote from C.S. Lewis in the first chapter entitled "Catholicism Is About Reality, Not Religion": "I believe in Christianity as I believe the sun has risen; not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." It is almost too simple and naive to believe that we can live in peace by following the words of Jesus, loving one another as He has and does love us at every moment of our lives, and looks forward to our presence with Him forever in heaven. We navigate disappointments, disagreements, and scams all too often. But do we know the joy, nourishment, and hope when our first thought is to love as Jesus has loved us. He is our Savior, and God knows and acted knowing that we sorely need His saving love that we can share with one another.

I offer Psalm 46 for your prayerful reflection:

*God is for us a refuge and strength,  
a helper close at hand, in time of distress,  
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,  
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea;  
even though its waters rage and foam,  
even though the mountains be shaken by its waves.*

*The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within, it cannot be shaken;  
God will help it at the dawning of the day.  
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken:  
he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.*

*The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
Come, consider the works of the Lord,  
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.  
He puts an end to wars over all the earth;  
the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.  
He burns the shields with fire.  
"Be still and know that I am God,  
supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!"*

*The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Glory...  
Psalm Prayer: All-powerful Father, the refuge and  
strength of your people, you protect in adversity and  
defend in prosperity those who put their trust in you.  
May they persevere in seeking your will and find their  
way to you through obedience.*





# 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.  
**\$3000 IN PRIZES**  
SJE Parish Auditorium

Queen of All Hearts Council 4126

We are collecting  
tattered and faded  
American Flags to give  
them a dignified  
retirement.

# Flag Retirement Collection


Drop off Location  
**Church Fellowship Area**

Collection Dates  
**May 24th - June 1st**



# Knights of Columbus®





## Long Island Coalition for Life

**Abortion Pill Reversal Presentation**  
 Monday, May 19, 2025 at 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).



*The Friends of the  
 Seminary of the Immaculate Conception*  
 INVITE YOU FOR A TOUR OF GARDENS

**WEDNESDAY**  
 JUNE 11, 2025 @ 10AM - 12:30PM  
 FOLLOWED BY BUFFET LUNCH

BASKET RAFFLE • TREASURE CHEST  
 GARDEN HATS WELCOMED

R.S.V.P. BY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>  
 \$50 - MEMBER OF FRIENDS  
 \$60 - NON-MEMBER OF FRIENDS

[www.icseminary.edu/events](http://www.icseminary.edu/events)  
 (631) 423-0483 x 102  
[bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu)

## Pilgrimage to Poland:

In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina & St. Maximilian Kolbe




**August 27 – September 4, 2025**  
 \$5,133 per person  
 from Newark (EWR), New York (JFK), or Portland (PDX)  
 All prices based on double occupancy.  
 Pricing available from any airport. [www.206tours.com/airports](http://www.206tours.com/airports)

Spiritual Director:  
**Fr. Peter Dugandzic**

Group Leader:  
**Sandra Koceja**



**Optional Post-Tour to Medjugorje**  
 September 4 – 12, 2025 | \$2,276 per person  
 Accommodations at Ivan Dragicevic's Family Home

Book Now:  
[www.206tours.com/koceja/poland](http://www.206tours.com/koceja/poland)  
 Booking Code: SK082725

Follow Us @206tours!

Contacts:  
 Sandra: [romevilla11@gmail.com](mailto:romevilla11@gmail.com)  
 Cat: [cat@206tours.com](mailto:cat@206tours.com)






**June 1– 9, 2025**  
**Rome & Assisi**

Spiritual Director:  
**Fr. Francis Pizzarelli**

Contact: [cara@206tours.com](mailto:cara@206tours.com)  
[silvia@206tours.com](mailto:silvia@206tours.com)

[dominic@206tours.com](mailto:dominic@206tours.com)  
 (800) 206-8687



## 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:

May 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, May 20<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 21<sup>st</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 22<sup>nd</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 23<sup>rd</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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, May 25<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