

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



May 19, 2024

*Pentecost Sunday*

“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”

*Psalm 104: 1ab and 24ac, 29bc –30, 31, 34*



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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 25<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Felix

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 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Fr. Felix

12 noon - Fr. Jerry

6:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

\*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

**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.

## Mass Schedule

## Confession Schedule



# *A Message from the Coordinator of Family Ministry...*

## *Imagine for a moment that you are one of the disciples ...*

You're locked in a room with your buddies, already scared to death of what might happen to you because you are one of Jesus' disciples. It's been a crazy couple of weeks. You are still trying to make sense of everything that has happened. Jesus, your rock, your grounding force, your Savior is no longer with you. You feel lost...anxious...uncertain...afraid. And here you are in the upper room of a house, doors and windows locked. All of a sudden there's a noise from the sky like a strong driving wind and it whips through the room. Then tongues of fire appear and rest on each one of you. Talk about frightening! What they were thinking? What were they were feeling? It's hard to imagine...

## *Imagine for another moment that you are one of the disciples...*

After a moment or two of trying to process the crazy wind...the tongues of fire...try to imagine the unexplainable feeling of empowerment; so much so, that you are confident enough to go amidst the crowds, those same crowds that only minutes ago you feared. Not only are you secure enough to go out there, but you are confident enough to start preaching about the mighty works of God. Miraculously all who are gathered there understand you. Each group hears you speaking in its native language. And the kicker is...you only know how to speak your own language. What was happening? Imagine what the disciples were feeling. Did they recognize the impact that they were having right from the start? Was it a gradual recognition? Did they put 2 and 2 together and remember Jesus telling them that He would send them His Spirit? Did they understand that this *was that Holy Spirit* working through them at that very moment? Imagine being a disciple....

## *Well, you can stop imagining.* *WE ARE HIS DISCIPLES!*

And we have been given that same amazing power by that same Holy Spirit who came to the disciples more than two thousand years ago! The powerful words of St. Paul weren't meant only for the Corinthians... they are meant for us too!

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."*

*(1 Corinthians 12:4-8)*

So let's go forth from our upper rooms. Let's surrender our fears. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to work in us and with us and through us so that we can truly be the Body of Christ. The readings make it clear that each of us has been gifted in some way. Thanks be to God we all have different gifts and when we work together, we cover all the bases. Pentecost is not about going it alone...it's about working together to be the Body of Christ. It's about living out the gospel's call to holiness with unity, humility and love. Pentecost is about a community of believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, working together to serve one another, to right the wrongs, to care for the most vulnerable among us, and to bring others to Jesus. It's not going to be easy...but that doesn't really matter, because we have Holy Spirit power. It might not always be fun, but it'll be better if we're working together. And when you're doing it all for the GLORY OF GOD, the energy and persistence and motivation of the Spirit just keeps on comin' !

There's a great Christian song by Matthew West entitled "Do Something". The lyrics start off with a person who sees all of the pain and injustices in the world and he shakes his fist up toward heaven and asks, "God, why don't you do something?" And God replies, "I did.... I created you!" It's a great song that really makes you think. Here's the link if you want to listen.

[https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=b\\_RjndGolX8&si=z6\\_7nJjzWQ1fOiZ3](https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndGolX8&si=z6_7nJjzWQ1fOiZ3)

Have an awesome Pentecost! Get ready...the Spirit is working His way through the parish...and He's coming to you!

With joyful anticipation of what the Holy Spirit is going to do in us and through us,

-Carolyn Lapham

## Masses for the Week...

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

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

### Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

7:00 AM Josephine Giambalvo

12:00 Noon Sandy Fabricatore

### Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Christopher Bowman

12:00 Noon Carol Pipito

### Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Theresa Clauberg

12:00 PM Joseph Vaccaro

### Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM William Lewis

12:00 Noon Jeanette Miller

### Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Richard Michael Olive

12:00 Noon Gloria Profeta

### Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Weekday

8:00 AM Special Intention for the Waller Family

5:00 PM Special Intention for Sean and Kai Burnett

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

### Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

10:00 AM Gerry Corrigan

12:00 Noon Rosemary Curtin

6:00 PM Rose Riley

## Father's Day Novena...

Enroll your loved ones in our **2024 Father's Day Novena of Masses**



Envelopes will be available at the doors of the church. Those names that are included on the envelopes will be remembered during the Father's Day Novena Masses that begin on **Father's Day, June**

**16<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped at the rectory office by **June 12<sup>th</sup>**.

### PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

*Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.*

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	<b>\$347,297</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$18,279</b>
2023	\$315,236	19	\$16,591

**2024**  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL  
OFFICE OF PARISH LIFE CENTER

*Revitalizing our Faith -  
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<i>As of 5/7/2024</i>	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	138	173
Total Pledged to date	\$63,410	\$64,820
Avg. Gift	\$459	\$375
Percent of Goal	55%	56%

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!

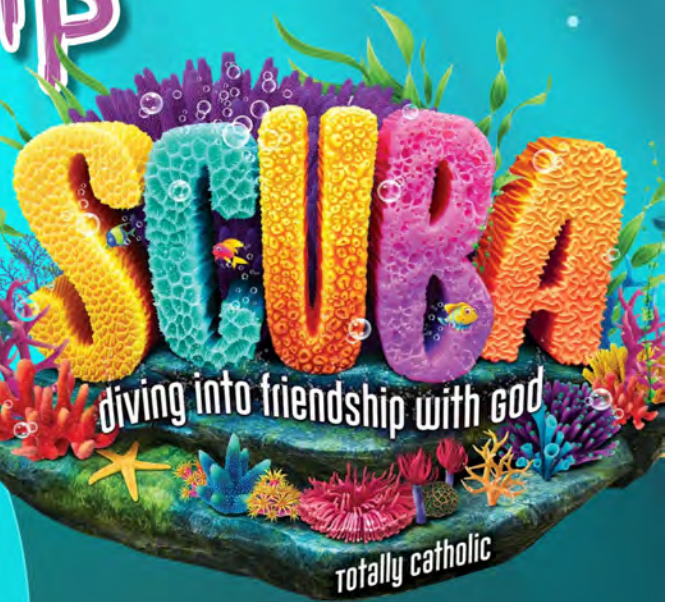
Just go to the parish website and click on VBC and complete the Camper registration form, or use the QR Code!



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

+ James Gales + George M. Blinn +  
+ Jeannette Titmus + Aurora Arena +

*"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, Luca Cerullo,  
Barbara Lefkowitz, Florence Tubiolo

*"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  
SGT Quentin Montemarano  
PVT Charles O'Connor  
E-1 Christian Raeihle  
2<sup>nd</sup> LT Christopher Walther  
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II

### 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 Army

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

### 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).

# 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 Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit for healing, union and love for:

*The Malone Family*

### 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 Newly Baptized...

In the months of January, February and March we welcomed the following children into the St. John the Evangelist Parish Community:

Blake Anthony Gulino  
Connor Maverick Henn  
Summer Rose Nicolescu  
Ryan Anthony Stevens  
Jacob Charles Stuckey  
Olivia Mar Panella  
Teagan Rose Terruso  
Charlotte Joan Mazarakis  
Anthony Ryan Wasson  
Elian Jair Olivia-Lima  
William Thomas Reda  
Emma Rose Velazquez  
Elina Grace Kakomanolis  
Eoin Patrick Flynn

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Jackson Daniel Duncan  
Caitlyn Willow Hahn  
Connor James Rodriguez  
Saylor Rose Pickel  
Coleman Robert Batista  
Nicolas Anthony Monaco  
Madelyn Elise Cheney  
Mia Chamale-Punay  
Milan Chamale-Punay  
Alyssa Valentia Racinos-Gregorio  
James Henry Krauss

*Congratulations to the parents and families  
of the newly baptized.*

## 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...**



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.

Let's come together to celebrate  
Fr. Felix Akpabio!



**June 9, 2024 + 12 noon Mass**

**...followed by an SJE awesome party!**

Join as we celebrate our parish community  
and bid farewell and Godspeed to **Fr. Felix**  
and send him forth to his next to his next  
priestly service.

More information to follow in next week's bulletin!

If you would like to help with the celebration  
please contact the rectory office 631.878.0009 or  
by email: [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)



# OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES PRESENTS



TICKETS:  
\$10 - ADULTS  
\$5 - CHILDREN

## FINDING NEMO

J.R.

2 ST. JOHN'S PLACE  
CENTER MORICHES,  
NY 11934  
(631)878-1033

DIVE IN TO THE  
BIG BLUE WORLD  
ON MAY 31ST 6PM  
AND JUNE 1ST 3PM

Tickets on sale until May 23rd

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult tickets requested: May 31<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ June 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children tickets requested: May 31<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ June 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks can be made out to OLQA and can be mailed to 2 St. John's Place, Center Moriches or dropped off at the main office Monday- Friday between 8 and 2 PM)

-Artwork by OLQA 5th grader, Nicholas Ficaro-



# International Pilgrim Virgin Statue comes to St. John the Evangelist



## Our Lady of *Fatima*

Wednesday  
June 19th

12:00 PM HOLY MASS - STATUE PROCESSION

12:45 PM PRESENTATION AND MESSAGE OF FATIMA

1:15 PM ROSARY

1:45 PM VENERATION AND BLESSING OF SACRAMENTALS

**3:00 PM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

3:45 PM PRESENTATION AND MESSAGE OF FATIMA

4:00 PM VENERATION AND BLESSING OF SACRAMENTALS

**6:30 PM ROSARY**

7:00 PM HOLY MASS

7:45 PM PRESENTATION AND MESSAGE OF FATIMA

8:45 PM CLOSING CEREMONY

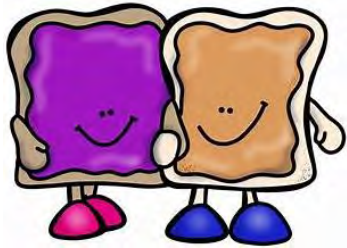
LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The world-famous INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be on tour throughout our Diocese during the month of June 2024. On June 19th, The World Apostolate of Fatima-USA will bring the statue to our parish. This historic statue began its travels from Fatima, Portugal, on October 13, 1947, and has been around the world many times. Sculpted by Jose' Thedim, based on the description of Sister Lucia, one of the three seers, it was blessed by the Bishop of Fatima and commissioned to serve the Pilgrim Virgin, who would carry the blessings of Fatima throughout the world. The Bishop prayed that Mary herself accompany the statue wherever it goes. The statue has visited more than 100 countries bringing Mary's powerful message of salvation and hope to millions of people. Countless favors and graces have been reported wherever the Virgin Statue has traveled. This is a special opportunity to pray with Our Lady, learn Our Lady's messages and requests at Fatima, and present any special intentions you may have for yourself or others.



# The Office of Family Ministry



## Today is Sandwich Sunday!

Come join the Family Life Ministry crew as we make sandwiches for the hungry in our local area. We'll meet in the school cafeteria on Sunday 5/19 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 noon.

At the same time, we'll also be working on our "Spread the Love" project. We will be preparing gift bags for our homebound parishioners. Come help fill the bags, write a card and bring a smile to someone from our parish who can't be here with us. Let's make sure that they know that they are loved and not forgotten!



## Holy Grounds Project:

A word of great gratitude to our Family Life Ministry for the work they did for the Parish Holy Grounds Project. The ladies worked on Saturday morning to weed the grounds around the parish office and then they put down fresh mulch. Thanks ladies! It looks great!



## Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program is going strong!

Take a look at these children as they listen to the Word of God.



Last Sunday they learned all about who they are because of Jesus! A great big thanks to our awesome team!



# 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!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONICANTS

*Congratulations to our 145 students who received  
First Holy Communion this month!*



**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

**NEXT LEVEL 7 SESSION:**  
Sponsor/Candidate Night  
Monday, June 3 @ 7 PM, Church

**NEXT LEVEL 8 SESSION:**  
FALL 2024 - "FEARLESS" PROGRAM (TBA)

Questions? Contact us at [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) or call 631-878-0009, ext. 5

# 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 Papatatto 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.



**2024**  
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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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Let's also take time to remember and pray for all the thousands of parents who worry about how they are going to put food on the table for their children this week.



Please consider supporting the work of the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** so that we can continue to care for God's children and their families through our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic Charities.

*Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives.*

*No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!*

For more information visit [catholicministriesappeal.org](https://catholicministriesappeal.org)  
or call 516-678-5800- ext. 296 Thank You!

Knights of Columbus  
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

**FRIDAY NIGHT'S**

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

**\$ 3000 IN PRIZES**

For more information  
[kofc4126.com](https://kofc4126.com)

## 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



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.

## Heaven's Harvest



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 produces bushels and

bushels of produce which we donate to Ernie's Place and our Street Ministry. We plant, water, weed and harvest from the end of March through November. Right now 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 Katie Spellman at 631.878.0009, ext. 120 or via email at [kspellman@sjecm.org](mailto:kspellman@sjecm.org).



## A Message from Msgr. Walden...

There are many things that we hope for in our lives. We hope to have a good job and be able to support ourselves and those we love and depend upon us. But that hope involves far more than just money - it involves sacrifice, concern, and other centered love on our part. Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus, the same Holy Spirit we receive when we are baptized and then a fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit when we receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

The Holy Spirit is given to us so we can know, experience and be bearers of God's love and goodness. He is the Spirit of courage, wisdom, patience, and hope. The one thing that comes across so clearly to me as I pray and reflect during this Easter Season is how patient and merciful God is to us. Since the beginning of creation God's patience, goodness, and love have been tested. Never has God given up on us. Throughout human history, God has never stopped reaching out to us with the hope that we will let Him love us. As far as He is concerned, it is never too late or does it take too long. That point comes across to me as I reflect on the words of Jesus on the cross addressed to the "good thief's" simple prayer (Luke 23:42-43): Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." It is not that we ever earn or deserve God's love and mercy. Rather, it is almost unbelievable that He is so patient, hopeful, merciful and loving. We are certainly tempted and challenged by the devil and his evil ways. He can be subtle and blatant.

God does not ignore evil or let us slide when we give in to it, but fills us with His Spirit of courage, truth, mercy, and love so that we can be his healing, life giving presence. We do not stick our heads in the sand when evil is thriving in our world, nation, communities, or personal relationships, but courageously live and speak the truth with love as Jesus did. Mother Teresa spoke this simple point: "The Lord does not ask us to be successful. He asks us to be faithful." When Jesus died on the cross, His enemies and detractors thought they were done with Him and would not be bothered by Him again. But He refused to stop loving even them. God's hope is seen in His inexhaustible love, mercy, and wisdom. It is His Holy Spirit we celebrate today and seek to guide our thoughts, words, and actions everyday of our lives.



*Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the  
fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they  
shall be created,  
and you shall renew the  
face of the earth.  
Let us pray.*

*O God, who have taught the  
hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant that in the same  
Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever rejoice  
in his consolation.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

# 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

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Que se cumpla

## Asistencia para el Embarazo



### Aquí hay esperanza.

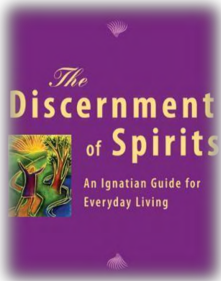
Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita ayuda con un embarazo inesperado o difícil, hay ayuda disponible:

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 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.



*A Ministry to Catholic Women*

### **Spring Breakfast** **A Doctor's Journey of Faith**

**Saturday, June 1, 2024**

**9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

**Moose Lodge #1742**

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By May 30, 2024

For more information please email


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## Ordination to Priesthood<sup>2024</sup>



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 [cfnr.org](http://cfnr.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".



### Important DRVC Information....

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

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

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

# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, May 20<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 21<sup>st</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 22<sup>nd</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 23<sup>rd</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 Al-Anon - BMR

## Friday, May 24<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 25<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 26<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