

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, O God, let all the nations praise you! Psalm 67



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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 31st

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, June 1st

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

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 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

Dawn Waller
Principal
dwaller@olqany.org (ext. 201)

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House , 631.878.0009

Monday - Thursday:

9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Friday - Saturday

9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

Confession Schedule

A Reflection from Deacon Ed Grieb ...



‘The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, Whom My Father Shall Send in My Name ... Will Teach You Everything!’

On this Sixth Sunday of the Great Easter Season, we and the disciples get a glimpse into The Mystery of the Trinity in today’s scripture readings. Jesus speaks of the coming of a new person, the Holy Spirit, that will be present to accompany us once He is no longer physically present.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus is gathered with His disciples, preparing them for what is to come. He’s just washed their feet and announced Judas’ betrayal, and the disciples will become more confused and frightened shortly. Fast forward to our first reading today, and we now see them so much more confident, speaking in union of heart and mind with God, as they recall and live the words from today’s Gospel, as they lead and guide the people through a difficult issue.

‘Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him’... The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I told you. Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give to you.’

An invitation to share in God’s Peace and Love comes to us in that Gospel passage today. Last week’s readings reminded us that it was part of God’s plan to dwell with us always. This week we hear Jesus give further clarity that if we love Him, keep His word, then the Unity, Love and Peace of God will be with us.

The disciples in that first reading from Acts of the Apostles are dealing with what could be a turning point for the new Church, a significant issue that’s more than just a question about circumcision. In broad terms, the underlying question was really whether one had to be a religious Jew to become a

Christian. In hindsight, we know the answer. But the disciples, the new leaders of the Church, would be the ones to decide the issue. They would debate, pray and discern on the issue. Importantly for us to see, they allowed the Holy Spirit to be part of this discernment. And then once united in heart and mind with God, they concluded together:

‘It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us, not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities...if you keep free of these, you will be doing right.’

Remarkable... Joyous... Mysterious... So many words can be used to describe the lesson we see when we allow the Holy Spirit to be part of our lives, to show us how to open our hearts and minds to the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As we continue to move through this joyous Easter season, we are reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit we each received at Baptism. The inner voice that guides us and teaches us the way of Christ; To do what is right! His unique and special Peace brings Hope into our lives. But we need to remember God’s gifts are not meant to be hidden under a lamp shade or stored like grain in a barn... They are Meant to be Shared.

Next Sunday, June 1st, we have an opportunity to spend an evening in the presence of Jesus as the Diocesan Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be making a stop at our Parish. The evening is intended to help us renew our faith as we bring the message of Hope and salvation to others. Please see more information on the pages that follow in the bulletin.

*God Bless. And May the Peace of
Christ Be with You Always.*

~Deacon Ed

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, May 24th Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Josephine Schepps
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, May 25th 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

Monday, May 26th Saint Philip Neri, Priest Memorial

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the DeFillipi Family
12:00 Noon Amanda Abbate

Tuesday, May 27th Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Nora Orr
12:00 PM Paul Mussi

Wednesday, May 28th Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Ana and Belmiro Seabra
12:00 Noon Anthony Falese
5:00 PM (Vigil) Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

Thursday, May 29th The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 AM Eddie Devlin
12:00 Noon Goncalo Rego
7:30 PM Gerry Staugaitis

Friday, May 30th Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Augustus Ingrasciotta
12:00 Noon Lawrence Newshotz

Saturday, May 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM James Gleason
5:00 PM James Patrick Hennessey
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, June 1st Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Maryjane Richardson
10:00 AM Kathleen and Jack Geiger
12:00 Noon Deceased Members of the Rondone Family
6:00 PM Rosemary Both



EASTER DONATIONS

Year	Total	As of
2025	\$58,255	to date
2024	\$60,410	Final

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$350,526	20	\$17,526
2024	\$363,524	20	\$18,176

2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission



As of 5/19/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	150	140
Total Pledged to date	\$66,585	\$63,970
Avg. Gift	\$444	\$457
Percent of Goal	58%	55.5%

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 31st**, 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 8th**.

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 31st** through **Friday, June 6th**. 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
Saturday, May 31 8:00 pm Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport	Saturday, May 31 7:00 pm Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Seaforth
Sunday, June 1 7:00 pm Maria Regina, Seaforth	Sunday, June 1 7:00 pm St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches
Monday, June 2 7:00 pm Holy Family, Hicksville	Monday, June 2 7:00 pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue
Tuesday, June 3 7:00 pm Our Lady of Loretto, Hicksville	

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EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

PILGRIMAGE

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



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



May 25, 2025

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

**Izabel M. Rodriguez
Baby Grace Eve Carter**

“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

**Sandy Giallorenzi + Christopher McBride
Michael Redmond + Ray Galpin
Todd Skala + Tom Dennis + Patricia Barry
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.

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
2nd 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.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

This week:

*The Altar Candles
will be lit in memory:
Peter Kwiatkoski

*The Blessed Mother Candle
will be lit in memory:
Barbara Hannett

*The St. Theresa Candle
will be lit in memory:
Anna Haines

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

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

Camper Registration



Volunteer Registration





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 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.

Last weekend, we were delighted to welcome Tess Austin back to share about her vocation and invite our support—and we were surprised and honored by a visit from Bishop John Barres!



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!

If you would like to know more about Tess's vocation journey and her work with The Labouré Society, She would love to speak with you individually. Please don't hesitate to reach out to her via email:

Tess@rescuevocations.org or by phone: (631) 972-4091.

A heartfelt thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Queen of All Hearts Council, for their generous donation in support of Tess's vocation!

YOU CAN SUPPORT TESS'S VOCATION VIA:
rescuevocations.org/aspirant/Tess-Austin



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.**





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 / 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, 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

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***



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

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, 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 and once you are ready to start volunteering look for emails from 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.

- ♦ Gently used Rubbermaid or "To-Go" containers
- ♦ Single Razors
- ♦ Shaving Cream
- ♦ Face/Wash cloths
- ♦ Socks (Men's & Women's)
- ♦ Gently used men's & women's sneakers
- ♦ Gently used t-shirts



A Message from Msgr. Walden...



"I am going to give that person a piece of my mind." When we use that expression, we are usually angry and feel like we need to retaliate. On the other hand have these words from Jesus in today's Gospel reading at Mass (John 14:23-29): "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Jesus spoke those words on His last night with the apostles at the Last Supper. The next day He experienced everything but peace. There was injustice, hatred, anger, vengeance, and spite that led to passion and death on the cross. Jesus in His love made it clear that it is not that we abstain from anger and vengeance, but that be consistent in our faithfulness to who we are as the children of God.

Reflecting on these words in today's Gospel, we come to see that it is not what we abstain from or cannot or should not say or do, but what we can say or do, especially in challenging conversations and encounters. What is the "my peace" Jesus offers to us? It is the peace that emanates from truth, humility, mercy, and unconditional love. Unconditional love is not compromising the truth but living and speaking the truth with faith, hope, and love. To experience and live this peace that Jesus so hungers to share with us, I have to accept who and what I am and who and what I am not. Jesus accepted and lived with all His heart, soul, mind, and strength who He is as our God, Savior, Brother, and Redeemer.

The first readings at Mass these past weekdays have come from the Acts of the Apostles and recount how the apostles, St. Paul, and other leaders who embraced their faith in Jesus and lived it time and time again; rose above rejection, incarceration,

beatings, and death itself to be who they were and we are all called to be as followers of Jesus Christ in the world we live in. We live in a very technological, angry, divided nation and world. Where is our hope? Are we naive and foolish to live and be sources of Jesus' goodness, love, mercy, and peace? Will we be pushovers and seen as people on the outside of those in the "mainstream"? Our quest is to come to know the life-giving presence of Jesus as all those who have gone before us in the Church have done. To seek to find the way, truth, and life anywhere else but in our faith is to find ourselves continually feeling empty, confused, and uncertain about who we are and how we can find meaning and fulfillment in our everyday lives. May we all come to the point the Blessed Virgin Mary reached when she said, "Let it be done to me as you say" (Luke 1:38). Those were not words of resignation, but words of complete love, trust, and joy.

I offer the Peace Prayer of St. Francis
for your reflection.

"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life."*

GARDEN MINISTRY

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



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



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Group Leader:
Sandra Koceja



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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 or call the Parish Office at
631.878.0009.

Knights of Columbus

BINGO

Night

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

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Flag Retirement Collection

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Collection Dates
May 24th - June 1st



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Comunidad Hispano...

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

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

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

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

Requisitos:

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

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia.

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

CASAMIENTO:

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

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

espanol@sjecm.org

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:

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.

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.

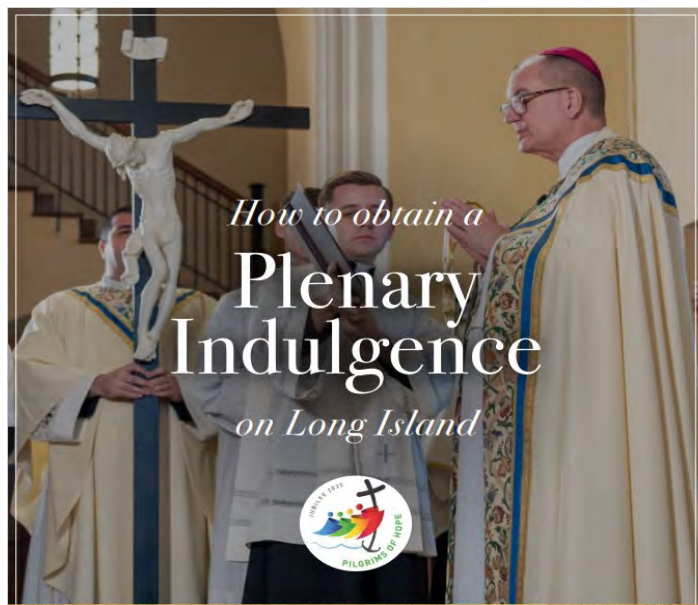
May your grace transform us into
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

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

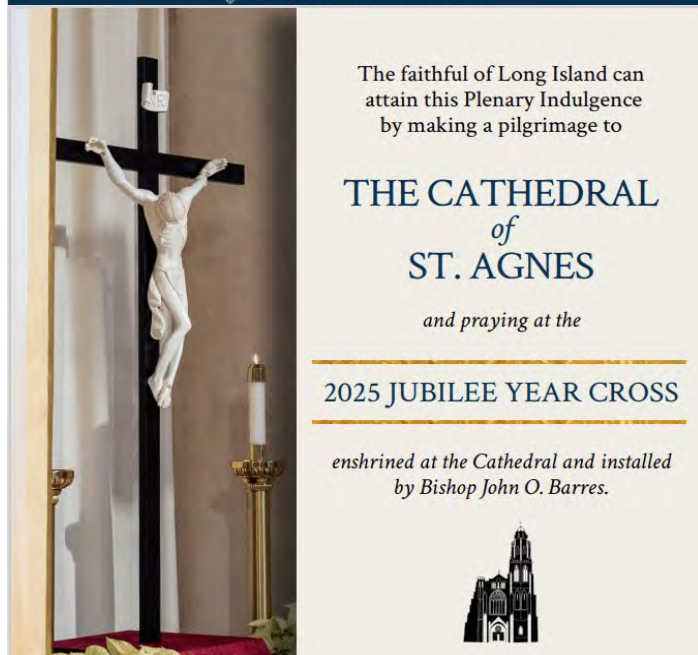
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

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

- 1 Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- 2 Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- 3 Be spiritually detached from sin
- 4 Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- 5 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



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.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 26th, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

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

Tuesday, May 27th, 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 28th, 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 29th, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

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 30th, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

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 31st, 2025

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

Sunday, June 1st, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room
BUR - Barn Upper Room
SC - Seton Chapel