# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power, his saving power"

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4



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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

## Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor

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Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

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## Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

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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.

## **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 11th

5:00 PM - Fr. Patrick 7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

(Saturday Evening 5 PM and 7:30 PM Masses will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

## Sunday, May 12th

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick 10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden 12 noon - Fr. Jerry 6:00 PM - Fr. Felix

\*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.



Mass Schedule

# A Message from the Director of Faith Formation...

The first words we hear from Jesus in the Gospel of John are: "What are you looking for?" (John 1:38). This was in response to the first disciples approaching Jesus after being sent to Him by John the Baptist. It's a question we can imagine Jesus asking each of us today. What are we looking for out of life, what are we seeking? I'm sure we can all think of many responses to that question, but there is one main answer that Jesus gives us in this week's Gospel.

As we continue with the Last Supper discourse, we hear some of the last words Jesus said to His disciples before His death and resurrection. We hear Jesus speak to the very heart of what each human being is ultimately looking for in life - love. We are challenged to see God not as a hard task master to be feared, but rather as a Father who loves us. Jesus told His disciples, and He tells us

today, "I have called you friends" (John 15:15). That friendship in Christ is vital to finding authentic love and the joy that will complete us. Jesus gives us the example: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

What does it mean to lay down one's life? Sometimes it happens in big ways, like the martyrs, giving their lives for the faith, or those who put their lives on the line to keep us safe in society. It can also apply to our every day actions, like the way parents sacrifice for their children or a person lends a hand to those in need. It may seem contradictory to find joy in sacrifice, but as Deacon Michael mentioned in his column last week, the joy that comes from Lord is a lasting peace, not a fleeting feeling. It doesn't mean we always feel happy - but rather that we can see the bigger picture through both joys and sacrifices.



In our Faith Formation program for Grades 1-6 this year, we have been focusing on growing in friendship with God through prayer. We look forward to our "Family of Faith" closing prayer services this month (May 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM mass) and are grateful for the many ways families make the faith a priority in their every day lives.

Please keep in prayer our First Holy Communion candidates, who are receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this month! You will be seeing some of them at our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses!

Our Confirmation candidates experienced Eucharistic Adoration and discussed the importance of human dignity through the Gospel story of the man born blind. Our Level 7 students will come together for our Sponsor/Candidate Night on Monday, June 3 at 7 PM in the Church, while our Level 8 students will be meeting for their final months of preparation through our "Fearless"



program this Fall!

We also look forward to Vacation Bible Camp (July 15-19). We are especially looking for adult volunteers, so if you can help, please see the sign-up information in the bulletin!

As we approach the end of another academic year, I'm so grateful for the many volunteers who make our Faith Formation program an engaging and meaningful experience for our parents and students.

-Michelle Pirraglia

# Masses for the Week...

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

10:00 AM Salvatore and Grace Rondone

12:00 Noon Mary Ellen Mitchell

6:00 PM Kristen Bigora

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday
7:00 AM Patricia Cuff

12:00 Noon Benjamin Verdeschi

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Kevin O'Brien Jr.

12:00 Noon Vincent Fiore

Wednesday, May 8th Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Margaret Candrino

12:00 PM Carol Pipito

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord

7:00 AM Marie Andolina 12:00 Noon Eileen Maier

5:00 PM (Vigil) Theresa Clauberg

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Eric Bennett 12:00 Noon Marie Bellini

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday (Day After Ascension)

8:00 AM Mary Ellen DeChellis

5:00 PM Mother's Day Novena's

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish/ Mother's Day Novena's

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena's
10:00 AM Mother's Day Novena's
12:00 Noon Mother's Day Novena's
6:00 PM Mother's Day Novena's

# Mother's Day Novena ...

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

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



Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped at the rectory office by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS  Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.				
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly	
2024	\$309,631	17	\$18,214	
2023	\$282,392	17	\$16,611	

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As of 4/23/2024	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	127	161
Total Pledged to date	\$58,585	\$60,420
Avg. Gift	\$461	\$375
Percent of Goal	51%	53%

Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! We receive back 20% of whatever is raised below the goal. If we go above the goal, we also receive 80% of all monies that are raised above the goal!

Please help us go above the goal!



## Praying For and With One Another-

## Remember

## John Kovalsky + Marta Lilian Montufar

"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

Tony Variale, Kathleen Fontaine, Christopher DeStefano, Frank Macchia, Roy Cloughen, Marion Maison, Frank O'Boyle

"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 <a href="mailto:rectory@sjecm.org">rectory@sjecm.org</a>.

## Our Military

#### **US Army**

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

## <u>US Navy</u>

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 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

#### **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

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 Stephen Hession

This week, the Sacred Heart Candle will be lit:

In Memory of Maureen Tully

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 <a href="mailto:rectory@sjecm.org">rectory@sjecm.org</a>

#### 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.

For the 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.

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SUNDAY, MAY 19th

during the 10:00 AM Mass in the Church

# Corpus Christi Procession

# Sunday, June 2nd after the 12 Noon Mass

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

Stay tuned for more details....





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## **Contact Us!**

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Rocco's Pizza and Pasta



## Spring Basket Auction & Food Extravanza

Thank you to all who came out for our Spring Basket Auction & Food Extravaganza! There were tons of prizes and plenty of delicious food. We are especially grateful to all the businesses that donated to this event, as well as those who helped organize and worked at the fundraiser.!

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the following businesses:



1 North Restaurant Corp 10th Planet Jiu-Jitsu 333 wines and liquors 365 Athletics 7-11 Medford Adventure Park Adventureland Alfredos Pizzeria All sports multi sports complex All Star Bowling Amazon **Animal Farm Petting Zoo** Ann Taylor Factory Annette Eaderesto, LLC Anthony's Pizza Aroogas Arthur's Auto Repair Athens Diner Atlantic Seafood Aurora Nail Spa Bagels 101 Bagels Your Way Bahama Breeze **Bailstone Flowers Balanced Health & Wellness** Barrila Pasteria Bay Gardens Bay Travel & Tours Reach Fitness Bella Vista Pools Inc **Belle Shears** Bernie's Family Pizza Black Rifle Coffee Company Blue Water Fish Seafood Market **Boom Burger** BR Carpentry & Framing Inc. Breakwater Yacht Club Breeze Hill Farm

Brothers Four Bryan L. Browns, Esq

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Carlos Pizza Shirley

Centereach Hyundai Centro Trattoria & Bar

Challenge Escape Rooms

Chaminade High School

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**CM Performing Arts Center** 

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Copper Crafts Country Cottage Diner Crayola Experience - Easton, PA Desmonds Dominique Delights Donatina Dr. Isamettin Aral, MD Dr. Ranghelli DDS Drifters Dunkin Donuts East End Screen Printing East End Sign Design Eastport Luncheonette Eat and Beauty Co. **Edgewater Restaurant** El Sabor del Pueblo EMN Aviation Services, Inc. **Esthetically Ever After** Flight Adventure Park Flip Flop Gymnastics Flynn O'Hara Uniform CO Forge River Nursery Fratelli's **Fun Rentals** Gabe's Automobile Repair Gallaway's Automotive Gavin's Treasures GBB Restaurant GGG-ALP LLC Gino Tiles and Services Give and Go Goldfish Swim School Governor's Comedy Club Greek Bites Grillin Villian GT Power Systems Haiku Sushi Hampton Coffee Hampton Gymnastic BD Party Hampton Maid Hampton Watercraft Hollywood Hair Salon Howard's Cafe Hurricane grill Hurricane Wings Ice Cream Cottage Instyle Barber & Beauty ISG Interior Specialites Group Island Empanada Islip Dental Associates ITA Kitchen
J & R Steakhouse JC's Restaurant Jersey Mikes Jimmi Conways Pro Shop @ Pine Hills Jim's Deli & Catering John Engeman Theater

Dan Losquadro.

Del Fiore Pork Store

Brookhaven Town Supervisor of Hwys Deer Run Farms



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La Gran Amazonia La Placita 1 La Placita a La Roma Pastry Shop Laura Zinnanti, LMT Lee Anne's Flower Shop Legoland Discovery Center **Lemon Tree Center Moriches** Lemon Tree Shirley Leovo Nails Salon & Spa I I Aviators LI Game Farm LI Ducks Lin Four Seasons Nail & Spa Long Island Aquarium Long Island Aquarium haritos Luna Mesa Macari Vineyards Macedonio & Duncan, LLP Mama Lisa Manorville Eye Mary's Pizza and Pasta Mary's Speonk Mastic Seafood Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Library MCS Calibration, Inc. Mediterranean Kitchen Meyvelin's Nail Salon Michelangelo Mid Island pizza MikadoKarver's Grille MK wine and liquor Montauk Salt Cave **Moriches Bay Diner** Moriches Dog Grooming Moriches Field Brewing Co. Mulvihill Lynch Studio of Irish Dance Nail Love NoFo Pot Pies (Cooperage Inn) Ocean Spa Old City Public House Old Fields Old Navy On the Docks Pacific Tan Painters Pan Pan Bakery Peconic Ballet Theatre

Rock Hill Rooted Hospitality Roze Family RPM Raceway Ruth Chris Steakhouse **Ruvo Restaurant** Sage Market Sal & Mikes Barber Salsa Salsa Savarona Pizza Scott Family Scott's Pointe Seasons of China Seawolves Football Seccafico Land Surveying Shaolin Self Defense Center Shirley Auto Body Shrine of Our Lady of the Island Signature Styles Smith Point Bait & Tackle Smoke and Beer Shop Snowflake Ice Cream Shoppe Sonoma Grill South Country Soccer South Paw Spirit Giant Spiritual Healings Splash Auto Spa St. Anthony's High School St. John the Baptist High School State Farm Insurance - Manorville Steve & Patti's Onofrio's Restaurant Stop 'n Shop Strandz Hair Salon Strathmore bagels Strongs Marina Suffolk Been **Suffolk Exotic Birds** Sunflower Cafe & Bakery Sunrise Sanitation Super Sport Cards Taha Diamond Cuts Tandy's Bubbles Target Tempus That Meatball Place The Adventure Park The Fish Store The Gateway
The Huntington - Boston The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark The Moriches Hospital for Animals Theater Three TJ's Hero Shop Todd S. Shapiro Assoc. Inc. True Value Uncle Giuseppe's Marketplace Unique Wines Urban Air Varney's Restaurant Villa Paul Restaurant Watermark Restaurant White Post Farm Wines by Nature



Peconic Ice Rinks

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Pennachio's

# The Office of Family Ministry invites you to join our

# Martha & Co. Ministry

(a.k.a Hospitality Ministry)

#### WHAT'S THIS MINISTRY ALL ABOUT?

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

#### WHEN?

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

#### WHO?

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

#### HOW?

To sign up please email <u>Clapham@sjecm.org</u>. Please include your name and phone number in the email.

## Faith Formation-

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

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

**NEXT SESSION:** Closing Prayer Service

Tuesday, May 14 @ 5 PM or Thursday, May 16 @ 5 PM \*NOTE: There are no sessions at 7 PM for the closing

prayer services.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 CANDIDATES

**RETREAT:** Participating in crafts, song, video presentations and more, our First Communion candidates and their families learned more about the Eucharist and being the Body of Christ in the world at our retreat on April 13. Special thanks to all our volunteers who made the retreat so special!



OFFERING: For those scheduled to receive First Holy Communion this May (2024), we have posted our First Communion offering (\$50) online. Check your email for more information. You can also scan the QR code here to make the

offering. Questions? Email us at faithformation@sjecm.org



## **CONFIRMATION PREP**

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

#### **NEXT LEVEL 7 SESSION:**

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

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

#### **NEXT LEVEL 8 SESSION:**

FALL 2024 - "FEARLESS" PROGRAM (TBA)

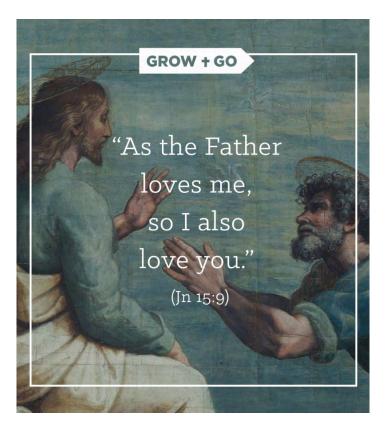


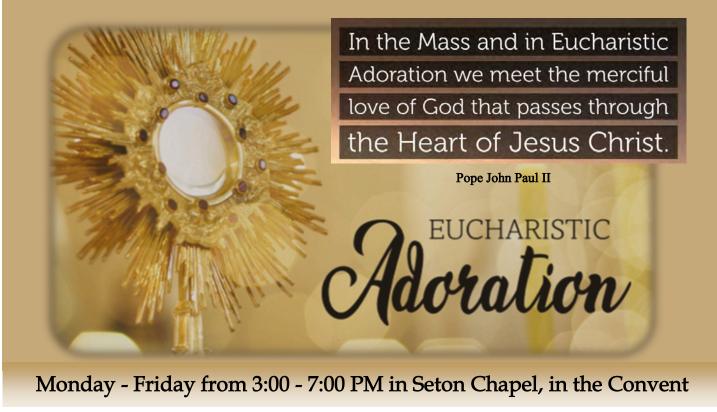


## Registration Begins In JUNE

## 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!





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 <a href="mailto:rectory@sjecm.org">rectory@sjecm.org</a> or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

## 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, meals, making hot sandwiches, or participating in our van runs, Street Ministry has a place and a job for everyone! To get started or for more information contact Victoria Paparatto at <a href="mailto:stry@sjecm.org">streetministry@sjecm.org</a>

## **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 9am and 11:30 AM when volunteers are present.

## Knights of Columbus

## Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



## Blessing and Dedication of the...

Please join the Knights of Columbus

## Blessed Michael McGivney Statue

on Saturday, May 18th

After the 5:00 PM Mass

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



## Holy Ground Garden Project

## We need you and your planting help!

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

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

If you have a spot from last year, or your looking for a spot this year... Please email <u>Garden@sjecm.org</u> or call the Rectory Office at 631-878-0009.



## 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
631-878-0009 ext. 126

## A Message from Msgr. Walden...

Many times when we hear someone described as radical, we see them as over the edge and not in the normal way of living or thinking, not in the "mainstream". Originally radical referred to preceding from or having to do with a root. In a good sense, to be radical means to be totally committed to who we are as the children of God. In His time, Jesus was considered a radical. out of step with the Jewish religion, especially from the viewpoint of the religious leaders of His time. What made Jesus a true radical in the best sense possible was His willingness and desire to share His love and mercy with us. Not even the rejection of the cross could or did extinguish His radically rooted love and mercy. In the Gospel for today's Mass (John. 15:9-17) Jesus says, "Love one another as I love you." That is a clear, simple, and straightforward call. Does it make us radicals? If our love is deeply rooted in the good of others, then we are on road to be radicals in the best sense possible.

The people who condemned Jesus and had Him crucified clearly underestimated Him and, even more, His love. Even in the clear face of rejection, hatred, and injustice, Jesus continued to live in hope and hope that His love would be seen for what it truly is - a gift that never stops seeking our true good. His is the love that is not reactive, but proactive, not dwelling on rejection or half heartedness. The question we all are invited to ponder is: How seriously do I take Jesus and His command to love as He loves us. Am I willing to forgive no matter how painful the hurt or how often it is inflicted? Am I incapable or unwilling? The fact is we underestimate ourselves and in the long run, short-change those who would benefit as well as ourselves. To love as Jesus did means we are not afraid of what others say or think. All we have to do is quietly look at Jesus hanging and loving on the Cross.

I invite you to pray Psalm 139 and reflect on Jesus' radical, deep rooted love for you and all people.

O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,

all my ways lie open to you. Before ever a word is on my tongue you know it, O Lord, through and through. Behind and before you besiege me,



your hand ever laid upon me. Too wonderful for me this knowledge, too high, beyond my reach.

O where can I go from your spirit, or where can I flee from your face? If I climb the heavens, you are there. If I lie in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn and dwell at the sea's furthest end, even there your hand would lead me, your right hand would hold me fast.

If I say: "Let the darkness hide me and the light around me be night," even darkness is not dark for you

and the night is as clear as the day.

For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and molded in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw all my actions, they were all of them written in your book; every one of my days was decreed before one of them came into being.

To me, how mysterious your thoughts, the sum of them not to be numbered!

If I count them, they are more than the sand; to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

O search me, God, and know my heart.

O test me and know my thoughts.

See that I follow not the wrong path and lead me in the path of life eternal. Glory...

Psalm Prayer: You watch over heaven and earth, Lord Jesus. Your death brought light to the dead; your resurrection gave joy to the saints; your ascension made the angels rejoice. Your power exceeds all power. Lead us to life eternal, and watch over us with your love. May your friends be filled with honour and join you in heaven.

## 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

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 <u>Garden@sjecm.org</u> o llame a la rectoría. Oficina 631-878-0009



# Healing Mass for Young Adults

Celebrated by Fr. Liam McDonald



Friday, May 17th, 2024
Adoration at 7:30 p.m.
Holy Mass begins at 8:00 p.m.

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

1 Peter 2:24

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

## Women's Group...

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

#### Dates:

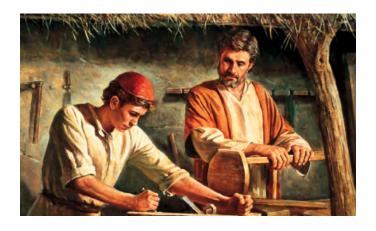
May 13, 20\*, June 10, 24 (summer break).

Dates with \* are makeup dates.

Facilitators: Carol Ketcham, Anita Luccari.

For additional information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009. Or... just show up!

## Men's Prayer Group...



## CALLING ALL MEN!

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



Discover renewed purpose and community at our vibrant Pentecost gathering

THURSDAY MAY AT 6 PM

#### YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS AGES 21-35

Adoration In Convent Chapel 6-7 p.m. St. John the Evangelist 25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches, Food, Talk and Social 7-10 p.m.





### Important DRVC Information....

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims od 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 6<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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

7 PM Divine Will - Front Mtg Rm - Auditorium

### Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous – BMR

9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop

3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – SC

### Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (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 PM Legion of Mary - BMR

7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

## Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (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 Night - Auditorium

7 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR

7 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

#### Saturday, May 11th, 2024

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

9 AM Men's Prayer Group - SC

10:30 AM Bereavement Group - BMR

### Sunday, May 12th, 2024

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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