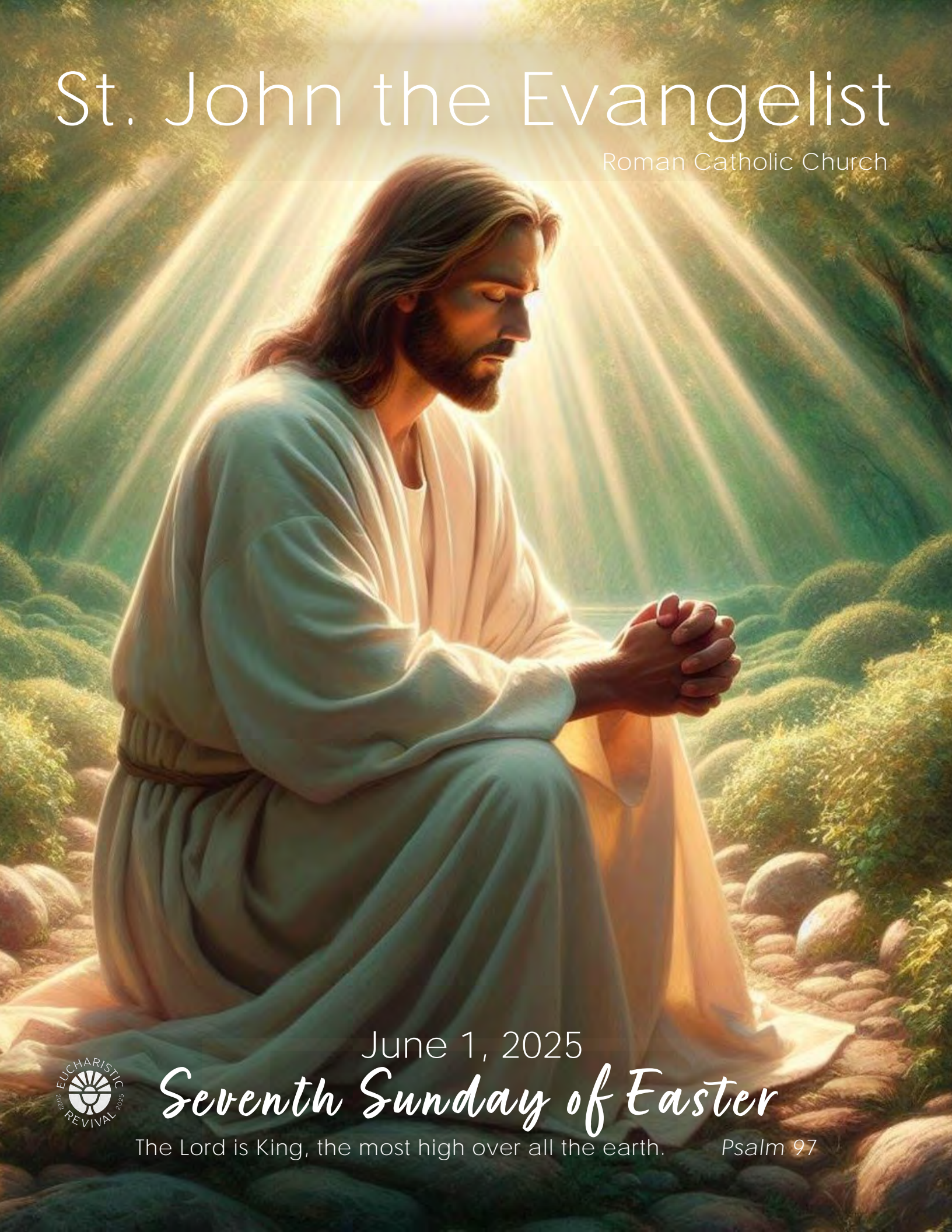


# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



June 1, 2025

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*



The Lord is King, the most high over all the earth.

Psalm 97



June 1, 2025

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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, June 7<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

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

\*Presider subject to change. Please call the Rectory or  
check SJE Social Media for latest updates.

## We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses  
Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass  
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &  
7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)  
Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM  
Confessions will take place in Our Lady's  
Chapel in the Church.

## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**  
Pastor

**Reverend Abin Panicker**  
Parochial Vicar

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

**Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**  
Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**  
Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**  
Deacon

**Michael Hoonhout**  
Deacon

**Ed Grieb**  
Deacon

**Carolyn Lapham**  
Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Heather Crayne**  
Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Katie Waller**  
Director of Operations

**Angela Werner**  
Director of Music Ministry

## Mass Schedule

## OLQA

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

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

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

## Office Hours

**Parish Office - Blue House , 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 our Pastor, Fr. Patrick ...*

## **Jesus' Universal Prayer ~ John's Gospel, Chapter 17** *Joy, Unity and Glory*

In John's gospel, all of chapter 17 is dedicated to the Lord's final prayer for His disciples of all ages. This prayer, which is unique to John alone, is also known as the Lord's Universal Prayer. Just shortly before His arrest in chapter 18, and just after His farewell address to His disciples that took place after the washing of the feet, Jesus offers this historic prayer for all of humanity. He is thinking of us and our well-being when reciting this prayer. Knowing what was in store for Him, an agonizing and shameful death, Jesus is turning to God with complete trust and faith in His love and providence for His people.

This prayer also reassures us of Jesus' complete love for us. He is turning to God in faith knowing that His hour has arrived to glorify God once and for all through His passion, death and resurrection! His prayer to God during the last supper discourse sums up His purpose in this world and His complete love and concern for humanity—that He may remain faithful to the end, and that His disciples may be swept up into God's love and be kept safe from the evil one. He prays that His disciples may live in peaceful unity with God.

Now that Jesus has revealed to His disciples in words and action all that has been given to Him by the Father, He is ready to hand over His life for our salvation. Knowing that His task is complete in revealing the fullness of God's love for humanity in His words and actions, He is now ready to glorify God through His suffering, death and resurrection—in bringing the world the forgiveness of sins, life everlasting!

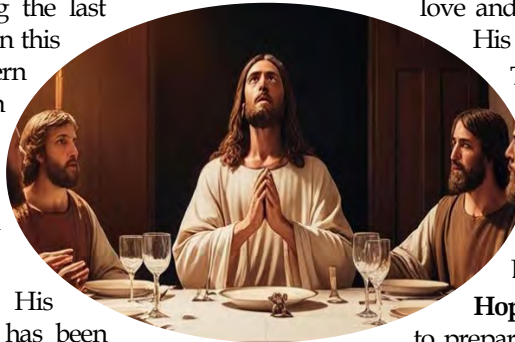
Here in John's gospel, chapter 17, Jesus prays for His disciples. He prays that they may follow in His footsteps in giving testimony to God for future generations—in revealing God's precious love for humanity. He prays that they may be one as He is one with the Father through holiness and mission. He prays for their ongoing conversion. He prays that they may be strengthened in their faith and remain obedient to God's word and commandments. He prays that they may lead others to holiness and reflect the oneness of love that exists between the Father and the Son.

In general, this universal prayer is timeless. It is as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago when Jesus was alone with His disciples in the Upper Room on that first Holy Thursday when preparing them for their hour in going forth. In actuality, this prayer is divided into three parts. The first part, Jesus is asking God that He may remain faithful to the end in glorifying Him before the entire world. The second part of this universal prayer is dedicated to His closest disciples who will share in His mission and continue the work of redemption after His ascension into heaven. He prays for their protection and willingness to remain strong in giving witness to God's word and love to all.

Finally, the third part of this prayer is dedicated to all of His disciples of all ages, including you and I, that we too may follow

in His footsteps, like His first disciples did in bearing witness to the truth. He prays for all of His disciples in every generation until the end of time that we may remain one with God in our love for Him and one another. He prays that we may never waiver away from the faith or be separated from Him and His Father.

In summary, this prayer is filled with hope and joy that comes from celebrating Easter. It is reassuring. It reminds us how Jesus cares for us and looks out for us. It reveals how God wants to share His life with us when we remain in His love. It is clear from this universal prayer that we belong to God and to God alone. It is evident just how much God wants to be a part of our lives, and how important it is for us to remain in His love and share in our Lord's mission in revealing His glory and love to others.



Today's prayer prepares us for next weekend's feast, the Feast of Pentecost, which marks the conclusion of another Easter celebration. Hopefully today's prayer will allow us to reflect more on God's saving love found in our Risen Lord who loved us to the very end.

Hopefully we will have some time this week to prepare our hearts once again to receive and be renewed in the Holy Spirit so that, together as one, we can remain one with God and help our Lord renew the face of the earth.

### **Parish Update**

Next weekend, during the Feast of Pentecost, I will have the joy of confirming 28 adults at the 5 PM mass on Saturday. I will offer the Sacrament of Confirmation to those who have prepared to be fully initiated into the life of our Universal Church. Deacon Michael has prepared these adults during these past couple of weeks to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. I am excited to be part of this special celebration here at St. John the Evangelist. In addition, next Sunday on June 8, during the Feast of Pentecost, all are welcome to participate in our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress that will be held on the grounds of St. Anthony's High School in Huntington. So much work and effort went into putting this event together.

Please see in our bulletin and on the Diocesan website about all the different activities and celebrations that will take place throughout the day. The Eucharistic Congress will conclude with mass led by our bishop, John Barres, at 4 PM. Hope you can come to this event and join in the festivities if you are able to do so. Many graces and blessings come from a Eucharistic Congress. Let us pray that this Eucharistic Congress will enkindle in us the gift of the Holy Spirit and lead us all closer to Christ and to greater conversion of heart.

Let us pray for one another that our hearts may be filled with the Holy Spirit, united as one in communion with the Father and the Son. Let us rejoice in the Lord for all that He has done!

## Masses for the Week...

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:00 PM James Patrick Hennessey

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Patricia Cuff

12:00 Noon Catherine Lake

**Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM Santo DiCioccio

12:00 PM Troy, Craig and Rebecca Freeman

**Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Special Intention - Kyle Stevens

12:00 Noon Maria and Giovanni Gusmano

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**

7:00 AM Special Intention- Bryan Stevens

12:00 Noon Henriqueta Stoffel

**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Special Intention- Ava and Chris Stevens

12:00 Noon Special Intention - Matt Stevens

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM Dolores O'Brien

5:00 PM Dina Connolly Ryan

7:30 PM (Spanish) Juan Castro

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Kristen Bigora

12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

6:00 PM Francis and Rosemary Both

## Father's Day Novena...

Enroll your loved ones in our  
**2025 Father's Day**  
Novena of Masses



Envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

Those names that are included on the envelopes will be remembered during the Father's Day Novena

Masses that begin on **Father's Day, June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$366,686	21	\$17,461
2024	\$380,732	21	\$18,130

## 2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission



As of 5/27/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	152	143
Total Pledged to date	\$66,910	\$64,325
Avg. Gift	\$440	\$450
Percent of Goal	58%	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!



Join us for a special evening of worship and spiritual renewal as part of the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival across Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

# Eucharistic Revival Night This Sunday, June 1st

St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches



# Nocturnal

## Eucharistic Adoration

*Come experience dynamic preaching, deep prayer,  
and a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.*

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\*



# Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Revival Nights

## *A Sacred Journey Across Long Island*

Beginning on **May 31<sup>st</sup>**, the *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will launch two nine-day **Eucharistic Pilgrimages** that will journey across Long Island, culminating in a grand celebration at **St. Anthony's High School** on **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**.

These pilgrimages will carry the **Holy Eucharist** in **solemn procession** through a wide array of sacred and public spaces including towns, schools, hospitals, cemeteries, and parishes. Along the way, participants will have the opportunity to engage in **Eucharistic Adoration**, the celebration of Mass, **Eucharistic Catechesis**, **Praise and Worship**, and other deeply spiritual experiences. These events aim to unite the faithful in a powerful public witness to the **Real Presence of Jesus** in the Eucharist.

The People of God are encouraged to **walk with Jesus** in the Blessed Sacrament, to pray within the designated **pilgrim churches**, and to joyfully **proclaim the Gospel** to those who witness the procession as it moves through their communities.

As a part of this spiritual movement, **Revival Nights** will also be held throughout **Nassau and Suffolk Counties** from **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** through **Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**. Each evening will include **Eucharistic Adoration**, **dynamic preaching and catechesis**, **Eucharistic processions**, and **Nocturnal Adoration**, creating an atmosphere of renewal and deepened devotion.

Together, these events form a profound diocesan effort to **rekindle Eucharistic faith and devotion**, inviting all to encounter Christ in a new and transformative way.

**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

## REVIVAL NIGHTS

**PRAY WITH JESUS. WALK WITH JESUS.**

NASSAU	SUFFOLK
<b>Saturday, May 31</b> 8:00 pm Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport	<b>Saturday, May 31</b> 7:00 pm Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Seaforth
<b>Sunday, June 1</b> 7:00 pm Maria Regina, Seaforth	<b>Sunday, June 1</b> 7:00 pm St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches
<b>Monday, June 2</b> 7:00 pm Holy Family, Hicksville	<b>Monday, June 2</b> 7:00 pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue
<b>Tuesday, June 3</b> 7:00 pm Our Lady of Loretto, Hicksville	

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## PILGRIMAGE

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

*Walk with Jesus*  
Mark your calendars for days of public witness as we walk with Jesus on the roads of Long Island.

Learn more and see the full schedule at [drvc.org/congress](http://drvc.org/congress)





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

# EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS BEHOLD 2025

with Guest Speakers:



Dr. Edward  
Sri



Father Pierre  
Toussaint, CFR



Father Jose  
Diaz



Sister Mary  
Gabriel, SV



Father Daniel  
Rivera

**PENTECOST  
SUNDAY  
JUNE 8**



**10AM-5:30PM**

Saint Anthony's  
High School,  
South Huntington



Admission is free but registration is required.

All are invited for a day of prayer, catechesis, Adoration, and Holy Mass with Bishop John O. Barres. This congress will deepen devotion and equip attendees to share the graces of the Eucharist through inspiring talks, witness testimonies, worship, fellowship, and the culmination of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

**For registration, schedule,  
and more details, visit:**

**[www.drvc.org/congress](http://www.drvc.org/congress)**



June 1, 2025

# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Helen Browne + Gerald Bartone

Robert Dunn + Richard Tully Sr.

“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 + Tom Dennis

Ray Galpin + Tom Dennis + Patricia Barry

Eileen DeRicco + Peter Angelo

Brooke-Ashley Reyes and her unborn twins

*“In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials...”*  
-1 Peter 1:6

If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

## Our Military

### US Marine Corps

LC Michael Abbatiello  
CPL Evan Berkemeyer  
PFC Sean Brady  
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II  
SGT Quentin Montemarano  
PVT Charles O'Connor  
E-1 Christian Raeihle  
PFC Kyle Toscanini  
2<sup>nd</sup> LT Christopher Walther

### US Army

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

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

### US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello  
MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr  
STGCS Brian Holzmacher  
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr  
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera  
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero  
SR Thomas Taylor III  
SR Jack Patrick Walsh  
SR Michael Paduana

### US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello  
SSGT David Giese  
SSGT Jason M Hermes  
PFC Kyle Kerstiens  
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens  
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens  
SrA Jared T. Rosato  
LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza  
SSGT William E. McCauley II  
1st Lt. Claire McGrath

If you wish to place someone on the Military prayer list, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

*The Deceased Members of the Norton 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 \$200 is requested.

### Votive Candles/Altar Candles

A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful statues in our church. You may have a particular devotion to one of these saints. These candles are next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection. **Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.**

*SJE offers a number of ways to remember loved ones, or honor someone living.*

To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)



# Come embark on an unforgettable Adventure at St. John the Evangelist 2025 Vacation Bible Camp....



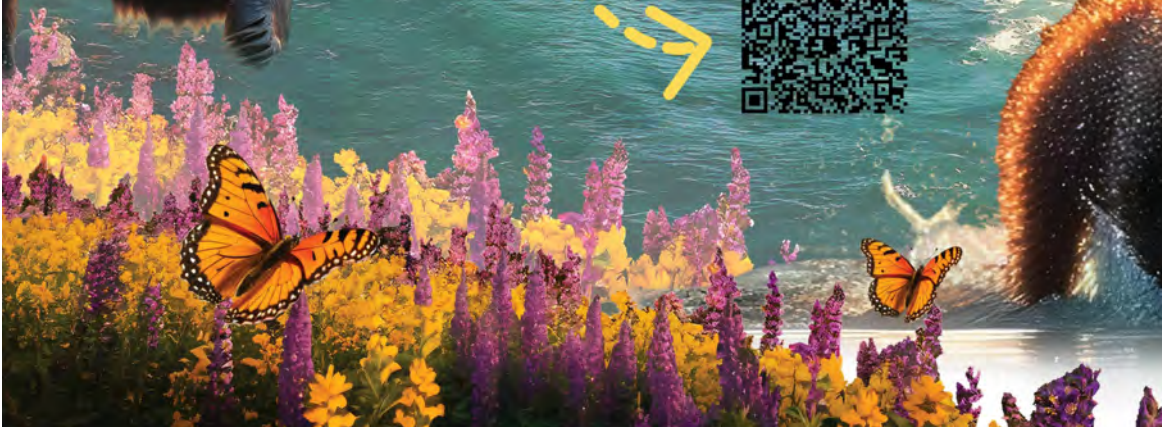
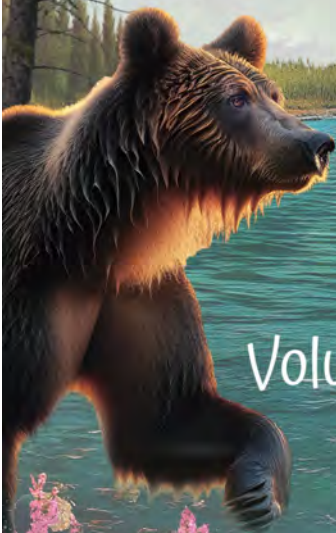
## July 14th - July 18th

To register Scan the QR code or  
visit the parish webiste [SJEcm.org](http://SJEcm.org)

### Camper Registration



### Volunteer Registration





# FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5

Faith Formation Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>Email: [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) + [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)

Office Hours: By Appointment Only (Mon-Thu)

We wrapped up our year of studying the Apostles Creed with our "Family of Faith" (Grades 1-6) families last month with a special prayer service, with Deacon Michael presiding. We look forward to receiving the students' summer projects! (See our website - [sjecmff.blogspot.com](https://sjecmff.blogspot.com) for more information.)



## 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

### 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 the next few weeks, when we should have our Confirmation date as well as our "Fearless" Fall Prep Program calendar available!*

### "Family of Faith"

*Thank you to those who already turned their summer "masterpieces"!  
 Registration for the next academic year will begin soon! See you at Mass!*





June 1, 2025

# Early Childhood Pre-K Program (Ages 3 & 4) Full-Day & Half-Day Classes Available!

## Registration Is Open!

SCHEDULE A TOUR:  
SCAN THE QR CODE

BELOW OR CALL  
631-878-1033



VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE:

**OLQANY.ORG**



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CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934



## CHECK OUT OUR FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE!

[sjecmff.blogspot.com](http://sjecmff.blogspot.com)

# Registration Begins June 2025!

### Fast Facts:

- St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth, **beginning in**
- **FIRST GRADE**, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments.
- Information on our registration process & programs will be available on our website in June!
- If your child was not baptized here at SJE, we will need a copy of the child's baptismal certificate (or a copy of their birth certificate if they were not baptized).



### Help Wanted: Can You Give Back?

*Interested? Contact Michelle at  
631-878-0009, ext. 123 or via email  
at [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)*

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!





A photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, a shovel with a wooden handle and a metal blade is stuck in the soil. To the right, there are several potted plants, including a tall green plant in a black pot, a purple pansy in a grey pot, and a cluster of purple and yellow pansies. A small terracotta pot is tipped over, spilling small white and yellow seeds. The background is a soft-focus garden with green foliage.

Join SJE Holy  
Grounds Ministry

# There's still room for more helping hands

*Thank you to those who have already reached out—we're so grateful for your willingness to help care for our parish grounds!*

We're still looking for more families, ministries, and individuals to join this joyful effort. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just looking for a meaningful way to serve, there's a spot waiting for you!

- If you cared for a spot last year and would like to keep it, you must contact us to confirm before beginning any planting.
- If you're new or would like to take over a garden area, we'd love to hear from you.
- All volunteers must contact the parish office or email [garden@sjecm.org](mailto:garden@sjecm.org) before doing any planting.

This helps us assign areas properly and ensure the whole parish is beautifully cared for.

*Let's grow something beautiful together — in faith, in service, and in love for our parish home.*





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Catholic  
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2025-26**



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- ✓ -Small, Individualized Educational Program
- ✓ -Special Education Program
- ✓ -Before & After Care
- ✓ -Financial Aid
- ✓ AND MORE...

## Get IN Touch



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# Baby Bottles...

Dear Rev. Patrick Riegger,

On behalf of the Life Center of Long Island, I would like to thank the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist for participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign. I am pleased to share that the campaign raised over **\$12,780!**

This generosity allows the Life Center to continue to flourish and provide the services needed by so many each year, including those from our community. Thank you for bringing hope, healing, and new life to those mothers and fathers in the midst of an unexpected pregnancy.

In the past two years, the Life Center has saved **92 babies'** lives and distributed the equivalent of over **1.2 million dollars** of essential baby needs such as diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, car seats, etc. We are supporting these families with free material aid until their children reach two years of age, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners.

A special note of gratitude to Maria Sikora for her faithful dedication to upholding the dignity of Life. We would not have had the successful campaign that we had without her hard work and commitment.

We would welcome the opportunity to invite you and any parishioners who might be interested in a personal tour of our Massapequa Center. Please call us to schedule a visit at your earliest convenience.

~For All God's Children,  
Gloria Schrieber, Chief Executive Officer



Members of St. John the Evangelist's Legion of Mary gathered last week to celebrate Denise Mirando as she made her Active Membership Promise.

Founded in Dublin, Ireland in 1921, the Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church. Its members commit themselves to prayer, spiritual formation, and active service, including visiting the sick and homebound, evangelizing, and supporting parish life. Each local group, or praesidium, meets weekly for prayer and planning. Members commit to weekly apostolic work, such as visiting the sick, the homebound, and supporting parish ministries. Guided by a strong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Legion seeks to bring Christ to others through word and action and is dedicated to the spiritual and social welfare of individuals and the life of the Church.

Those interested in becoming members of our parish Legion of Mary are encouraged to contact the parish office for more information.



# PARISH SOCIAL 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:

- ☐ Mayo
- ☐ Syrup
- ☐ Ketchup
- ☐ Mustard
- ☐ Oatmeal
- ☐ Hot Sauce
- ☐ Pancake Mix
- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Cake Mix and Icing
- ☐ Bags of Red Beans
- ☐ Bags of Black Beans
- ☐ Small Bags of White Rice
- ☐ Small bottles of Cooking Oil

## THRIFT SHOP

Open Wednesdays from 9 AM - 12 Noon

Please visit our shop! You'll see new and lots of gently used clothes, shoes, pocketbooks, jewelry, housewares and many 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 which can be left in the green bins in the school parking lot, in front of our shop. *We gently urge you to donate on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9 - 11 AM.*

Thank you! It's a great way to organize your home and give back to our Parish community at the same time!

## Street Ministry

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](mailto:socialministry@sjecm.org) and once you are ready to start volunteering look for emails from [StreetMinistry@sjecm.org](mailto:StreetMinistry@sjecm.org) to sign up in your area of interest. Thank you for considering this vital opportunity to serve! We hope to hear from you! We are tremendously grateful for all our volunteers and the donations we receive; both allow us to continue to do this work every week.

## Street Ministry Shopping List

Below is a list of items that are needed for Street Ministry. Please leave donations in the box by the doors of the Church.

- ♦ 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





## May Crowning...



## Safe Environment...

All **volunteers** and employees at SJE are **required** to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the VIRTUS classes by visiting [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) or clicking here:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>



**SJE will be offering a training.... Monday, June 9th at 6:30 PM**

All **SJE volunteers must** wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly bulletin updates. (Be sure to check your “spam” or “Junk” folder.)

### PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

The dedicated telephone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse (516-694-9063) continues to be available. If the caller does not reach someone directly, messages can be left on an answering machine connected to the phone. Those messages will be retrieved by a member of the Intervention Team and returned as soon as possible. All appropriate steps will be taken to protect the reputation and privacy of those involved. For more information on the Charter for the Protection of Children / Young People, please visit [drvc.org](http://drvc.org).



## A Message from Msgr. Walden...

There are many gifts we receive and give in the course of our lives. More than any physical gift, the most valuable gift is the gift of love. We are loved not because we are perfect but because our presence brings out joy and the best of those who love us. Our first experience of love is from our parents who are wholeheartedly grateful for our presence in their lives. We will always be their sons and daughters no matter how old we are. Then there is the gift of each other in the sacred bond of marriage. As we mature and grow in our ability to love, we become grateful not only for the love others have for us, but we become grateful for the opportunity to love others in return. We are always grateful for gifts and there is no greater gift than the love we give and receive from the depths of our human hearts.

In the Gospel for today's Mass (John 17:20-26), we see Jesus concluding His remarks at the Last Supper with words of pure love for His apostles and us. How can they and we not be overwhelmed, amazed, and humbled by these words Jesus speaks in this passage to the apostles and in turn apply to each one of us: "Father, they are your gift to me." Those present would soon run away from Jesus when He was arrested, condemned, and crucified. In a matter of hours after hearing Jesus pray this prayer of thanks for the opportunity to love them and the gift they were to Him, Peter would three times deny he knew Jesus or was associated with Him. Yet Jesus prayed that prayer with all sincerity and pure, unconditional love. Love can never be earned or deserved; it is a pure gift. How almost unbelievable that Jesus' love transcends human weakness, ignorance, and lack of acceptance, gratitude, and reciprocity. Living and seeking to love only on a human level impedes our ability to accept and embrace the love of Jesus personally. But He never gives up. After His resurrection, He came back to the apostles and many others to assure them of their presence in His mind and heart as they were. Embracing His heart-felt presence and words, they responded by living and sharing His love and so here we are today.

Those we love are never a duty or obligation to be fulfilled. Jesus' love not only enriches and redeems us, it opens our minds and hearts to the wonder and joy of living fully in the image in which we have been created, the image and likeness of God Himself. How truly grateful we are when we see all those God puts into our lives with us as gifts! Our love becomes fully mature and divinely founded when we are simply joyful and grateful to reach out with our words, deeds, and presence to all God entrusts to our care everyday. Our love cannot cure every disease or solve every problem, but it will be life-giving, enriching, and a source of gratitude, inspiration and life. May we all live the words of Jesus to us in the people we encounter and walk the journey of life with everyday: "Father, they are your gift to me."

I offer Psalm 139 for our prayerful consideration.

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 honor and join you in heaven.





# Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament  
at  
St. John the Evangelist

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

Please consider offering one hour per week  
before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.  
On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy  
Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM.  
All are invited to pray for our Shepherds. Please  
consider offering one hour per week before the  
Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you can be present for a specific hour, email  
[rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at  
631.878.0009.

Knights of Columbus

# BINGO

## Night

Every Friday  
Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.  
Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.  
**\$3000 IN PRIZES**  
SJE Parish Auditorium

Queen of All Hearts Council 4126

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

# Flag Retirement Collection

Drop off Location  
**Church Fellowship Area**

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



# Knights of Columbus®



## Comunidad Hispano...

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

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

### MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

#### **BAUTISMO:**

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

#### **Requisitos:**

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

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia.

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

#### **CASAMIENTO:**

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

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

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

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

#### **¡Dejanos ayudarte!**

#### **DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE**

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 7:30 PM

Jueves 3:00 PM a las 4:00 PM.

#### **TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO**

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

#### **COMIDA COMUNITARIA**

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM  
auditorio de la escuela

#### **MINISTERIO DE CALLE**

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley  
7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para quienes lo necesiten. Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

## Women's Group...

Join us as we read, learn, and share life's experiences in a welcoming, open group. No commitment required - come when you can! You don't have to share or read aloud, and everything is confidential. We respect each other and are here for support. Bring a friend!

This year, we are reading "The Sanctifier" by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, exploring how the gifts of the Holy Spirit lead us to holiness. Our discussions often provide clarity and comfort, especially as we relate the lessons to our own lives. The book is provided.

We meet every other Monday from 10:00-11:30 AM in the white house between the school and rectory, ending in time for 12:00 Mass if you'd like.

#### **Dates:**

**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.

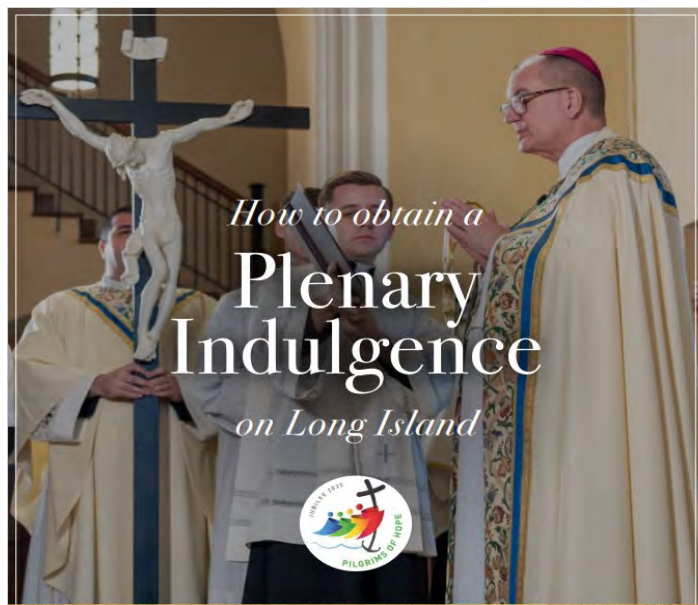
May your grace transform us into  
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

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

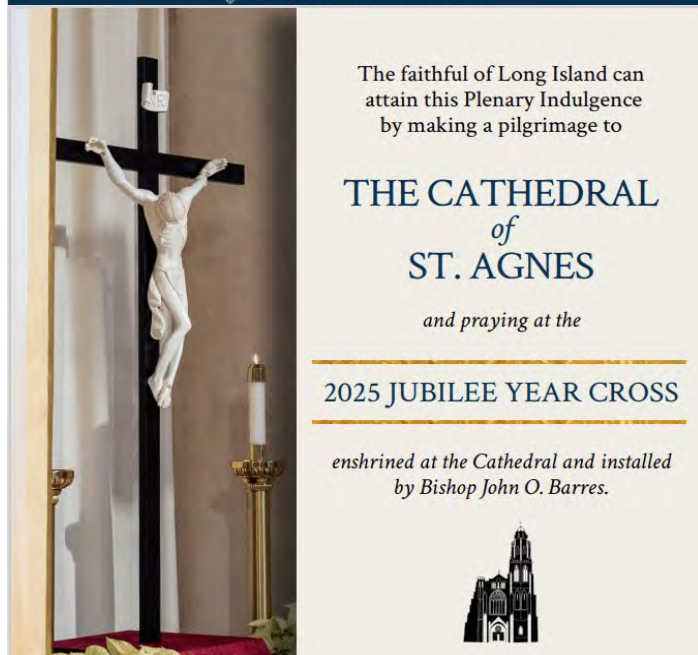
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

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

- Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- Be spiritually detached from sin
- Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

"This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord."

POPE FRANCIS





## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

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

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

# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
7:00 PM Divine Will

## Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

## Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC  
4:00 PM Legion of Mary - BMR  
7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

## Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC  
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus - BINGO  
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR  
7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

## Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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