

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek Psalm 110



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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.

Mass Schedule

Confession Schedule

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 28th

5:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, June 29th

8:00 AM - Fr. Francis

10:00 AM - Fr. Charline

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

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.*

A Reflection from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...

The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Today's feast, the Feast of Corpus Christi (the precious Body and Blood of Christ), is a special feast indeed because it reminds us of how generous and how near Jesus is to us. If Jesus is not present in the Eucharist, then there is no life in the Church; Jesus is not risen, and He is not alive in our world today. However, because He is alive and risen, He is truly present to us through the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our lives. The Eucharist is everything. It is the cornerstone of our faith. It is God's greatest gift to humanity. It is the reason why we go to church, to receive Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament! It is the heartbeat of the Church since its institution. To think that the Eucharist is being celebrated around the world at any given time is truly miraculous and encouraging. It reminds us how ever-present Jesus is to all. It signifies the reality behind this sacrament that Jesus is alive and risen in all corners of the world. Talk about the richness and power behind our faith!

Since the Last Supper, the New Passover in the Upper Room on that first Holy Thursday, we as a Church have been celebrating this sacrament for nearly 2000 years. Each time the priest becomes another Christ during the words of consecration, he breathes life into the hosts and chalice with the grace that comes from the Holy Spirit! Even though the appearance of bread and wine remain the same, in substance it becomes the true Body and Blood of Christ through the words of consecration. This celebration brings life into our hearts and our world. Life with Christ!

As the Second Vatican Council taught, "Really partaking of the body of the Lord in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, we are taken up into communion with Him and with one another." (Lumen Gentium 7) "Communion—with Christ! And that communion received in faith and founded on grace changes us. It fills us with divine love and divine grace. It transforms us so that we can become more like Jesus" (Word Among Us, June 2, 2024). **Venerable Fulton Sheen says** when speaking of the Eucharist: "the greatest love story of all time is found in a tiny white host."

In truth, it is not Disneyland - a land of make-believe - when we attend mass. Instead, what takes place each time we come to sacred liturgy is a great encounter with God! We encounter the Lord of History and Redemption. We encounter the Risen Lord! In reality, we encounter Jesus in mind, body, soul, and divinity. We recognize the Lord in the breaking of the bread. Since the institution of the Eucharist in the Upper Room on that first Holy Thursday, the world can rejoice in the Lord. We can share in the fullness of God's life found in Jesus. It is the Eucharist that unites us as one and keeps us close and connected to the

Lord. It is our lifeline. It is our faith and participation in the Eucharist that saves us and reassures us of God's great love for us. It is what gives us meaning and purpose in life. Without the Eucharist, the Church is dead and there is no eternal life. Our faith in Christ is in vain. Yet because God was faithful to His promise, we now have life eternal with Christ. We have true food for the journey.

All that Jesus wanted for us is that we share in His life, death and resurrection; that we remain one with God as He and the Father are one (JN 17); that we remain in His love and stay connected to one another through this precious gift that brings us eternal life. It is the Eucharist that brings us joy in the Lord and strengthens our hope. **Pope Benedict XVI once said** that bread that is broken signifies our Lord's great desire to be one with us. Through the bread that is broken, we can now share and participate in God's life when we receive the Lord in faith. We are healed and strengthened by our hope. We are made new and whole again. **During this great solemnity,** let us be renewed and strengthened in our faith, knowing that Jesus is the fulfillment of all our hopes and longings, and that through the Eucharist, we can experience new life with Christ!

PARISH UPDATE

As you may be aware already, Fr. Abin Panicker, who joined us at the end of July last summer, is moving on to our Lady of Mercy this Wednesday to join with his religious community in serving the people of Hicksville. Fr. Abin has been a pleasure to serve with during this past year. It is always wonderful to hear from so many of you what a kind, loving and prayerful priest Fr. Abin is.

I was informed by the Bishop's Office that Fr. Charline Vendredy will be coming here to replace Fr. Abin. Msgr. Walden and I briefly met with Fr. Charline a few weeks ago. It was so nice to meet him. He looks forward to joining our parish family this week when he arrives on June 25th.

In addition, Fr. Francis Lasrado, my former associate from Infant Jesus in Port Jefferson, will be retiring at the end of June. He will also be joining us this week. He will live in residence here at St. John's and is excited to become a big part of our parish family. Fr. Francis will take some time off this summer shortly after his arrival on June 25th and will become very active in our parish life beginning in mid-August. Please join me and the entire pastoral team in wishing Fr. Abin well in his new assignment, and welcoming Fr. Charline and Fr. Francis to St. John the Evangelist.

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, June 21st Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

5:00 PM John Robert Klaus IV

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, June 22nd The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8:00 AM Marge and Charles Peters

10:00 AM Alfred Augustus Mitchell

12:00 Noon Trudy Norton

6:00 PM Patrick Johnson

Monday, June 23rd Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the DeFillipi Family

12:00 Noon Special Intention - Bryan Stevens

Tuesday, June 24th The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 AM Christopher Bowman

12:00 PM Joseph W. Horodyski Jr.

Wednesday, June 25th Weekday

7:00 AM Virginia O'Sullivan

12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

Thursday, June 26th Weekday

7:00 AM Gwen DiMiceli

12:00 Noon Joseph W. Horodyski Jr.

Friday, June 27th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 AM John Michael Jiranek

12:00 Noon John Fitzpatrick

Saturday, June 28th Weekday

8:00 AM Catherine Carlson

5:00 PM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, June 29th Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00 AM Marie Salomone

10:00 AM Marge Peters

12:00 Noon Nicole Salera

6:00 PM John Fitzpatrick

Annual Summer Appeal

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our annual
summer
appeal!**

You can make a donation by using the QR code below. Thank you for your generous support!



PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$422,346	24	\$17,598
2024	\$437,348	24	\$18,223

2025

**Please help us
reach our goal!**

Catholic Ministries Appeal
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As of 6/17/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	161	166
Total Pledged to date	\$69,795	\$71,460
Avg. Gift	\$434	\$430
Percent of Goal	61%	62%

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!

Welcome, Fr. Charlince Vendredy ...

A Ministry Journey

I was born in the Southwestern part of Haiti. I am the youngest of six children in my family. I was **ordained a priest on November 26, 2007**. In 2012, I received the blessing of continuing my mission in the U.S. from my bishop back home. In October 2013, I arrived on Long Island and began my service as Associate Pastor at St Boniface Church in Elmont, NY.

From January 2015 to April 2016, Bishop William Murphy assigned me to serve at Blessed Sacrament in Valley Stream.

During my first assignments in the Diocese from **October 2013 to June 2018**, I served the **American and Haitian** communities at Saint Boniface Church. In Elmont, on Sundays, I usually celebrated Haitian mass for the Haitian Community, and on weekdays, I said a few masses in English. I accompanied the groups and also established a Bible class twice a month.

From January 2015 to April 2016, I shared my duties with the people of **Blessed Sacrament Parish in Valley Stream** as a part-time Associate Pastor. Like I did when I was in Elmont, I celebrated Mass in English, administered the sacraments, and served people.

On **May 1, 2015**, I became the **Spiritual Moderator** of the Haitian American Charismatic Prayer Group for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. This was a great experience. The Haitian Apostolate has existed since the foundation of the Haitian Community in the mid-1990s. There were the Prayer Groups; however, they were not organized. As their spiritual leader, I planned two major events. At the end of the liturgical year, we had a day of pilgrimage, prayer, and socialization with all groups at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island; and to conclude the academic year, we had a Recollection Day of "Revival".

In **June 2018**, I was assigned as Associate Pastor at St. Anne's Parish in Brentwood, NY. At St Anne's parish, besides my spiritual accompaniment to the parishioners, I also helped at the Food Pantry when COVID struck.

The Parish Outreach received some donations (food and others), even though we could not gather in large numbers,

but we were able to assist a lot of families at a very critical moment. To me, this was a great opportunity to continue living my ministry as a priest. And it was at St Anne's that I started celebrating Mass in Spanish. Once in a while, I said Mass also for the Neocatechumen Group.

In **August 2020**, Bishop John O. Barres appointed me as Associate Pastor at St Joseph the Worker Church in East Patchogue, NY. I worked with the youth group. I sometimes played soccer with them on Fridays. I was glad to encounter the Knights. It was there that I became a member. In **June 2022**, I became Administrator at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal in Wyandanch, NY. At OLMM, I helped people build a strong spiritual life. I also did some work. When I arrived in Wyandanch, I realized that the facility needed to change. I brought the matter to people. We collected money. We fenced the property. We also built a Grotto, another space people could stop by to pray and worship.

On **May 11, 2024**, I graduated with a "Master of Arts in Ministry" at the College of St Benedict and St John University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

I am glad to be now at **St John the Evangelist** in Center Moriches. I pray that God will continue to cover me with His Holy Spirit so that I may accomplish the mission according to His will for the salvation and the good of His children. My new assignment is to serve here at St John the Evangelist, and I am looking forward to working with everyone. I will be relying on the cooperation and support of all the faithful of St. John's Parish to work and build a strong, vibrant, and unified community for the good of God's service and his people.



Rev. Charlince Vendredy



June 22, 2025

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Joseph Loguercio

“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

**William Hope + Carol Theisen
Eileen DeRicco + Pat Procopio
Brooke-Ashley Reyes and her 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.

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

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US Navy

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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

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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 June has been donated in memory of:

The Deceased Members of the Norton Family

This week, the St. Gerard Majella candle will be lit in honor of:

Baby Gough

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

Parting with Gratitude ...

Dear Beloved Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist,
Peace and blessings to each of you.

As I prepare to begin a new chapter of my priestly ministry, I write to you with a heart full of gratitude, reflection, and yes—a little bit of sadness too. After a grace-filled year here at St. John's, I have been asked to serve at Our Lady of Mercy R.C. Church in Hicksville. While I look forward to what lies ahead, I will truly miss the warmth, faith, and friendship I found among you in Center Moriches.

It has been a joy and a privilege to walk with you in faith—through the sacraments, in prayer, in moments of laughter, and even in times of quiet struggle. You welcomed me with open arms, and for that, I will always be grateful. **You cared for me and loved me as your best**, and I cannot thank you enough for the way you made me feel at home from the very beginning.

A very special word of thanks to Fr. Patrick, our pastor, for his leadership, kindness, and fraternal support. Special thanks to Msgr. Walden, who guided me from day one, in liturgy and even accompanied me and negotiated for me my first American car. His wisdom, humor, and generosity meant more than I can say. And of course, a shoutout to Fr. Jerry, who always kept things lively. I'll miss his warm smile and endless humor—it was a gift to serve alongside him.

To the entire SJE pastoral staff and all those serving in the various ministry offices—thank you for welcoming me not just as a fellow minister, but as a friend and a brother. Your dedication, support, and spirit of service have been a constant source of inspiration. It has been a blessing to work alongside you in building up the Body of Christ.

Though I am moving on, this is not goodbye forever. I hope to see you again whether at special occasions, parish events, or just around Long Island. And please, feel free to write to me at my new parish:

Our Lady of Mercy R.C. Church
500 South Oyster Bay Road
Hicksville, NY 11801

I'd truly love to hear from you!

Thank you, dear ones, for sharing your lives, your stories, and your faith with me. You will always remain in my heart and prayers—please keep me in yours as well. With deep gratitude and love in Christ,

+Fr. Abin Panicker

A Year of Blessings, A Lifetime of Thanks





Congratulations to our First Communicants



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| ✿ Sophia Abbenante | ✿ Emily Gassick | ✿ Paolo Mussi |
| ✿ Michelle Alvarado Oliva | ✿ Christian Giglio | ✿ Jacob Nason |
| ✿ Kourtney Alvarez Calle | ✿ Jameson Gorman | ✿ Anastasia Newton |
| ✿ Brian Roberto Alvarez Majano | ✿ Atlas Gough | ✿ Juliette Onorato |
| ✿ Stephany Alvarez Majano | ✿ Cruz Griego | ✿ Mason Onorato |
| ✿ Carmine Amendola | ✿ Jax Griego | ✿ Allison Palmer |
| ✿ Elizabeth Anderson | ✿ Mia Guaman | ✿ Shay Pamatat |
| ✿ Ethan Anderson | ✿ Brooke Hille | ✿ Joseph Petruzzi |
| ✿ Geiny Andrade Hernandez | ✿ Priscilla Huarca | ✿ Ari Picca |
| ✿ Logan Argiento | ✿ Thea Hurley | ✿ Boris Antonio Portillo |
| ✿ Cadence Baierwalter | ✿ Ellie Jacobellis | ✿ Avarose Raccuglia |
| ✿ Sofia Balcells | ✿ Reese Jayne | ✿ Emily Ramsamooj Lopez |
| ✿ Marie Balzano | ✿ Greyson Jennings | ✿ Nathalie Ramsamooj |
| ✿ Jayden Banegas | ✿ Matías Jimenez Barbosa | ✿ Stephanie Ramsamooj |
| ✿ Aaron Berberich | ✿ Knox Jimenez | ✿ Brielle Rebecchi |
| ✿ Amalia Bissett | ✿ Isla Johnson | ✿ Kamryn Rego |
| ✿ Maribelle Buckley | ✿ Owen Kirk | ✿ Kayla Rego |
| ✿ Lyla Caliendo | ✿ Anderson Kleban | ✿ Preston Rego |
| ✿ Emma Calisto | ✿ Patrick Kroll | ✿ Reign Roberts |
| ✿ Joseph Caluori, Jr. | ✿ John Thomas Leavy | ✿ Viviana Rodriguez |
| ✿ Hannah Camaro | ✿ Alexander Lee | ✿ Sofia Russell |
| ✿ Hope Cameron | ✿ Annalise Limon | ✿ Matthew Sarmiento |
| ✿ Junior Ariel Canayuyo-Sillagana | ✿ Talia Lombardi | ✿ Mason Scarborough |
| ✿ Charlotte Cannarelli | ✿ Leah Lombardo | ✿ Kayden Philip Schipf |
| ✿ Keyla Castro-Tapia | ✿ Nicholas Lopez | ✿ Trevor Schloesser |
| ✿ Noelle Catanzaro | ✿ Julian Lozowsky | ✿ Gerard Anthony Sears, Jr. |
| ✿ Penelope Catanzaro | ✿ Theola Frances Madsen | ✿ Camila Sinchi |
| ✿ Chase Chambers | ✿ Genevieve Maklary | ✿ Kristine Sinchi |
| ✿ Penelope Clerico | ✿ Isabella Maklary | ✿ Mia Siniscalchi |
| ✿ Scarlett Clerico | ✿ Joseph Maldonado | ✿ Madelyn Smith |
| ✿ Ashley Cochancela Parra | ✿ Patrick Manning | ✿ Savannah Smith |
| ✿ Thiago Cochancela Parra | ✿ Patrick McCauley | ✿ Brayden Sparks |
| ✿ Isabella Collazo | ✿ Graham McConnell | ✿ Ryleigh Sparks |
| ✿ Anderson Cruz | ✿ Emily McGarrigle | ✿ Brayden Stazzone |
| ✿ Oliver D'Amato | ✿ Declan McKenna | ✿ Abigail Tarlantino |
| ✿ Kailani Darjania | ✿ Quinn Meyer | ✿ Sophia Teason |
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| ✿ Adrian Duran Collado | ✿ Jake Montpetit | ✿ Zachary Tucker |
| ✿ Alyssa Duran | ✿ Kenley Montpetit | ✿ Paula Uyaguari Castro |
| ✿ Kellan Evans | ✿ Leilani Moreno-Suarez | ✿ Bryan Villalta Garcia |
| ✿ Cecilia Famiglietti | ✿ Giuseppe Morrone | ✿ BillieRae Vosilla |
| ✿ Gabriella Ferone | ✿ Michael Morrone | ✿ Jackson Wisniewski |
| ✿ Ava Lynn Ferraro | ✿ Annalee Moyson | ✿ Madelyn Zambardino |
| ✿ Jaxon Flores | ✿ Olivia Mucerino | |





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Special Collection...

The will be a Special Collection after communion during all the masses next weekend, **June 28th & 29th** to support Hope House Ministries.



The Mission of Hope House Ministries is founded in the spirit of St. Louis de Montfort, who had a commitment to the poor and the courage to do what no one else had the courage to do.
Thank you for your generous support!



Did you know that our new Baptism Program is up and running?

Here at St. John's we redesigned our Baptism Preparation program in January 2025. We wanted our program to be warm and welcoming, so we have included more interpersonal communication and multiple opportunities for families to come to St. John's prior to the day of Baptism. Our mission is to make St. John's every family's home away from home, where we come together to worship our Almighty God, to learn about our amazing Catholic faith, to dive deeper in our personal relationship with Jesus and grow together as a parish family accepting, loving, supporting and serving each other, our local community and beyond. Our Baptism preparation program now includes the following components:

- * Registration into the parish as a family
- * Complete the online Baptism registration for the child who is to be Baptized
- * Attend an in-person Baptism Preparation class
- * Complete the online Baptism Belonging video course
- * Submit all required paperwork

When all requirements have been met, meet with a member of the Baptism Ministry to schedule a date for Baptism.

Bereavement Support...

Grieving is a natural process each of us goes through after the death of a loved one. While no one can take away our sadness, others can help by listening and caring. Sharing our feelings with others who have experienced the death of a loved one help many people begin the healing process.

*Grief never ends but it changes.
It is a passage,
not a place to stay.
It is not a sign of weakness,
nor a lack of faith.
Grief is the price of love.*

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon
First floor meeting room in the Barn.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at
631.878.0009 or via email at
Rectory@sjecm.org
\$10 donation for the workbook.

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

Moms on the Journey



Our Moms on the Journey ministry partnered with our Parish Social Ministry Office to put together “Going Off to College” gift packs for local graduates who are part of the Butterfly Project. The [Butterfly Effect Project](#) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to “create safe spaces for girls to dream and succeed.” Not only did these amazing moms put together beautiful gifts for the girls, but they also wrote the girls personal letters of encouragement and made the committed to pray for that girl for the next year! Check out these Moms as Mentors! Our next Moms on the Journey gathering will be held on **Wednesday, June 25th at 7:00 PM** in the Upper Room of the Barn. All moms are invited to grow in faith, fellowship and fun!



Our Family Life Ministry participated in the [SJE Holy Grounds Project](#) by weeding, planting and adding mulch to the gardens around the Parish Office. These awesome ladies not only have beautiful hearts, they also have green thumbs and they used both to help care for our parish grounds. Check out their joy-filled handiwork!



June 22, 2025

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

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CHECK OUT OUR FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE!

sjecmff.blogspot.com

Registration is now open!

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*

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!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext 120
EMAIL: socialministry@SJEcm.org

Community Meal this month will be held on Monday, June 30th from 6-7pm in the Parish Auditorium. If you know of anyone or a family in need who would benefit from an amazing home cooked meal, please let them know! If you would like to sign up to help serve or cook, please call the parish social ministry office to volunteer.

ALL volunteers are required to have an SJE issued ID badge. Please contact Cathy Mussi at ext. 126 if you need to obtain one.



Ernie's Place

Ernie's Place Food Pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday's from 6:30-7:30pm and Thursday's from 3:00-4:00pm. We are in great need of volunteers to help when we're open and to help re-stock our shelves which takes place one or two days a week in the mornings. Please call to join us!



Pantry Shopping List:

Ketchup	Mayo
Mustard	Hot Sauce
Pancake Mix	Syrup
Oatmeal	
Canned Chicken	
Cake Mix and Icing	
Bags of Red Beans	
Small bags of White Rice	
Small Bottles of Cooking Oil	

Thrift Shop

Our Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday from 9am-12pm. All are welcome to shop! The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish outreach programs to help those in need in our local community.

Donations are greatly appreciated in the green bins in the school parking lot in front of our shop anytime but especially on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9am-11am!

Street Ministry

Our Street Ministry team provides food and clothes to those in need every Thursday night. There are lots of opportunities to get involved whether you like to cook, serve, help load our van or fold clothes. Please reach out for more information!



Street Ministry Needs

- Single Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Face/Washcloths
- Men's & Women's Socks and Underwear (S,M,L)
- Gently used Men's & Women's Sneakers
- Gently used T-shirts
- Gently used Men's Jeans sizes 30, 32, 34

*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

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 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.

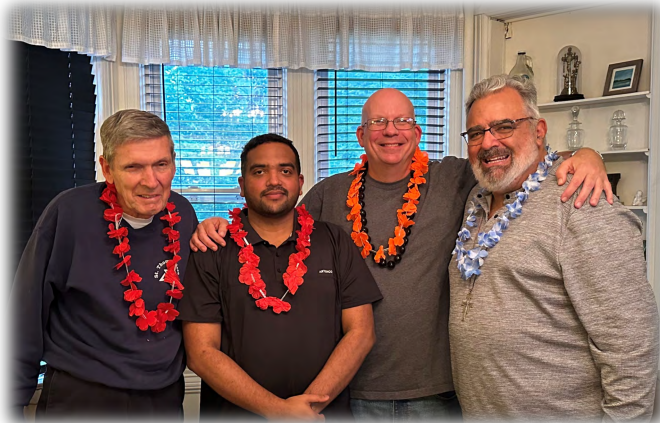
Joseph Dwyer Day of Wellness Veterans Expo

On Saturday, June 14th at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck in East Moriches, Fr. Patrick, along with Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine, Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency Director Marcelle Leis, and Disabled Vietnam Veteran / St. John the Evangelist parishioner John Melillo joined with many local veterans for a day of respite. Fr. Patrick blessed the day with a beautiful prayer, and



Edward Romaine welcomed and thanked everyone who participated. John Melillo, who uses Art of Healing from PTSD, offered painting classes to the veterans and their families. It was a great day of comradery as many St. John's parishioners, legislators and locals were on-site to participate in the celebration.

John recently painted and donated the new dove within our church, located at our cantor stand. It was a day filled with festivities and blessings for those who served our country faithfully!



AD ALTARE DEI CAMP WEEK

JULY 20TH-26TH, 2025

Located at the incredible Baiting Hollow Scout Camp, this week of special program will allow Catholic Scouts to work on the major requirements of the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem while also enjoying a week's worth of camp!

Who Can Join?

The program is designed for Catholic Scouts who are 13-14 years old, but is open to all Scouts (from any Council) who have completed 6th grade and have been in a unit for at least 6 months.

What to Expect?

Led by expert Scouters, the week will include the major requirements for the AAD Emblem, as well as all the other fun activities that come with Scout Camp (including swimming, target sports, camp fires, and life-long memories.

What does it Cost?

The cost of camp is \$550 (before June 1st) or \$575 (after June 1st). The cost of the Ad Altare Dei Youth Manual is included in the cost of camp.

To Register, go to

<https://www.sccbsa.org/specialty-camp>

For more information contact:

Jim Grimaldi (Camp Director) -- James.Grimaldi@scouting.org
John White (Lead Emblem Counselor) -- jmtwhite@optonline.net
Fr. Joe Catafago (Chaplain) -- jcatafago@drvc.org



This Emblem program aims to help Roman Catholic Scouts grow in their understanding of Sacraments and understand their "duty to God" through an active faith life.



CATHOLIC SCOUTING



Wishing Msgr. Walden a very happy and blessed birthday! May God continue to grant you good health, deep joy, and the grace to shepherd with wisdom and love. Thank you for being a very faithful servant of Christ.


HOW DO YOU PRAY THE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

The Eucharistic Adoration is a prayer (it normally lasts an hour, called Holy Hour) that is made **before** the Blessed Sacrament.

Steps to pray:




1. REALIZE WHO IS PRESENT
Place yourself in the presence of Christ.




4. MEDITATE
In a moment of silence, try to listen to the voice of God.




2. GIVE THANKS
Be thankful for this moment of prayer and for all the blessings the Lord has given you.



5. ASK FOR FORGIVENESS
Express your sorrow for the world's sins and your own.



3. ASK
Present Him all your intentions and the intentions of those around you.

How to pray? 10 ways of praying 



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday from
3:00 - 7:00 PM

+ Seton Chapel +
In the Convent of
St. John the Evangelist

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.

NYS Catholic Conference 

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. **The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.



Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR code.

The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.
www.nyscatholic.org • 518-434-6195 • info@nyscatholic.org

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

No Bingo Friday, July 4th or 11th

A Message from Msgr. Walden...



"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts. 20:35) St. Paul spoke those words as he was coming to the end of his ministry to people who knew they would never see him again in this world. We have all received gifts and blessings in our lives and are grateful for them. At the same time we have taken advantage of countless opportunities to give of ourselves in one way or another to those who are an intimate part of our lives and to others who have been blessed to cross our path in life. In the Gospel for today's Mass (Luke 9:11-17), we see Jesus concluding His words and miracles with a crowd of over 5000 people. The apostles tell Him it is late and they have no provisions for such a crowd and recommend that Jesus send them off to find food and lodging. Jesus reply was not what they expected: "Give them some food yourselves." That was the furthest thought in their minds since they had only "five loaves and two fish". But Jesus miraculously multiplied them and fed the crowd with the help the apostles.

We could never imagine doing such a thing. But we are challenged everyday to give of ourselves in one way or another. Like the apostles we can approach Jesus and seek His help, guidance, generosity, and concern. Some questions that jump into our minds when we are called to give of ourselves or resources are: How much am I challenged to give? How much is enough? How much is too much? How much is not enough? How much is just right? Will it really make any difference? Jesus never pondered those questions since He shared His time, talents, resources and His very self

without giving it a second thought wherever He was and whomever was right in front of Him. Peace of mind and peace in our world only come when we open our minds and hearts in love to those who are in front of us and those who seek our love, concern, and help.

Jesus joyfully gives Himself to us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and forgives our sins in the Sacrament of Penance, no matter how often or how little we confess them. He readily listens to our prayers and shares His life with the Father and Holy Spirit with us. He has given His mother to us as our mother. He shares all He is and all He can possibly do to make us fully alive and one with Him. In a speech Pope Leo XIV sent to the people of Chicago, he quoted St. Augustine with this simple but very powerful point: "If we want this world to be a better place we have to begin with ourselves." All of us are a great resource of love and goodness when we recognize and respond to the words of Jesus to his disciples in today's Gospel: "You feed them!" What a blessing it is to know His presence, faith and hope through our thoughts, words, and actions everyday of our lives.

I conclude with this prayer from St. Mother Teresa that I say every night:

He is the Life that I want to live.

He is the Light that I want to radiate.

He is the Way to the Father.

He is the Love with which I want to love.

He is the Joy that I want to share.

He is the Peace that I want to sow.

Jesus is everything to me.

Without Him I can do nothing.

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 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.



We want to take a moment to acknowledge the important role you play in your parish community and express our gratitude for your unwavering commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable individuals.

Diocesan Safe Environment Protocols include attendance at a Virtus class: Protecting God's Children , acknowledgement of Diocesan Codes of Conduct; Background Screening at five year intervals for those in active ministry.

If you are involved in a ministry in your parish and your background screening was prior to 2020, you will receive an email from Virtus advising you to log into your Virtus account and complete the background screening application which is attached to your Virtus account. Screening is conducted by Sterling.

Please remember we are here to assist you, if you have any questions or need support, reach out to us at cprotection@drvc.org.

Your participation in this essential process is vital to our shared mission of ensuring safety and well-being for all.

Diocese of Rockville Centre

cprotection@drvc.org

992 North Village Ave.

Rockville Centre, NY 11570 US



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 23rd, 2025

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

Tuesday, June 24th, 2025

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

Wednesday, June 25th, 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 26th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, June 27th, 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 28th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - SC
10:30 AM Bereavement Group - BMR

Sunday, June 29th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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