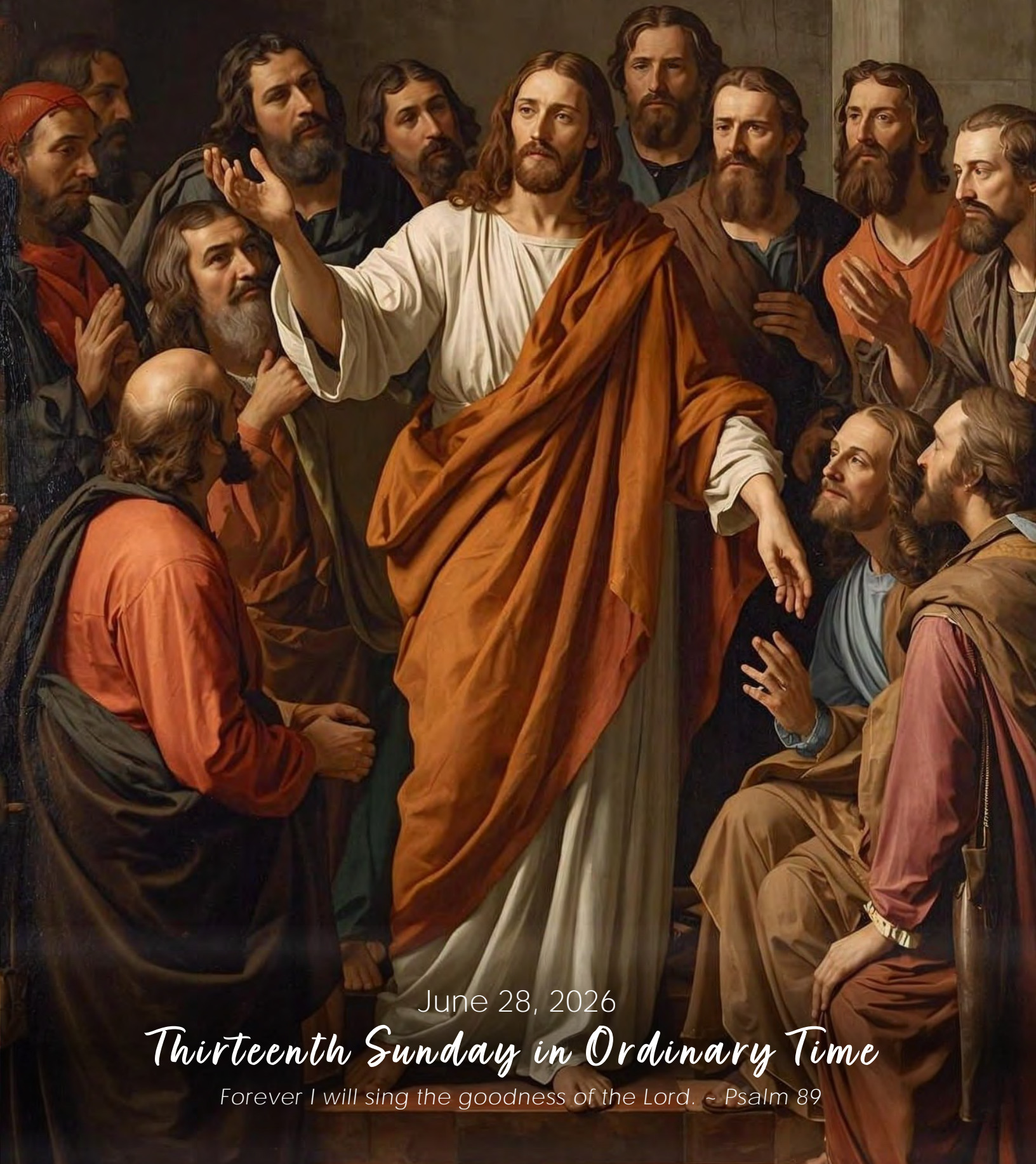


# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



June 28, 2026

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. ~ Psalm 89



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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, July 4<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charlinec

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Charlinec

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.

### Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger  
Pastor

Reverend Charlinec Vendredy  
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden  
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Francis Lasrado  
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno  
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele  
Parish Assistant

John Pettorino  
Deacon

Michael Hoonhout  
Deacon

Ed Grieb  
Deacon

Katie Waller  
Director of Operations

Heather Crayne  
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Carolyn Lapham  
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia  
Director of Faith Formation

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 (ext. 201)  
[www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org)

Dawn Waller, Principal  
[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller@olqany.org)

### Office Hours

#### Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

### Confession Schedule

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...

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel Reflection ~ Matthew 10:37-42



In today's gospel, Jesus says, "whoever loves mother or father more than me is not worthy of me and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Knowing how important family life was in ancient Israel, we can only begin to imagine how these disciples felt after Jesus tells them that their love for family must be subordinate to their love for Him. He does not say that we cannot keep our family close to our hearts, instead our love for God and our love for Him must take precedence over our love for others, including our family and loved ones. He must be our first priority in living the Christian life because He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the Lord of the Scriptures and the Lord of Redemption who brings us freedom and new life.

**The truth is** there is so much in our lives that pulls us away from living in the Spirit of Freedom. There are so many distractions that we face each day that separates us from God, whether it is a loved one or something we possess, whether materialistic or not. All that Jesus is saying to us is how important it is for us to live our lives centered around God. Living a life focused on God is not easy with everything going on around us. Yet, when we keep God first above all other things, then everything else that we value and treasure in life, including our family begins to fall into place. Our lives take on new meaning. Our lives are so much more joyful and rewarding when God is alive in our hearts.

**No question that our family ties** are important to us. We love our family and those close to our hearts. But imagine our lives together with our families without eternity and the gift of everlasting life. Imagine life without the sacrifices that Jesus made for our redemption so we can live forever in heaven. All the blessings we have in life without salvation in Christ would be meaningless in the end. But knowing that we have been saved in Christ makes us realize what is most essential: living in a full relationship with the Lord. It is the Lord who grants us peace and joy. Nothing important, including our family and loved ones, would make sense without Christ in our lives. Because of Christmas and Easter, we can live lives that are joyful and fulfilling in the Lord with our family and loved ones close by our side.

**Now that we have entered a new season** of summer, what a perfect opportunity for us to redirect our attention back to the Lord! Summer for many of us is a time for rest and relaxation. It is a time for renewal. It is a time to grow in our faith and appreciation reflecting on the richness and the power of the Lord. Summer is a time to soften our hearts a little more so that we can make more room for the Lord in our lives. It is a great time to slow down a bit to rest from our labors and allow

the Lord of all Ages to enter more deeply into our hearts. It is a beautiful season of the year to spend extra time with our families and loved ones reflecting on the beauty of creation and the goodness of the Lord who brought us new and everlasting life.

### PARISH UPDATE

**What a great time to be an American** as we celebrate 250 years of freedom and liberty! We are so blessed to live in America, the land of the free. We live in a republic filled with countless blessings, in gratitude and appreciation for all of those who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms today. We also thank those who continue to defend our freedoms granted under the Constitution of the United States so that we can live in peace and prosperity with our families and loved ones.

**In honor of celebrating 250 years** of Independence, I thought it would be nice to do something special as a parish. On Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM we will pray a patriotic rosary outside on the convent lawn before the Blessed Sacrament under the twilight skies. After each decade we will sing a patriotic hymn. All fifty beads represent all fifty states. We will offer this rosary for peace and prosperity in thanksgiving for our freedoms. It is a wonderful time to gather together to commemorate 250 years of rich history and liberty for all. It will be a beautiful experience for all of us before the Blessed Sacrament.

**If you're free**, please join us! Please bring your own lawn chairs as folding chairs will be limited. Booklets for the prayers and patriotic hymns will be provided during this evening of prayer and fellowship. The Knights of Columbus and Legion of Mary will provide hospitality following the rosary and benediction. In case of inclement weather, the rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church. I hope to see many of you on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is plenty of parking in the school parking lot, next to the convent. Please feel free to arrive a little early to settle in before we begin with exposition.

**Finally, I hope by now** you all received your **Summer Appeal** letter in the mail. As you may know, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Each year this parish has been so generous in supporting this annual appeal which helps our parish financially. Please consider joining me in supporting this year's **Summer Appeal**. We ask that you kindly mail your contribution back to the rectory in the envelope provided or place it in the collection basket. Thank you again for all that you do in your love and support for our Parish.

**Have a great and blessed summer** with your family and friends!

# Masses for the Week...

# Annual Summer Appeal

## Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> Weekday

- 8:00 AM Maureen Hogan
- 5:00 PM Joseph Martin
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) Orlando Narvaez

## Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Peter Faith
- 10:00 AM George Probeyahn
- 12:00 Noon Ralph Ciniglio
- 6:00 PM People of the Parish

## Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

- 7:00 AM John Liberto
- 12:00 Noon Alphonsius Hoonhout

## Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> Weekday

- 7:00 AM Santo DiCioccio
- 12:00 Noon William Hope

## Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> Weekday

- 7:00 AM Bill Johnson
- 12:00 Noon *Special Intention-* Nunzio & Nancy Bonventre

## Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekday

- 7:00 AM Frank Feliceta
- 12:00 Noon Angelina DeLuca

## Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> Saint Thomas, Apostle

- 7:00 AM Lorraine Keegan
- 12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

## Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekday

- 8:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro
- 5:00 PM Timothy Murphy
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Adilia Franco
- 10:00 AM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
- 12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer
- 6:00 PM John R. Klaus IV

Please support  
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, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$454,308	25	\$18,172
2025	\$438,242	25	\$17,530



As of 6/23/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	176	163
Total Pledged to date	\$73,475	\$72,475
Percent of Goal	61%	63%

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!

# *Patriotic Rosary*

1776

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

2026

*with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*



## *One Nation Under God*

**Wednesday, July 1 at 7:00 PM**

Join us as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation (1776-2026) with a special Patriotic Rosary. Together, we will give thanks for the blessings of freedom, pray for our country, and ask Our Blessed Mother's intercession for peace, unity, and God's guidance.

The Rosary will be held on the convent lawn at 7:00 PM. Please bring a lawn chair. Parking is available in the school parking lot. In the event of rain, the Rosary will be held in the church.

## *God Bless America*

## 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?>

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.)



SJE will be offering a training.... July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

### 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).

# CMA

**St. John's has  
reached 61% of  
our CMA goal  
with half the  
year to go!!!  
Great job!!!**

# 61%





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# SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!



June was a busy and fun-filled month here at OLQA! We congratulate our Graduating Class of 2026, as well as our Pre-K and Kindergarten students who are moving up! Students and teachers had a blast on field day, and our 6th & 7th graders went on a field trip to Adventure Park. We sent off our 8th graders with a special blessing and BBQ. Finally, we honored our Pre-K teacher, Mrs. Claire Dern, who is retiring this year, for her many years of joyful dedication to our youngest students!

## We pray for our Service Members

We honor and remember the following men and women for their service, dedication, and sacrifice. Lord, hold our troops in Your loving care. Protect and bless them and their families for their selfless service. We give thanks for all veterans and pray for those currently serving at home and abroad.

### United States Army

Monaghan, Justin — Private Second Class  
O'Neill, Aidan — Second Lieutenant  
Smith, David — Private First Class  
Valentin, Steven — Private First Class  
Williams, Cara — Private

### United States Marine Corps

Abbatiello, Michael — Lance Corporal  
Berkemeyer, Evan — Lance Corporal  
Brady, Sean — Private First Class  
Casey, Sean — Sergeant  
Cestare, Joseph — Sergeant  
Deshler II, Kevin W. — Corporal  
Montemarano, Quentin — Sergeant  
Toscanini, Kyle — Private First Class  
Walther, Christopher — Second Lieutenant

### United States Navy

Casey, Andrew R. — Engineman Third Class  
Esposito Jr., Christopher J. — Machinist's Mate Nuclear First Class  
Montoya Rivera, Angel Gabriel — Electronics Technician Seaman  
Nolan Jr., Jeremiah — Electronics Technician Second Class  
Paduana, Michael — Seaman  
Raeihle, Christian — Seaman  
Ruggiero, Ralph J. — Ensign  
Taylor III, Thomas — Seaman Apprentice  
Walsh, Jack Patrick — Seaman

### United States Air Force

Auciello, Anthony — Senior Airman  
Casey, Andrew R. — Technical Sergeant  
Giese, David — Technical Sergeant  
Hayes, Brenden M. — Airman First Class  
Hermes, Jason — Technical Sergeant  
Hermes, Sabrina — Technical Sergeant  
Kerstiens, Claudia — Staff Sergeant  
Kerstiens, Kyle — Staff Sergeant  
Kerstiens, Ryan — Staff Sergeant  
Kerstiens, Timothy — Technical Sergeant  
McCauley II, William E. — Staff Sergeant  
McGrath, Claire — First Lieutenant  
Pfister, James — Airman First Class  
Rosato, Jared T. — Senior Airman  
Sferrazza, Salvatore — Lieutenant Colonel  
Traina, Peter A. — Airman First Class

### United States Coast Guard

Bernath, Brendan J. — Boatswain's Mate Third Class  
Donohue, Keith — Captain



If you would like a loved one to be remembered in our **Military Prayer List**, please call the rectory at **631.878.0009** or email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org). We will lift their intentions to God, asking for protection, strength, and peace for all who serve and their families.

*Heavenly Father,*

*We humbly come before You with grateful hearts, entrusting to Your loving care all the men and women who currently serve in our **Armed Forces**.*

*Protect them from harm, strengthen them in times of challenge, and grant them courage, wisdom, and perseverance in the fulfillment of their duties. Keep them safe wherever they may be stationed, and bring them home safely to their families and loved ones.*

*We also remember with profound gratitude those who have given their lives in service to our country.*

*May their sacrifice never be forgotten. Welcome them into Your eternal kingdom, where every tear is wiped away and peace reigns forever. Comfort their families and friends with the assurance of Your mercy and the hope of the Resurrection.*

*Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, bless our nation with unity, justice, and lasting peace.*

*Help us to be worthy of the sacrifices made for our freedom and to always seek Your will in all things.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

## WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Please pray for the souls in Purgatory.

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

*May the Lord grant them comfort, strength, and healing.*

Fr. Peter D'Abele  
Bill Hasper  
Mark Havens  
James Patrick Lapham  
Richard Mazarakis  
Marion Diener

Christopher D'Antuono  
Anita and Daniel Luccari  
Father Gil Lap  
James Dinnigan  
Charles McIntosh  
Linda Purick

*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)*

## ALTAR BREAD & WINE INTENTIONS

*The Altar Bread and Wine are offered for the repose of the soul of:*

*For the Month Of June: Christopher D. Reilly Jr.*

*For the Month Of July: Virginia O'Connell*

### Prayer and Remembrance

At SJE, we offer parishioners many ways to remember loved ones or honor someone living through the offering of votive and altar candles, as well as altar bread and wine. These offerings create a visible sign of prayer and devotion while supporting the life of our parish.

Votive candles illuminate the beautiful statues throughout our church, including the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As these candles burn, they bring light to our sacred space and invite quiet reflection, inspiring deeper moments of prayer and trust in God.

Both votive candles and altar candles may be offered for \$25 per week. Altar bread and wine may be offered for \$250 per month. The names of those remembered or honored through these offerings will be listed in the parish bulletin during the month.

To make an offering, please visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org). May these candles be a sign of hope, remembrance, and prayer for all who gather in our church.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## THRIFT SHOP

Please visit our shop and see all the great items we have, there is new merchandise every week! We are open every Wednesday from 9am-12pm and have fantastic prices on gently used (and some new!) clothing, shoes, housewares and more. The proceeds from our sales support SJE's parish social ministry outreach programs, benefitting those in need.

## ERNIE'S PLACE



Our food pantry, Ernie's Place, serves hundreds of food insecure people each month. Every week our stocking team of volunteers meet at the pantry on Monday and Thursday mornings to sort and organize the many donations that come in from our parishioners and the local community. Later on those days, another team of volunteers come in to serve those in need in our community. Our guests check in, get a shopping cart, and choose the food they would like to feed their families. If you wish to donate perishable items, please call to coordinate a drop-off with the PSM office at the number above. We are blessed to receive any donations and are happy to ensure proper storage of items that need refrigeration. Currently non-perishable items can be placed in the wagon inside Church near the front entrance. Thanks to Ryan Person's Eagle Scout project, we will be getting a new non-perishable drop off bin outside of Ernie's Place soon!

Our food pantry is in need of the following items:

- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Jarred Sauce
- ◆ White Rice (small bags)
- ◆ Pancake Mix and Syrup
- ◆ Condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard, hot sauce)

## STREET MINISTRY

Our Street Ministry serves the poor in our community every week with a hot meal, clothing, and toiletries. Clothing and toiletry donations can be left in the box inside Fellowship Hall, near the front entrance of Church. Please call the PSM office if you are interested in cooking or volunteering for any of our ministries!

Street Ministry donations requested:

- ♥ Men's Jeans sizes 32-36 gently used
- ♥ Men's and Women's new underwear
- ♥ Men's and Women's new tube socks
- ♥ Single razors and small shaving cream
- ♥ Men's and Women's Shorts gently used
- ♥ Men's and Women's T-shirts gently used
- ♥ Men's and Women's Sneakers gently used



*\*Our Community Meal is being held this Monday night, 6/29, at 6 PM at the Parish Auditorium. If you know of an individual or family in need, please invite them to join us. A family in need expressed they never get to eat out, what a blessing this meal is for them and for many. They will be treated to a delicious BBQ with all the sides and desserts this month!*

*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*



## ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN NOW THRU 8/21!

Incoming 1st Graders / New Students & Returning Students (Levels 1-8):

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. Those entering Grade 1, children who have not been in religious education for awhile, and returning students register online via our parish website - [sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org) -thru 8/21.

### REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Scan the QR code below or visit the Faith Formation page on our parish website and follow the instructions for New and Returning Students:

<http://www.stjohntheevangelistcm.com/sjecm/faith-formation>



**\*NOTE:**

New students **must** also fill out the New Student Registration Form on our website.



### \* NEW STUDENTS \*

If you have a first grader/new student, you must also fill out the New Student Registration Form:

<http://www.stjohntheevangelistcm.com/FamilyAndEnrollStudentForm.html>

If your child is a new student and was not baptized at SJE, please email a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate to: [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org)

### INCOMING LEVEL 7 Students

#### Confirmation Application: Due 6/30!

To parents/guardians of students enrolled in our Level 6 program this past year who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall, please check your email for instructions on how to apply for our Confirmation program! (An email was sent to all Level 6 students in April). If you have a child who is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older but has not begun the Confirmation program, please email us at: [confirmation@sjecm.org](mailto:confirmation@sjecm.org)





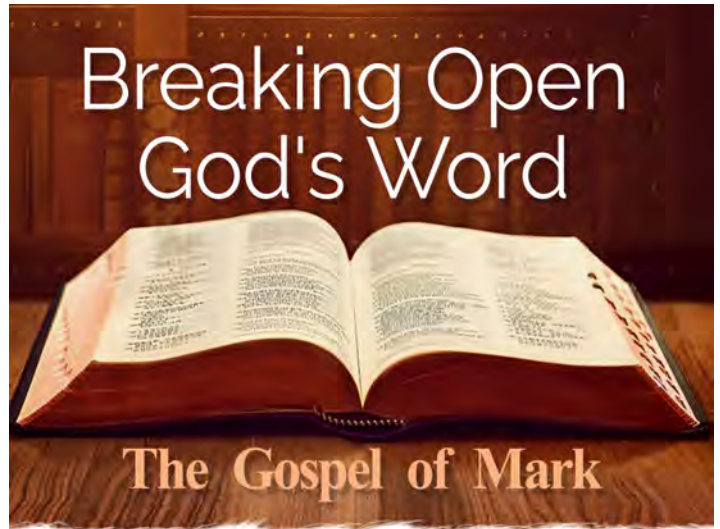
Thank you for your generous blood donation. Your selfless act has the power to save lives and bring hope to patients and families during difficult times.

Giving blood is a gift that cannot be manufactured or replaced, and your kindness makes a real difference in our community. Thanks to your incredible support, 84 pints of blood were collected during our blood drive, providing a lifesaving resource for those in need. We are deeply grateful for your compassion, generosity, and willingness to help others. Thank you for being a lifesaver.

And a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in our blood drive. Because of your generosity, lives will be touched and potentially saved.

Your willingness to give of yourself for others is extraordinary act of kindness. I am grateful for your support and compassion.

God Bless,  
Joy O'Brien



This summer, Deacon Michael will offer an eight week Bible Study on the *Gospel of Mark* in June and July. *Mark* is the shortest Gospel of the four and focuses more on Jesus' actions than on his teachings. This Bible study will help participants better understand how to read the Scriptures with understanding and deepen one's faith in the mystery of Jesus Christ.

Dates: Wednesdays, June 10 through July 29, 2026

Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Place: Lower Meeting Room of the Barn

(The barn building is located in the back of the school parking lot.)

If you are interested in attending, please email or call the rectory office at [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or 631-878-0009.

## 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

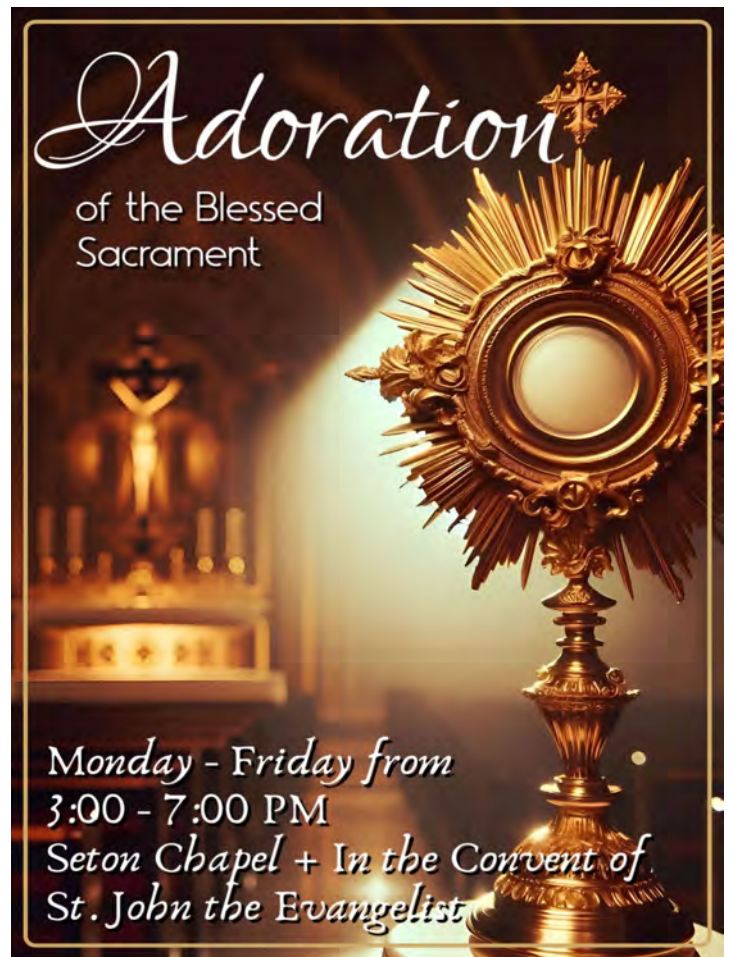
First floor meeting room in the Barn.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at

631.878.0009 or via email at

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

\$10 donation for the workbook.



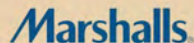


Each Christmas, we provide holiday meals and gift cards to local families in need, helping them purchase gifts for their children. The families are always so grateful.

We're collecting gift cards now to help us plan ahead and maybe help you get a head start on your own Christmas shopping! We are asking for **\$25** gift cards to Kohl's, Walmart, Target, TJMaxx, HomeGoods, or Marshalls.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of St. John's, nearly 100 families were helped last year!

Donations will be accepted throughout July. Please place gift cards in the collection basket at Mass or drop them off at the Rectory during business hours.



If you would like additional information please contact Heather Crayne at [socialministry@sjecm.org](mailto:socialministry@sjecm.org) or via phone at 631.878.0009, ext. 120

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  
**June 14th - June 28th**



## Knights of Columbus

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

*On the First Saturday of every month, the Church invites all to come and take part in a special time of prayer and devotion.*



7:30 AM Fatima prayers and Holy Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

Confession and continuation of rosary after Mass

**Next date: July 4, 2026**

- o Five First Saturdays
- o Make a good Confession to be in a state of grace.
- o Receive Holy Communion with the intention of Reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Communion of Reparation is the central act in making the Five First Saturdays.
- o Pray the five decades of the Rosary with the intention of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- o Keep Jesus and Mary company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more mysteries of the Rosary.

## A Message from Monsignor Walden...

This past Tuesday I was struck by this line from the Gospel at Mass for that day: "This is the Law and the Prophets. 'Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few.'" (Matthew 7:12-14) We live in a society of constant and instant communication. When we don't get an instant answer to our phone call or text, we start to wonder why. What Jesus is telling those of His time is true for our time as well - our faith is not something that is meant to restrict us or keep us in line, it is meant to open our minds and hearts to who and what is truly life-giving and important in our lives, and to those whose lives where we are important and life-giving. Before all else, we must see ever so clearly how important we are in the life of God. We are created in His image and likeness and will only find peace, joy, purpose, and meaning in life when we realize that. We text, call, and, most importantly, carry those we love in our hearts and they carry us. There is always time for them and concern for their well-being. We do all we can to grow in our love for them and with them. That is the narrow gate Jesus is talking about. It is not a gate but opening our minds and hearts in concern, joy, and gratitude. The gate is our ability to be enriched by the very thought of them. Ironically, the further we go in through the narrow gate Jesus is talking about, the greater our vision of life, the more hopeful our minds, and the more joyful our hearts. So where do we find the narrow gate that leads to the presence, love, and Spirit of Jesus? The hunger is there, we are born with it. St. Augustine expresses it so beautifully as he says, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee." Joy and satisfaction have many levels. We seek financial security in our lives. We seek to live in peace with our neighbors and friends. It is good to work in a cooperative atmosphere. We find exterior joy

when we see a sports team we root for win.

The narrow gate we all need is open twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. It is the gate we pass through when we put all the distractions aside and spend quality time in prayer. As we pray with focus on who are encountering and speaking our words of prayer sincerely, we are renewed. Our goal is not to "say our prayers" and get to the next thing, but to allow the loving presence of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints to enrich, renew, and inspire us. Ultimately, our prayer will lead to what the Eucharist is for us, a celebration of thanksgiving that we so sorely need to be who we are and all we can as God's family living in the very image and likeness in which we have been created. May we all know the joy of entering the narrow gate every day of our lives. There is no place like home and who is there with us, for us, and, so wonderfully, in us.



***I offer this prayer I pray every day from Renew 2000:***

*Gracious God, we are your people embraced by your love.*

*We thank you for your presence throughout all time.*

*Create us anew. Liberate us from that which keeps us from you.*

*Enable us to recreate our world and restore justice.*

*Heal us from every form of sin and violence.*

*Transform us to live your word more profoundly.*

*Reconcile us so enemies become friends.*

*Awaken us to the sacred; nurture our relationships.*

*Enliven our parishes; reunite our families.*

*Fill us with joy to celebrate the fullness of life.*

*Empower us to be a community of love growing in your likeness. Amen.*



Benefitting Ernie's Place Food Pantry

Date: July 11, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

2 Locations!



- King Kullen in Manorville from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- King Kullen in Center Moriches from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Reasons for the Summer Food Drive:

1. **Children at Home:** During the summer months, children are home from school and rely on meals at home, missing out on breakfast and lunch provided by schools.
2. **Reduced Donors:** Many of our usual donors take the summer off, including schools, scout troops, and students needing community service hours.
3. **Year-Round Need:** While food donations are often associated with holidays, the need for our families is year-round.



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

SJE Parish Social Ministry...

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES

## COLLECTION

During the months of July & August we will be collecting schools supplies. Please leave your donation's in the fellowship area of the church.

Items needed...

- Folders
- Pens & #2 Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Highlighters



## 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, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

## Women's Group...

Our Women's Group meets Mondays from 10:00–11:30 AM and welcomes newcomers at any time. There are no rules—just a desire to grow in Jesus and enjoy fellowship.

We are reading *The Sanctifier* by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, reflecting on devotion to the Holy Spirit, His gifts, fruits, and the Beatitudes. Sharing is always optional; we're simply happy you choose to be with us.

There is no charge for the book. Meetings are held in the **IHM Room in the convent (white house next to the school)** and conclude in time to attend the 12:00 PM Mass if you wish.

**2026 Meeting Dates:**

June 29

*(Summer break July & August; resumes in September.)*

God Bless you,

**Carol & Anita (Moderators)**

For info, call **631-878-0009**

## 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 PM 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!



# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 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
- 7-8 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

## Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

## Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7 PM **Choir Rehearsal** (*suspended until 9/2/2026*)

## Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 3:30-5:30 PM Legion of Mary- BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

## Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 (Parish Offices Closed)

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

## Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (Parish Offices Closed)

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

## Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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

## 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!

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