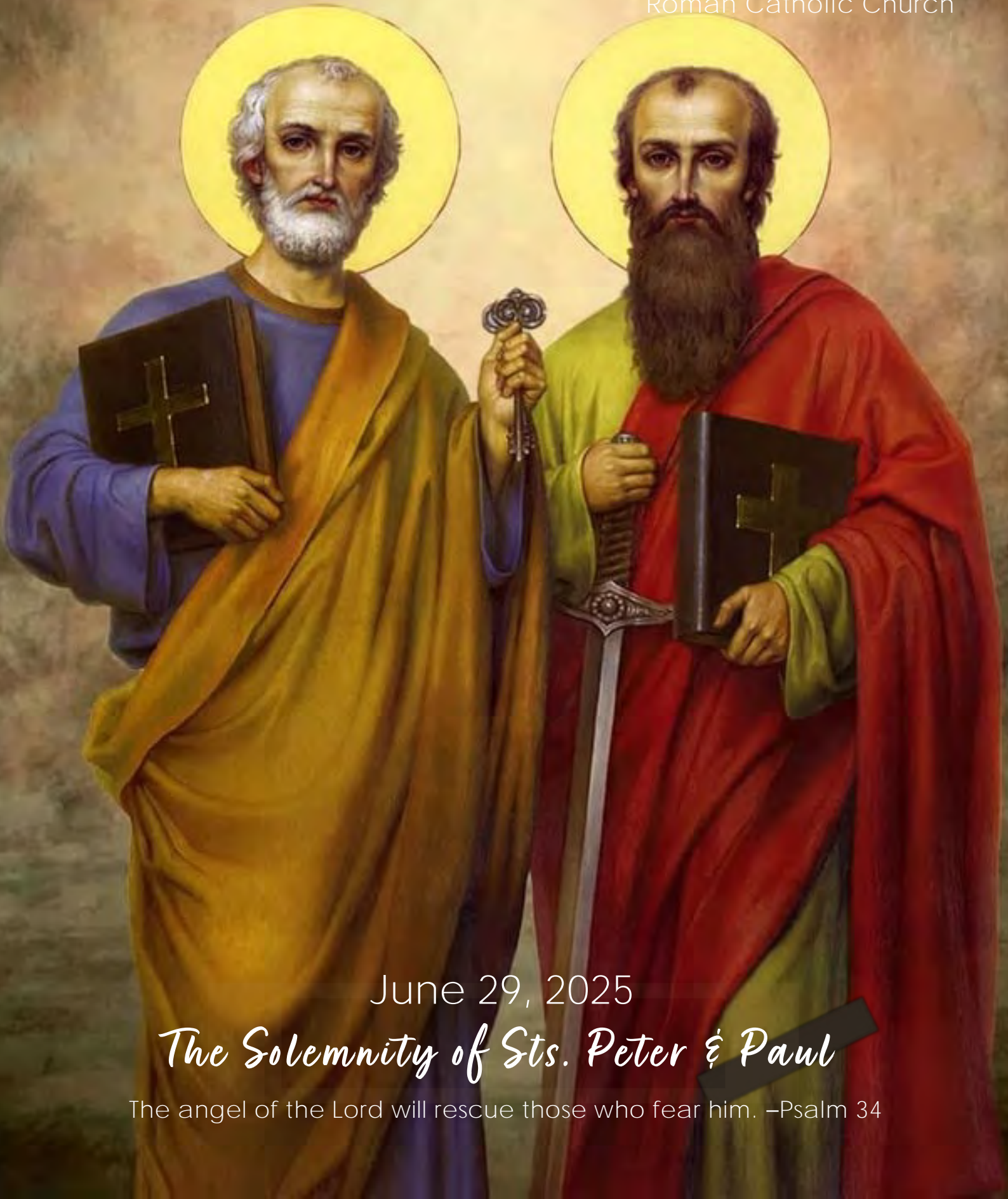


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



June 29, 2025

The Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him. —Psalm 34



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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 5th

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

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

Sunday, July 6th

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

*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 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

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller
Director of Operations

Angela Werner
Director of Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

OLQA

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

2 St. John Place
Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033
www.olqany.org

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

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House
631.878.0009

Summer Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 7:30 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

Welcome, Fr. Francis Lasrado...

Our parish extends a warm welcome to Father Francis Lasrado.

Father Francis was born in Mangalore, Southwestern India to Salvadore and Regina Lasrado. He grew up in a devout Catholic family. Young Francis regularly prayed the rosary, attended his parish elementary school, and became an altar server. In high school, he heard a missionary priest describe his work in Northeast India. It was a strong talk, and it presented a real challenge. The priest asked the class who wanted to go back to the Diocese of Dibrugarh to serve as a priest. All the hands were raised. Then the missionary priest told the class that he would come back the next year. When he came back, just two students said they wanted to go. Later, one of the two students changed his mind, leaving only young Francis. In 1968, Francis entered St. Joseph's Minor Seminary in Dibrugarh, Assam, India, beginning years of preparation for the priesthood, and on May 7, 1980, he was ordained a priest. Father Lasrado's first assignment was as an instructor at Boniface Preparatory Seminary where he served until 1982. For the next twenty years, Father Francis had a variety of assignments, serving at three parishes as a pastor, teacher, director of communications, and a leader in catechetical development, assisting in the establishment of a diocesan catechetical training center. He also studied Christian Communication in England and France. Being the pastor of the newly-established mission parish of St. Anthony's was one of his favorite assignments. The church was situated on a large tea plantation in Mariani, India. It was just as the priest who visited the high school had described it. This was 'missionary territory.' It was remote, and almost primitive, with many people who had not heard the Gospel. He taught English to the seminarians, which was a language that many of his students had not yet learned. Father himself did not speak English until he

learned it in the seminary. Once or twice a month, Father Francis would celebrate Mass and other sacraments there.

They had to start from nothing, and it was difficult, but people heard God's word, and responded.

In 2002, after completing twenty-two years of service, Father Francis came to Long Island, New York, and served as an adjunct priest for two years at St. James R.C. Church in Seaford. After completing his two-year sabbatical in November of 2004, he accepted an assignment as Associate Pastor at Good Shepherd R.C. Church in Holbrook. He served there for almost six years until June 2010, when he was assigned to Infant Jesus R.C. Church in Port Jefferson. In 2012, Father Francis became a citizen of the United States of America, and in 2013 he was incardinated to the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He has been serving at the Parish of Infant Jesus for fifteen years (twelve years with Father Patrick).

When Father Francis became eligible for retirement, Father Patrick invited him to St. John the Evangelist Parish, and he gladly accepted the invitation to serve here as an active retiree. Father Francis shared, "There was a part of me that always wanted to be a priest, but I wasn't sure. It was the visit from the missionary priest that brought the clarity and the certainty that God was indeed calling me to be a priest. It appealed to me. It sounded difficult, but rewarding. The priesthood has given me a wonderful opportunity to live my faith by celebrating Mass and offering the sacraments. As long as I am doing God's will, proclaiming the Gospel, and serving the Church and its people, I will be happy."



By Angela Werner

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, June 28th Weekday

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

Monday, June 30th Weekday

7:00 AM Augustus Ingrasciotta

12:00 Noon Special Intention - Danielle Lopez

Tuesday, July 1st Weekday

7:00 AM Rose Yosheky

12:00 PM Salvatore Termine

Wednesday, July 2nd Weekday

7:00 AM Bill Wiebalck

12:00 Noon Anthony Gallo

Thursday, July 3rd Saint Thomas, Apostle

7:00 AM Patricia Cuff

12:00 Noon Peter DeFilippo

Friday, July 4th Weekday

7:00 AM Myrna Stabile

12:00 Noon Joseph Horodyski Jr.

Saturday, July 5th Weekday

8:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro

5:00 PM Jenny and Anthony Ponzio

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, July 6th Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Lorraine Swanson

10:00 AM James Agate

12:00 Noon Margaret and James Finley

6:00 PM Vivian Cordeiro

Annual Summer Appeal

**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, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$438,242	25	\$17,530
2024	\$456,719	25	\$18,269

2025

**Please help us
reach our goal!**

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*



As of 6/24/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	163	181
Total Pledged to date	\$72,495	\$75,010
Avg. Gift	\$445	\$430
Percent of Goal	63%	65%

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!

SJE Parish Social Ministry

Christmas

in July



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.

KOHL'S

Walmart



TJ-maxx

HomeGoods

Marshalls

Thank you for your continued support of our SJE Parish Social Ministries holiday programs. If you'd like additional information please contact Heather Crayne at socialministry@sjecm.org or via phone at 631.878.0009, ext. 120

Every
Blood Donor
is a **Hero**



A Heartfelt Thank You!

The SJE St. Januarius Ministry extends its deepest thanks to all who so graciously and generously donated their time—and blood—during our June 21, 2025 blood drive. Your commitment is truly life-saving, and we are deeply grateful.

Blood is always in high demand, and it's because of your continued support that lives are being saved.

A special thank you to the dedicated St. Januarius Ministry team. Your tireless efforts behind the scenes never go unnoticed and are key to the success of these drives. While space doesn't allow for individual mentions, please know how much I appreciate each and every one of you. And thank you to the Knights of Columbus as well.

Our goal was 79 units—we collected 86!

Until the next drive...
-Joy O'Brien



June 29, 2025

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Rose Scrio

“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
Herb McIntyre

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

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

Our Military

US Marine Corps

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

US Army

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello
MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr
STGCS Brian Holzmacher
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero
SR Thomas Taylor III
SR Jack Patrick Walsh
SR Michael Paduana
EM3 Andrew R. Casey

US Air Force

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

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



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

The Deceased Members of the Norton Family

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

Joseph Stassi Jr.

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



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Want to help, but can't take a week off from work?

You're creative, but you have other plans for the week of July 14-18?

You'd love to do something for us, but have no idea what you can do to lend a hand?

**No worries! You can still help!
Here's what we need!**

1. Artificial Christmas Trees: Could we borrow your artificial Christmas tree (3 foot or larger) for the week? We would need them the week of 7/7 so we can create our spectacular environment!
2. Carpenters or people who are handy with a saw, hammer and some nails: We need some help building some simple frames to be used to create our "mountain range". We will need help during the week of 7/7– days or evenings– whatever works for you.
3. White Christmas lights: Do you have any white Christmas lights that you don't need any more? We'll take them! Just drop them in the bin in the fellowship area of the church.
4. PRAYERS!: Please pray for us during the weeks ahead as we prepare, and during the week of Vacation Bible Camp (7/14-7/18). Pray for creativity, patience, joy and fun. Pray for god health and safety. Pray for whatever the Holy Spirit puts on your heart! Pray for our volunteers and our campers and for many blessings for our parish family.

If you have any questions or if you can help us out with any of these things, please email Carolyn Lapham at clapham@sjecm.org.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

at St. John's focuses on engaging parish families in fun activities, service projects and prayerful experiences. With the purpose of deepening faith, strengthening good Catholic family practices and building our parish family, our office works in conjunction with Faith Formation and Parish Social Ministry to meet the varied needs of our parish families. Here are some of our ministries!

Moms on the Journey

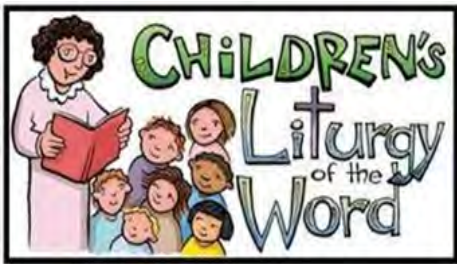
Our moms' group is growing! How wonderful that some of the moms of our newly baptized babies are interested in growing in their faith as they raise up another little member of our parish family! The Moms on the Journey group meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7:00-8:30 PM in the upper meeting room of the Barn. A casual, fun-filled, Spirit lead

group, "Moms on the Journey" provides an opportunity for busy mothers to be pampered...to grow in their faith... and to share the joys and challenges of Christian motherhood with other moms. This ministry has been a true blessing for all those who come. If you're a mom who wants to go deeper and enjoy the company of other Christian moms, please consider joining this amazing group of women.

And YES! We will be meeting over the summer. Perhaps more than ever, moms need to recharge their batteries during the summer months. Our summer monthly gatherings will be **Wednesday, July 23rd** and **Wednesday, August 27th**. Bring a friend and come on down. All moms are welcome!



Children's Liturgy of the Word



WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS! High school students, college students and adults of any age are invited to join our Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry.

This program meets during the **10:00 Mass every Sunday**. Our children leave Mass after the Collect (Opening Prayer) and return in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. While at CLTW, the children enjoy the readings, responsorial psalm and gospel presented in language that is easy for them to understand. An interactive homily and prayer of the faithful allow the children to participate more fully in the Liturgy of the Word. All children ages 4 and up are welcome. No registration is necessary, the children who come to the

10:00 Mass can join the group when the priest invites the children to come up. This program is a joy-filled blessing for all! Please consider volunteering. You can volunteer once a month or every week...it's totally up to you! There are many ways to help. For more info, email Carolyn Lapham at clapham@sjecm.org.

Family Life Ministry

Our Family Life Ministry provides varied opportunities for families of all ages to come together to pray, to serve others and to share in some good clean family fun. We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 PM in the upper meeting room of the barn. We pray, brainstorm, share ideas and plan family activities, events and service projects. We will be taking a little break for the summer so we can renew, refresh and regroup for all of our wonderful programs and events. We will resume in September for our monthly planning meetings. Keep an eye out for the date of our kick-off meeting, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September, 10th! All are welcome to join this fun-filled, faith-filled, family-oriented ministry! Hope you'll consider joining Family Life Ministry!



June 29, 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



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WE OFFER...

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- SMALL CLASS SIZE
- MATH/SCIENCE READINESS
- LANGUAGE/READING SKILLS
- SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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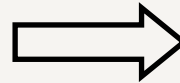
Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
 Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>
faithformation@sjecm.org / mpiraglia@sjecm.org
 Office Hours: By Appointment Only

Online Registration OPEN Now Thru 8/22!

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 can register online via our parish website - sjecm.org - thru 8/22.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



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

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Scan the QR code above 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>

***NEW STUDENTS:** If you have a 1st grader/new student, you must also fill out the New Student Registration Form:

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

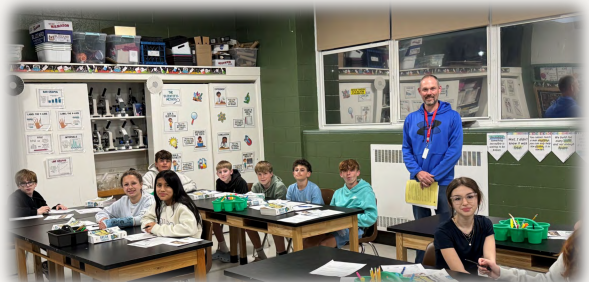
If your child is a new student and was not baptized at SJE, please email a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to: faithformation@sjecm.org



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 7th 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 on May 1). If you have a child who is in 7th grade or older but has not started the Confirmation program, please email us at faithformation@sjecm.org



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:

- * Mayo
- * Syrup
- * Ketchup
- * Pancake Mix
- * Canned Chicken
- * Mustard
- * Oatmeal
- * Hot Sauce
- * Bags of Red Beans
- * Cake Mix and Icing
- * 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!

- ◆ Single Razors
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Face/Wash cloths
- ◆ Socks & Underwear (Men's & Women's)
- ◆ 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

SJE Totus Tuus Men's Group Presents...

6th Annual

Holy Smokes Night!

All men 21+ of St. John the Evangelist are invited to the 6th Annual Holy Smokes Night! Come join us for an evening of brotherhood and fellowship.

Saturday, July 12th
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
at the Rectory Patio

DINNER | SNACKS | SOFT DRINKS
All provided

Bring your favorite cigar and/or adult beverage.
To RSVP, please scan the QR code
or contact the rectory office.



Men 21 and over only.

Knights of Columbus Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



Benefitting Ernie's Place Food Pantry

Date: July 12, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

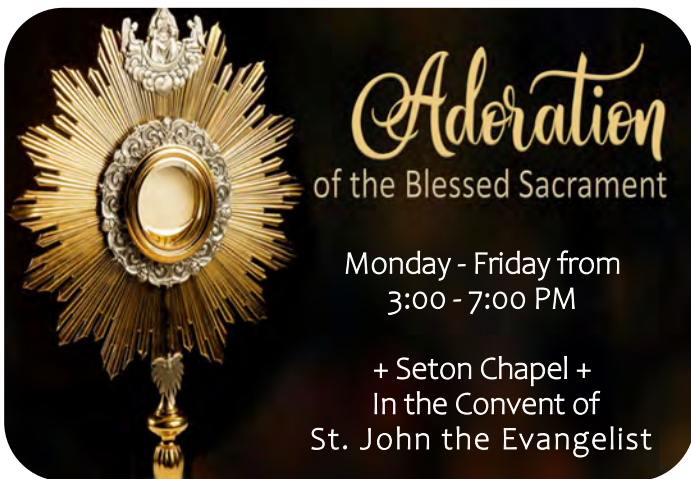
2 Locations!

- 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.



Aderation 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 Aderation, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM.

All are invited to pray for our Shepherds. Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you can be present for a specific hour, email rectory@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

Knights of Columbus

BINGO

Night

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

\$3000 IN PRIZES

SJE Parish Auditorium

No Bingo Friday, July 4th or 11th

A Message from Msgr. Walden...



Who can I trust? Who do I want as an intimate part of my life? Who do I think I can really work with or work for? Those questions come at key moments in our lives. Whether it is trusting enough to propose a marriage or to accept the proposal or take on a job that will meet my needs and support me and my family, or to have a confidant I can trust with my innermost thoughts, words, and deeds, we take those steps with true hope and begin a journey of faith and love. That is exactly what we celebrate today on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. Jesus chose both of these men, human beings like you and I, to be the foundation of the Church, the family of God in this world. What did He see in each of them? St. Peter was bold when things were going well during Jesus' three year public ministry but lost his courage when Jesus was arrested, denying three times he knew Jesus. St. Paul was one of the biggest persecutors of the first generation of the Church, being a zealous Jew who saw Christians as heretics to the Jewish faith. What did Jesus see in them? St. Paul was angry, impatient, self-centered, mean, spiteful and unforgiving. St. Peter lost his courage when felt threatened that association with Jesus would lead to his own crucifixion. Why did Jesus choose them?

In our spiritual lives we struggle with accepting that Jesus loves us and wants us to be an intimate part of His life. It is all too easy some days to not even give him the time of day. But only He can and will offer us peace, love, forgiveness, and patience. There is no doubt about how much we need these virtues in our lives and there is no doubt we are missing them when anger, impatience, selfishness, spitefulness, and meanness fill our minds and hearts. Yet all negative motives acted upon only leave us without inner peace, hope, and joy. We have to reconcile our own hearts to the need for reconciliation to find peace.

Both St. Peter and St. Paul came to see Jesus knew them and loved them in spite of their fears, ignorance, and lack of understanding. That is what is sometimes called an "aha" moment. Both came to see clearly not only who Jesus is and, even more, how much He loved them and wanted them to be part of His life. How much do we want or allow Jesus to be part of our lives? Is He like that faithful friend, spouse, or relative? Love can never be earned, but once accepted, our lives are radically changed for the best. That is exactly what this feast of St. Peter and St.

Paul is all about. We won't be asked to lead the Church or write deep spiritual epistles as St. Peter and St. Paul did, but we can surely benefit from their lives and writings. The stronger our faith becomes, the more powerful and life-giving our love, mercy, compassion, and generosity. How good it is to be embraced by these virtues and to rise above and beyond anger, impatience, selfishness, spite, vengeance, and meanness! We know exactly where Jesus is coming from. How good it is when we humbly allow Him to embrace us with His life giving presence! The Church is not an elite group of perfect people. The Church is the family of God, people who know their strengths and weaknesses and the power of God's presence in their lives.

I offer Psalm 23 for our prayerful reflection.

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.*

*He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.*

*You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.*

*Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. Glory...*

Psalm Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in the waters of Baptism; you anoint us with oil, and call us to salvation at your table. Dispel the terrors of death and the darkness of error. Lead your people along safe paths, that they may rest securely in you and live for ever in your Father's house.



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.

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 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.



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
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The Church Bulletin Company
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Weekly Calendar

Monday, June 30th, 2025

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

Tuesday, July 1st, 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, July 2nd, 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, July 3rd, 2025

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

Friday, July 4th, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus - **No BINGO TONIGHT**
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR
7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

Saturday, July 5th, 2025

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

Sunday, July 6th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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