

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



June 7, 2026

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

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem. ~ Psalm 147



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OUR PARISH MISSION

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

-Mission Statement

Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 2:45 PM
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
in Seton Chapel (Convent)**
Monday through Friday
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, June 13th

5:00 PM - Fr. Francis

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charline

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, June 14th

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

6:00 PM - Fr. Charline

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Charline 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

Dawn Waller, Principal
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...

The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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."

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!

My 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood

As I reflect on these past 25 years of priesthood, I am so grateful to God for allowing me this special opportunity to serve His people as an ordained priest. I am truly humbled to be a priest, as unworthy as I am. It is truly a gift to be an extension of our Lord's ministry. I am humbled to preach and to serve at Mass on His behalf. To bring the gift of the Eucharist, the very gift our Lord Jesus Christ into people's lives is truly a blessing from God. I am always humbled to stand before you knowing how close our Lord is in the celebration of the Eucharist. Each time I celebrate Mass, I thank the Lord for the many blessings in my life and for the gift of priesthood. I am always grateful for being able to celebrate Mass so that we can encounter the Lord more fully in our lives with sincere and open hearts! In the celebration of the Eucharist, it is the Lord who brings us new hope and joy into our lives.

On a personal note, as I reflect on 25 years of service to God's people, I am especially grateful to my parents for bringing me up in the faith and for always being there for me. I will always be grateful for their guidance and loving support throughout my life and for always encouraging me to be a good, holy and dedicated priest. I will always be grateful to my grandparents and godparents, and my brother and sisters and their families for being a big part of my life. I am thankful to God for my extended family and mayberry family, and to each and every one of you who are an extension of my own family for your love, support and friendship during my years of formation and service to God's people.

I have been so blessed to have been assigned to such great parishes during the course of my formation and priesthood. I am so happy that I could celebrate my 25th Anniversary of Priesthood here at St. John the Evangelist with so many of you who represent all my parish assignments, including my home parish of St. Sylvester's in Medford. Each of you are very special and important to me. I will continue to keep you and your families in my daily thoughts and prayers. Thank you for making today's celebration very special for me and my family. May God's love and blessings always remain in your hearts and the hearts of your loved ones!

With great love and appreciation, Father Patrick



Fr. Patrick with his parents, Deacon George and Pat
First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Sylvester's on June 10, 2001

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, June 6th Weekday

- 8:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro
- 5:00 PM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, June 7th Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

- 8:00 AM Frank Pallas
- 10:00 AM Angelina Eisenbraun
- 12:00 Noon Mass of Thanksgiving
- 6:00 PM Dolores O'Brien

Monday, June 8th Weekday

- 7:00 AM Myles Connolly
- 12:00 Noon Kristen Bigora

Tuesday, June 9th Weekday

- 7:00 AM People of the Parish
- 12:00 Noon Christopher Bowman

Wednesday, June 10th Weekday

- 7:00 AM Theresa Westergard
- 12:00 Noon Jackie Graham

Thursday, June 11th Saint Barnabas, Apostle

- 7:00 AM Dina Scarselli Donnelly
- 12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

Friday, June 12th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

- 7:00 AM Myles Connolly
- 12:00 Noon Stanley and Leokodia Zurawsky

Saturday, June 13th Weekday

- 8:00 AM Denise Calcagno
- 5:00 PM Michael Anthony Postilio
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, June 14th Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Elvira and Augusto Teixeira
- 10:00 AM Florence Probeyahn
- 12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer
- 6:00 PM Vincent Fiore

Father's Day Novena...



Enroll your loved ones in our **2026 Father's Day Novena of Masses**

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Those names that are included on the envelopes will be remembered during

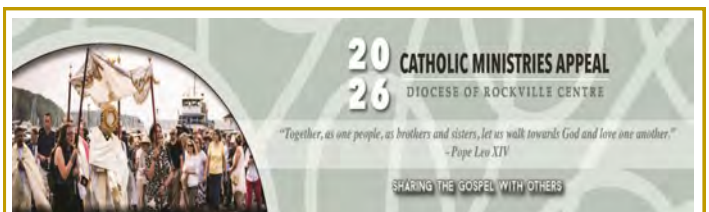
the Father's Day Novena Masses that begin on **Father's Day, June 21st**.

Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped at the rectory office by **Thursday, June 18th**.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$394,585	22	\$17,936
2025	\$388,395	22	\$17,654



As of 6/2/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	160	158
Total Pledged to date	\$67,655	\$68,585
Percent of Goal	56%	60%

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!



*Please join us as we celebrate
25 years of priesthood
for our pastor,*

Fr. Patrick

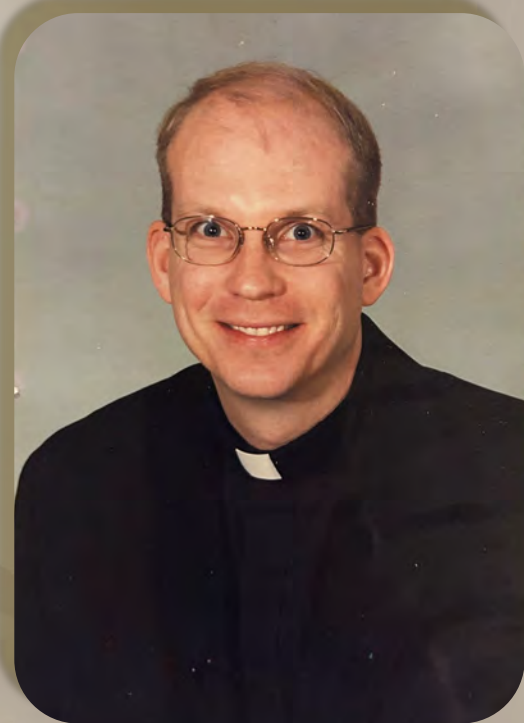
Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, June 7, 2026

at 12 Noon in the church

*Reception and Jubilee Blessings
to follow in the Parish Auditorium.*

*Together, let us celebrate this
joyful occasion with
grateful hearts for
twenty-five years of faithful
service, spiritual leadership
and devoted ministry.*



Ordination: June 9, 2001



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

Ronald Francis Rodney + Mary Catherine Abruscato
Cesar Albarracin Guncay + Gary Bianco
Roseanne Laura

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Fr. Peter D'Abele	Christopher D'Antuono
Bill Hasper	Kevin Keane
Mark Havens	Dorothea Biamonte
James Patrick Lapham	Millie McDonald
Father Gil Lap	Anita and Daniel Luccari

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

ALTAR BREAD & WINE INTENTIONS

For the month of June, the Altar Bread and Wine are offered for the repose of the soul of:

Christopher D. Reilly Jr.

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. May these candles be a sign of hope, remembrance, and prayer for all who gather in our church.

May Crowning at St. John's May 31, 2026



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. We will lift their intentions to God, asking for protection, strength, and peace for all who serve and their families.*

*A Patriotic Rosary
for Our Nation*

1776
250th Anniversary
2026

Join us as we come together in faith and gratitude to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country (1776-2026) on the First of July with a special Patriotic Rosary.

As a parish family, we will lift our hearts in prayer for our nation giving thanks for the blessings of freedom, remembering those who have sacrificed for it, and entrusting the future of our country to God’s providence. Through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, we will pray for unity, peace, and a renewed commitment to live out the Gospel in our land.

One Nation Under God. God Bless America.

All are invited to take part in this meaningful and prayerful celebration of faith and country.

If you would like to assist in planning or participating in this special event, please contact the Rectory at rectory@sjecm.org. *More details to follow.*

Breaking Open God's Word



The Gospel of Mark

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 or 631-878-0009.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

LEVEL 7 SPONSOR/CANDIDATE NIGHT!

On June 1, our Level 7 students and their Confirmation sponsors came together for a special prayer service. Sponsors formalized their commitment to the young people they will be sponsoring for Confirmation and received a Sponsor Handbook that includes tools and tips on how to be faith-filled mentors. Afterwards, everyone was invited to enjoy Italian Ices.



2025-26 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

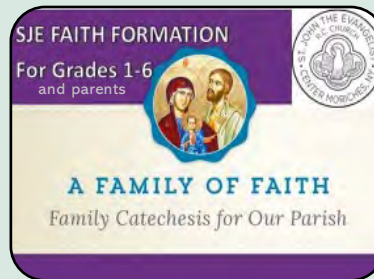
CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website. sjecm.org (click on "Faith Formation")

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Keep an eye on your email for information about registering for the 2026-27 academic year. Level 7 students remain on the same day/time next year. A calendar will be available by July. Registration will begin later this month and ends in August.

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

We will contact all our Level 8 families via email once we receive a Confirmation date from the Bishop's office. Once that is confirmed, we will send out our Fall dates for our "Fearless" Fall program for those receiving Confirmation in the Fall of 2026. (This program also includes Catholic school students who will be entering 9th grade in the Fall).
Questions? Email us at confirmation@sjecm.org.



Family of Faith: UPDATE

We hope to see you at Mass! Be sure to register for our program in mid-June-August! Check our website for the "GOD SIGHTINGS" Summer Project handout if you did not receive it at the closing prayer services!

Level 6 Families: Don't forget to complete your Confirmation Application by June 30! A link to the online application was emailed to all Level 6 families along with a letter explaining our Confirmation program. Questions? Email us at confirmation@sjecm.org.

REGISTRATION 2026-27 - BEGINS This Month! (NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS)

Please check the parish and/or Faith Formation websites for details on registration for the 2026-27 academic year, which will begin this month! Registration ends in August. Our program begins when students enter first grade!



Blood Drive

Blood Emergency



A swing and a hit!

When you join us to donate blood, get **2 vouchers for Mets tickets** as our thanks.



St. John the Evangelist

2 ST. JOHN'S PLACE, CENTER MORICHES

SPONSORED BY THE SAINT JANUARIUS MINISTRY

Saturday, June 20th

9:00am – 3:00pm

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

- [CLICK HERE](#)
- SCAN QR CODE
- CONTACT MELISSA AT:
(917) 566-8537 / MGATTO@NYBC.ORG



Prepare to donate



Eat well and hydrate



Bring a photo ID



Feel good and symptom free



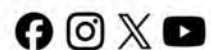
Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form



Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

Walk-ins are welcome! Appointments help reduce waiting.





*With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, we joyfully announce the Ordination of
Reverend Patrick Michael O'Brien*

*to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood
at 11 AM on **Saturday, June 20, 2026** at
The Cathedral of St. Agnes
29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre.*

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**The First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving**  
*will be celebrated at 11:30 AM on  
**Sunday, June 21, 2026** at  
The Church of St. Patrick  
400 W. Main St, Huntington*

**First Blessings and light refreshments  
to follow. All are welcome.**

*Father Dennis Suglia, will be celebrating his 15<sup>th</sup> year of Priesthood  
at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in West Islip, NY.*

**Celebration for Fr. Dennis  
June 13<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Where: St. Bernadette Hall**



All are welcome to attend the 5 PM mass with Fr. Dennis. Reception immediately following. To help make our celebration complete, we are requesting that parishioners planning to attend, please bring in a dessert, finger food or fruit. We can only accommodate room temperature food. Thank you.

# 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.

## STREET MINISTRY

A look at the amazing work of our Street Ministry team, a dedicated group of St. John's volunteers feeding and serving the poor in our community with love and compassion:



Every Wednesday morning, a group of volunteers meet in the Barn to sort and organize the many donations that come in, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and the local community. They meticulously go thru items and pack clothes, shoes, blankets, and toiletries into crates. Thursday afternoon volunteers make sandwiches and pack lunches and snacks into brown bags. That evening more volunteers come to campus delivering more food, delicious home cooked, hot meals they have prepared, which are brought in in individual containers and placed in a cooler to keep warm. Another team (it takes a village!), loads our Street Ministry van with all the food, crates of clothing and toiletries, coats, individually wrapped desserts and bottles of water and they're off into the local community to



nourish and clothe the homeless and those in great need. Our Street Ministry serves the poor, rain or shine each week, year-round. It is a beautiful way of living out God's Commandment to love one another. If you would like to be a part of this or any of our volunteer efforts, please call the PSM office at the number above to get started!



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

Summer is coming! Would you like to volunteer outside in our vegetable garden, Heaven's Harvest? We grow produce to distribute at our food pantry Ernie's Place. We would love to have you join us in any of our ministries, all you need is your SJE-issued volunteer badge to get started! Please email or call the PSM office for more information.

*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*


# Would you like to get connected at St. John's

If you are interested in volunteering here at St. John's, but not sure what you'd like to do, just scan the QR code below and provide us with some basic information and someone from our pastoral team will contact you. You can also email us at [connect@sjecm.org](mailto:connect@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office (631) 878-0009 and leave your name and phone number and we will call you back.

- Faith Formation
- Altar Linens
- Thrift Shop
- Lectors
- Holy Grounds - Garden Ministry
- Street Ministry
- Community Meal
- Family Life Ministry
- Martha & Company
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Ministry of Consolation
- Ernie's Place (Food Pantry)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Altar Servers and more!



DIocese of Rockville Centre



## Holy Hour & Eucharistic Procession

"Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church..." - Pope St. Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi



Join us as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage travels the Eastern Seaboard in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary.

While the National Pilgrims rest on Long Island, our Diocese will unite in prayer through a special Holy Hour—offering a meaningful opportunity to spiritually participate in this historic pilgrimage.

**President:**  
Bishop John O. Barres

**Preacher:**  
Fr. Cassian Derbes, O.P.

**JUNE 17, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**

Retreat & Conference Center of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

For more information, please contact:  
[mcooke@drvc.org](mailto:mcooke@drvc.org)

## 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.

# Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament



Monday - Friday from 3:00 - 7:00 PM  
Seton Chapel + In the Convent of St. John the Evangelist

## A Message from Monsignor Walden...



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. As baptized Catholics, we are what we celebrate: The Body of Christ in our world. This blessing is not only seen in our personal families but opens our minds and hearts to who we are as the followers of Jesus in the Catholic Church. Every Sunday we are blessed to come and be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. It is our family meal. We come with many thoughts and concerns personally and communally which we pray for personally and communally. While we do not know everyone at the Masses we attend, we do have that special bond with each other. Jesus instituted this Sacrament at the Last Supper and spoke these words: "Do this in memory of me!" At every mass we are part of we encounter, listen to, speak to, and receive into our very bodies Jesus himself.

Today we have a very special eucharistic celebration as we join with our pastor Fr. Patrick to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination. For twenty-five years, Fr. Patrick has blessed people not only in the four parishes he has served as a priest but in countless others whose lives he has touched. I first met Fr. Patrick in 2005. At that point I was the pastor of St. Patrick's parish in Smithtown and had an opening that spring for an associate pastor. The process then involved calling those on the list who were moving. How blessed I was, as was St. Patrick's parish, that a woman who had worked with me in St. Thomas More parish told me to call Fr. Patrick Riegger. My first question was, "Who is he?" I never heard of him or met him. So I took the advice and called Fr. Patrick to come and talk to see if it would be a good fit for him and the parish. How blessed I was to meet him at the front door of St. Patrick's rectory and to see his smiling, joyful face. We sat down and gathered with one of the other priests and had a very enriching conversation. It was clear right then and there after interviewing a number of other priests that he was the one. We both had to send in three names to the Priest Personnel office of who were interested in. I wanted to put him down as number one, number two, and number three. God blessed St. Patrick's and me personally when he was assigned to our parish there and we spent five joyful, wonderful, enriching years together.

All who are parishioners here at St. John the Evangelist in Center Moriches and all in the parishes he has served gratefully know he is a gift. He comes to every Sunday Mass with a warm, welcoming, and consoling presence. He genuinely loves all who he is responsible for serving and remembers everyone's name. As we all know so well by now, he is a wonderful, compassionate, joyful, loving priest. I am now blessed to live and help as a priest with this wonderful man of God. I thank God for the gift he is for me and for all whose lives he touches. I join with you and all who know this wonderful priest in thanking God for him and congratulating him. He truly is a good shepherd who has embraced Psalm 23.

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.



## 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 15 & 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!

## ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The Brookhaven Town Highway Department will continue curb and sidewalk replacement work along St. John's Place over the coming weeks. Following this phase, the Town will begin paving St. John's Place Extension and St. John's Place.

While this work may temporarily affect traffic patterns, parking, and pedestrian access around the parish and school campus, we are excited to see these long-awaited and much-needed improvements taking place. We are also deeply grateful to the Brookhaven Town Highway Department and the Town of Brookhaven for investing in these repairs, which will enhance safety and accessibility for our parishioners, students, staff, and visitors for years to come.

We appreciate the Highway Department's ongoing communication and willingness to work closely with the parish to accommodate parish and school activities throughout the project.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as these important improvements are completed. Updates will be shared as additional information becomes available.



Knights of Columbus  
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

**FRIDAY NIGHT'S**

Doors Open at 6:30 PM  
Games Begin at 7:30 PM

**\$3000 IN PRIZES**

For more information  
[kofc4126.com](http://kofc4126.com)



# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, June 8<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 9<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, June 10<sup>th</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

## Thursday, June 11<sup>th</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, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 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, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

## Sunday, June 14<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!

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