

St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 11, 2021

"The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel." -Amos 7:15

SUMMER

Sixth Annual Summer Evening Prayer Begins Monday, July 19, 2021

Get Ready! Something different!

5:30 -Gathering

...bring a picnic blanket and have dinner on the lawn. 6:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer

(Members of our high school/college community will provide babysitting for kids on the playground and on Turpin Field. If you are able to help or to supervise this, please e-mail mpirraglia@sjecm.org.

Note: Exposition to end at 5:15 p.m. on these days

A Seminarian Summer...

This summer, we welcome back those priests and soon to be deacons who have served as seminarians in our parish!

Next Monday— July 19 Fr. Rafal

We were blessed by Fr. Raf's presence at SJE during the Summer of 2019. He now serves as the Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Floral Park.

> We invite families with last names beginning with A-L to bring a dessert for our sharing table! Save the Dates....Monday, July 26,

Tuesday, August 24 and Tuesday, August 31.

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4th Annual SJE SPIRIT DAY + August 14, 2021



SJE SPIRIT DAY Country Fair 2021 Return to God and Country!

Saturday Evening—August 14, 2021

Our Spirit Day Committee is off and working! We are looking for some volunteers to help with

GAMES + FOOD + OPEN MIC PLANNING + ORGANIZATION + RAFFLES and SPONSORSHIPS!

• Great benefits! (Helping our parish!) + Clear commitment! (only two to three to meetings and finished in August!) + New friends! (It's a great working group!)

It's going to be a great day for our parish....and for you!

Check out the bulletin for more information in the weeks ahead!

Would you, your family or your business (or a business you know) be able to help sponsor Spirit Day? Your sign will be displayed from August 14—September 14, 2021

SPIRIT DAY LEADERSHIP MEETING +

Can you help take a lead in Spirit Day—well Spirit Night 2021?! We need some new members on our Leadership Committee...help steer us in the right direction Contact Fr. John at 631.878.0009 or email to jsureau@sjecm.org. Next Meeting: Week of July 12th!

SPONSORSHIP BOARD ORDER FORM

PHONE #: E-MAIL ADDRESS (optional):



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Nothing for the journey....

CAMINAMOS (We walk)

Dear Parish Family:

I have been reading and studying about the Camino de Santiago recently. It is the Way of St. James whose feast day we celebrate on July 25, 2021. This walk, which usually takes 30-35 days, is a journey that leads one physically to the Cathedral of the Santiago de Compostela but hopefully to a much deeper place spiritually. Don't tell my mom but it's something I've been thinking about doing.



In today's Gospel, Jesus sends those disciples out two by two "and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick..." (Mark 6:8). It's a journey of mission and repentance. It's our journey as disciples, no?

I have been listening to an online retreat about the Camino led by Fr. Michael Fish, a Camaldolese Benedictine monk based in California. He has walked the Camino numerous times (really, don't tell my mom!) and during a recent retreat offered some suggestions for having a good camino. Let me take a few of them from Fr. Michael Fish and adapt them as we continue on this journey of discipleship.

Who are you walking for? I think part of the work of the Camino is to take time each day or for the entire week to walk for someone or something. Now, you and I know this is not about a trip to Spain. It's about an ongoing recognition of our need to offer times of prayer for needed intentions—our own, of those we love, and those of the world. I remember a woman from my last parish was famous for her "OIU"s—Offer It Ups. Any frustration she might have run into—a traffic jam, a frustrating moment, a pain. She would always say, "I'm offering this up for..." It became a prayer. We are journeying first, I pray, as a response to God's call. But we're journeying for one another. Who, today, are you offering it up for?

Prepare. Fr. Michael Fish shared that most people who get hurt or injured on the Camino often do so in the first eight to ten days. This happens because pilgrims don't practice or are not fit enough. The journey of our lives, of this pilgrim journey, requires that same preparation and practice. We may not be ready to make the big moves—a commitment to a way of life or a new type of extended prayer or a new ministry—without some practice and preparation. We know this always requires prayer, time, effort, focus...all the things that make for a good pilgrimage.

Get a good guide. A friend of mine, from South Korea, who has walked the Camino spoke often of his guide book. Someone who had done the Camino suggested it to him and then spoke to him about the journey. We need to do this here and now on this journey. We have it, right? Jesus Christ. Period. He sends us on this journey. He walks with us. He is always there. Sometimes, though, we don't see. We need some help on the way. Here are some ideas. Pick up a Bible or one of the daily scripture reading books (*Give Us This Day, Magnificat, Living with Christ*). How about getting a good spiritual book—not something that is self help based. Rather, find something that is God-help based. Read a recent translation of a classical work. Also, how about taking time to talk to a person of wisdom in your own life? Maybe someone you know well. Maybe someone you know of and it's now time for you to take a step. I recently connected with a retired priest of our diocese just to connect to some of his wisdom. This has been challenging. I am better for it.

Let go. A few people I know who have walked the Camino speak about the backpack. You have to practice and you have to realize that Jesus' advice about nothing for the journey has many benefits. Most pilgrims send between 25 to 50% of their belongings back home within the first days of the Camino. Father Michael Fish invited a reflection about fear. We need to have everything covered. So let me bring everything. I laughed at his reflection. Whenever I go away I pack way too much because the

thought that I might not have something I "need" is too much. Silly.

We don't trust enough. The same is true on a deeper level. It is very hard to journey to another, to offer help, support, encouragement, and even challenge if I am carrying too much. What do we need to let go of? Maybe it is some physical things! St. Basil said, ""The bread in your cupboard belongs to

the hungry; the coat hanging unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has no shoes; the money which you hoard up belongs to the poor. You do wrong to everyone you could help, but fail to help." And yes, we need to look deeper! What are the deeper things –anger, a relationship, a dream, a hurt, a reason for self-hate. They're weighing us down. They're stopping us from walking. They need to go. Remember, "take nothing for the journey."

The practical goal is to arrive here at this beautiful cathedral. There are beautiful traditions associated with one's arrival. Those I know who have done the Camino come back much lighter—physically and spiritually. They have been forced to be pilgrims carefully following paths that lead them to a place of awe—rest and peace in God.



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We do not need to go to Spain to do this. We have more than enough paths and journeys in our own lives. Take some time this week to consider who you are journeying for, find guides, prepare yourself and let go of all that is weighing you down so that you and I together, "might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ" (Ephesians 1:12)

If you can, please say a prayer for me.

ASSUMPTION WEEKEND - August 14/15, 2021

On this weekend all Catholics are once again obligated to attend Sunday Mass as the dispensation that has been in placed will be lifted. This is a day to celebrate as we return to regular Sunday worship. Save the date now and plan to join us on **Saturday, August 14, 2021**

3:30 p.m. Marian Procession through the grounds of SJE

Led by our English and Spanish communities, we will journey to the various Marian statues and images on our parish grounds while praying the Glorious Mysteries in Spanish and English.

4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption The procession will lead us in to our Vigil Mass for the Assumption. This Mass, prayed in both Spanish and English, will allow our entire parish to celebrate this solemnity and this return to Church.

5:30 p.m. (approximately) -Spirit Day at Night! See other parts of the bulletin for more information this week and in the weeks ahead.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



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PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PHONE # 631.878.0009 + RECTORY @SJECM.ORG

Sister Ann Berendes + Director of Senior Ministry Christian Diconsiglio Case Manger

Ernie's Place—Food Pantry Ministry: Katie Spellman

Ministry of Consolation: Eve O'Brien

Communion to the Homebound: Kevin Both

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora Society of St. Vincent de Paul

IF YOU ARE IN NEED, PLEASE REACH OUT

If we are unable to assist you directly, we will be more then happy to connect you to resources that can help. **Our office hours in the Red Barn are:**

During these days, please call to make an appointment. Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus at all times.

<u>Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 to make an appointment.</u> Alternative office hours can be given upon request of appointment.

Ernie's Place (Food Pantry) - Monday 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Thursdays 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Shop - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SILLER

Help out those in need!

Street Ministry – serving the homeless in our area each week. Donations Needed: Women's underwear (4-6, 6-8, 10-12, & 20-22) + Men's Underwear (36-38 & 32-34) + Adult t-shirts and sweatshirts (all sizes) + Women's Leggings and

sweatpants (M & L) + Men's Jeans and Sweatpants (M & L—waist sizes 30-38) + Chapstick + Baseball hats + Sunblock (travel size) + Sunglasses. You can put them in a bag-just remember to label it street ministry- and drop off in the green bins. Thank you!



Ernie's Place Food Pantry - serving those in need on Mon. and Thurs.

Ernie's Place, SJE's Food Pantry Ministry, is beginning to manage with regular volunteers. We are looking for men and women age 18 and above to assist on Monday evenings and/or Thursday afternoons. While limited in the number of volunteers we can have in the pantry at one time, we would like have more available volunteers. If you're interested or would like some more information, please call the Parish Office or email to rectory@sjecm.org.

Donations Needed: Donations Needed: Bags of dried red beans + Bags of dried black beans + Bags of green dried peas + Small jars Mayo + Small bags of Sugar

Chicken Ministry – taking care of God's creatures to provide for the poor! **Chicken Tenders Wanted**– We are looking for volunteers to help care for the chickens and their coop. Morning shift is before 8:00 am and evening shift is at dusk. Please contact Lynn and Mike Walsh for details at rectory@sjecm.org **Note:** We are not taking any more egg crates.



Thrift Shop – provide garments, gems and great items for the local community Donations may only be left <u>in the green bins</u>. Anything left outside is discarded. *Donations* for all parish social ministries may be left in Fellowship Area of the Church or Rectory.

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PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Scripture Reflection In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by

two. From the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, members visit in pairs "two by two", those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

To arrange for a large furniture pick up, click here: https://www.svdpli.org/get-involved/ donate/schedule-pickup/schedule-a-pick-upsuffolk-county/. <u>SJE DOES NOT ACCEPT</u> <u>FURNITURE ON CAMPUS.</u>

SJE is proud to have a St. Vincent de Paul Conference. We are always looking for new members. For more information, call 631.878.0009 or e-mail to <u>rec-</u> <u>tory@sjecm.org</u> and your information will be shared with the leaders of the conference.

St. John the Evangelist Comunity Meal Join us Monday, July 26, 2021 in the School Auditorium at St. John the Evangelist Church in Center Moriches.

The Meal will consist of a home-made dinner from <u>6:00PM-7:30PM.</u> If you are

in need of toiletries or clothes, please let a volunteer know!



Just Another Day at the Chicken Ministry...

Rosie suffered an injury to her foot which

wasn't healing, resulting in her being bullied. After a trip to Dr. D'Amato at North Fork Animal Hospital in Southold she is almost fully healed and no more bullying. (notice she is almost always in the run now.)



Eagle Scout Blessing Box Project



FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org Office Hours: Monday-By Appointment Only (Monday-Thursday) (RED BARN, Upstairs)



Faith Formation



INCOMING 1ST GRADERS / NEW STUDENTS: REGISTRATION NOW REGISTRATION **OPEN (ONLINE)**

St. John the Evangelist's Religious Education 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, and children who have not been in religious education for awhile, are welcome to register online via our parish website—siecm.org—thru 8/27.

Returning Students: For those who were in grades 1-5 in our "Family of Faith" program, please fill out the "Returning Student" Google Form on the parish website.



A FAMILY OF FAITH Family Catechesis for Our Parish

YOUTH MINISTRY

CYO Summer Open Gyms

IS OPEN

Girls:

Wednesdays—Start date: 7/21/21

Grades 4-6: 6:00-7pm Grades 7 and up: 7-8:30pm

Boys: Thursdays—Start date: 7/22/21

Grades 4-6: 6-7pm Grades 7 and up: 7-8:30pm

If you're interested in volunteering for the SJE CYO Program, please contact CYO@sjecm.org



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WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE IN 2023?

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Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Espanol los Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia, y los Martes a las 7:30 p.m en La Capilla del Convento.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oracion, todos los Viernes a las 7:30 p.m. en la Capilla del Convento de la Parroquia. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

Bautismos: Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia. Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes. **Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.**

Requisitos:

1. Certificado de nacimiento del niño o/de la niña.

2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)

3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Matrimonios:

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

R.I.C.A: Padre Jaime- 1-631.878.0009

Templos del Espiritu Santo (Grupo de Jovenes) cada sabado a las 5PM en el Red Barn



Feligreses de la comunidad Hispana de St. Juan Evangelista en Centro Moriches

*La subscripcion deben haceria en linea usando la pagina de http:://

www.stjohntheevangelist.com.

*Hacer click en el cuadrito que dice "Baptisms."

*Usted puede ver el video que sigue en la pagina siguiente, o puede ir en la parte superior al texto que dice: "click here to continue with the process".

*Si no estas registrado como parroquiano de San Juan, deves hacer este paso primero, para que obtengas tu numero de parish ID.

*Si ya estas registrado, usa tu numero de Parish ID, para que llenes el registrado con los datos de tu bebe.

Permítanos ayudarlo!

DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ERNIE Abierto - Lunes 6:30 p.m. a las 7:30 p.m. Jueves 1 p.m. a las 2 p.m.

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Red Barn Miércoles de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.

MINISTERIO DE LA CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley 7:15 p.m. (aproximadamente) Comidas sencillas y ropa disponible.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 p.m. Auditorio de la escuela JULIO- 26 de julio de 2021

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para aquellos que lo necesiten

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PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

We Remember... Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass Edith Dixon, Kenneth Dixon, Gladys Ruland, Walter S. Ruland, Anthony Sanimarco, Anna Lambert

We Pray...

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

John Gordan, James Hodder, Bob Williams, James Dineen, Dario Knesich, Alice Zach, Helen Kollamn, Stephanie Llengyel, Sophie Crisci, Diane Moje, Dorothy Fraser, Elsa Dicecco

Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. 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

Praying for Our Military

US Army

Sgt. Justin Sikorski, PVT Bailey Meyer, PVT Sean Casey, SGT Daniel Smith, PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith, PFC Jack Dyer, SPC Jarrad Satornino, PVT Michael Garcia Jr., SPC Daniel Sisco

<u>US Air Force</u> SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SSgt Ryan Kerstiens, SSgt Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens, MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes, Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado, CPL Andrew Schlosberg PVT Charles O'Connor, SGT Quentin Montemarano, Recruit Evan Berkemeyer

US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher, ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr., MMN3 Christopher J. Esposito Jr.

<u>US Coast Guard</u> SR Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue

Remembering our Loved Ones Helping our Parish.

Altar Bread and Wine—for the month an offering of \$150 is requested Altar Candles—\$25.00 per week

Altar bread and wine for the month of July has been donated: In memory of John Fay.





STEWARDSHIP

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Support us today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account. Click the link to get started.





TEXT **SJECM** TO **555888** or visit **stjohntheevangelistcm.com** and click **Give Online.** Select the collection of your

Select the collection of your choice.

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Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

HELP WANTED

SJE is in the process of working a number of projects on our buildings and grounds. We are struggling to get

commitments from contractors and can use some support.



Can you offer some recommendations or suggestions for us to review?

- Concrete Repair and Installation (for sidewalks, etc.)
- Paving (for repairs and possible seal coating)
- General Contracting (SHEETROCK, MISC REPAIRS)
- Painting (for jobs that are little beyond volunteers)

Please contact Fr. John

at jsureau@sjecm.org or call 631.878.0009 with any information or suggestions.

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PREPARING FOR THE WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 12, 2021 + Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Tanya Ann Pirro	
12 Noon	Special Intention- Marissa Eileen Ward	
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 + Weekday		
7:00 a.m.	Salvatore Iannolo	
12 Noon	Russell Hammond	
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available	
Wednesday, July 14, 2021 + St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin		
7:00 a.m.	Antoinette Pirraglia	
12 Noon	Christopher Bowman	
Thursday, July 15, 2021 + St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		
7:00 a.m.	Antoinette Pirraglia	
12 Noon	Patricia O'Colanell	
Friday, July 16, 2021 + Weekday		
7:00 a.m.	William & Lucille Haass	
12 Noon	Josephine Giambalvo	
Saturday, July 17, 2021 + Weekday		
8:00 a.m.	Vincent Steffen	
16th Sunday in		
Ordinary Time		
Mass of Anticipation		
5:00 p.m.	Brian Mannix	
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available	
Sunday		
8:00 a.m.	Gloria Plaisance	
10:00 a.m	Katy Dyer	
10:15 a.m.	Intention Still Available	
12:00 p.m.	Kristen Bigora	
6:00 p.m.	Kim Roventini	

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK RBMR—Red Barn—1st Floor Mtg. Room/RBUR—Upper Room SC –Seton Chapel Monday, July 12, 2021 RB 6:45 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous SC 3—7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SC 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Priest Prayer Group 7:25 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Cafeteria Tuesday, July 13, 2021 RB 6:45 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 3—7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SC 7:00 p.m. Divine Will Prayer Group Auditorium 7:30 p.m. RB Alcoholics Anonymous Wednesday, July 14, 2021 RB 6:45 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00 a.m. Thrift Shop Open Thrift Shop 3—7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SC Cafeteria 7:00 p.m. Imagine NA 7:00 p.m. Baptism Rehearsal Church Thursday, July 15, 2021 6:45 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous RB 3—7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SC 4:00 p.m. Legion of Mary RBMR Street Ministry Convent 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. RBMR Alanon Friday, July 16, 2021 RB 6:45 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 3—7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SC 7:00 p.m. SC Spanish Prayer Group

Did you receive our Summer Appeal Mailing?

Narcotics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous

Men's Prayer Group

Narcotics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous

If so, please consider supporting the ongoing work of SJE! Return your envelope or make your offering at www.sjecm.org. If you did not receive a mailing, please let us know.



RBMR

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7:00 p.m.

6:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

6:45 a.m.

Saturday, July 17, 2021

Sunday, July 18, 2021





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OLQA

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Office Hours

In the Blue House Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday –Saturday 9 a.m. – 2p.m. We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.

Mass Schedule

The Sacraments

Come and pray with us! Saturday Evening

5 p.m. + 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass) (Saturday Evening 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Sunday

Church: 8:00 a.m. + 10:00 a.m. + 10:15 a.m. (porch) + 12 Noon + 6:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory or check SJE Social Media for latest updates.

Weekday Mass

Monday—Friday: 7:00 a.m. + 12 Noon Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (Spanish—Seton Chapel) Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m. (The 7 a.m. Daily Mass will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Come and know God's Mercy!

We celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**: <u>Monday—Friday:</u> After the 7 a.m. + 12 Noon Masses <u>Saturday:</u> After the 8 a.m. Mass <u>Saturday:</u> 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. + 7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30—5:45 p.m. *Confessions will now take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.*

Come and know God's healing of the sick!

Please contact the Rectory (631.878.0009, x. 9) for a priest to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with the seriously ill or those preparing for surgery.

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Thanks to your support we are able to help moms like Dembe find religious freedom!

Dembe was keeping a very dangerous secret. For months she had been visiting a Catholic shrine near her home in Uganda. Pregnant, she nurtured her new-found faith there and decided she would have her baby baptized. But Dembe came from a devout Muslim family and she knew her change of religion could be disastrous. She eventually told her husband who supported her decision.



However, it wasn't long before their families found out and tempers flared. Hers immediately cut all ties while his family quickly turned everyone in their small community against them.

Soon they were not only ostracized but regularly victimized. Neighbors would curse and throw stones as they walked in the street. Once, while she was home alone, a group of men threw her into a pile of animal dung and mud. "They told me they'd kill us if I baptized my baby. I was frightened. I knew I had to do something." So Dembe sought religious asylum in the United States. When she arrived without her husband, she was still eight months pregnant and the only shelter she could find was in a friend's unfinished basement.

A hospital social worker heard her plight and called Catholic Charities' Regina Residence, our home for pregnant women in crisis. There, Dembe was welcomed with open arms and found unconditional love for her and her newborn baby, Maria. Today, Dembe and her baby are healthy, happy, and enjoying the religious freedom and tolerance of the United States. But she recalls, "At that shrine they told me that God would find a way to wrap His arms around us. It was true. His arms are the embrace of Catholic Charities."

To make a donation, you can also visit https://www.drvc.org/CMA or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296	SJE Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal - \$107,300 Amount Pledged - 94,369.33
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Place in weekly collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office make your donation or use the donation options listed above. Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal