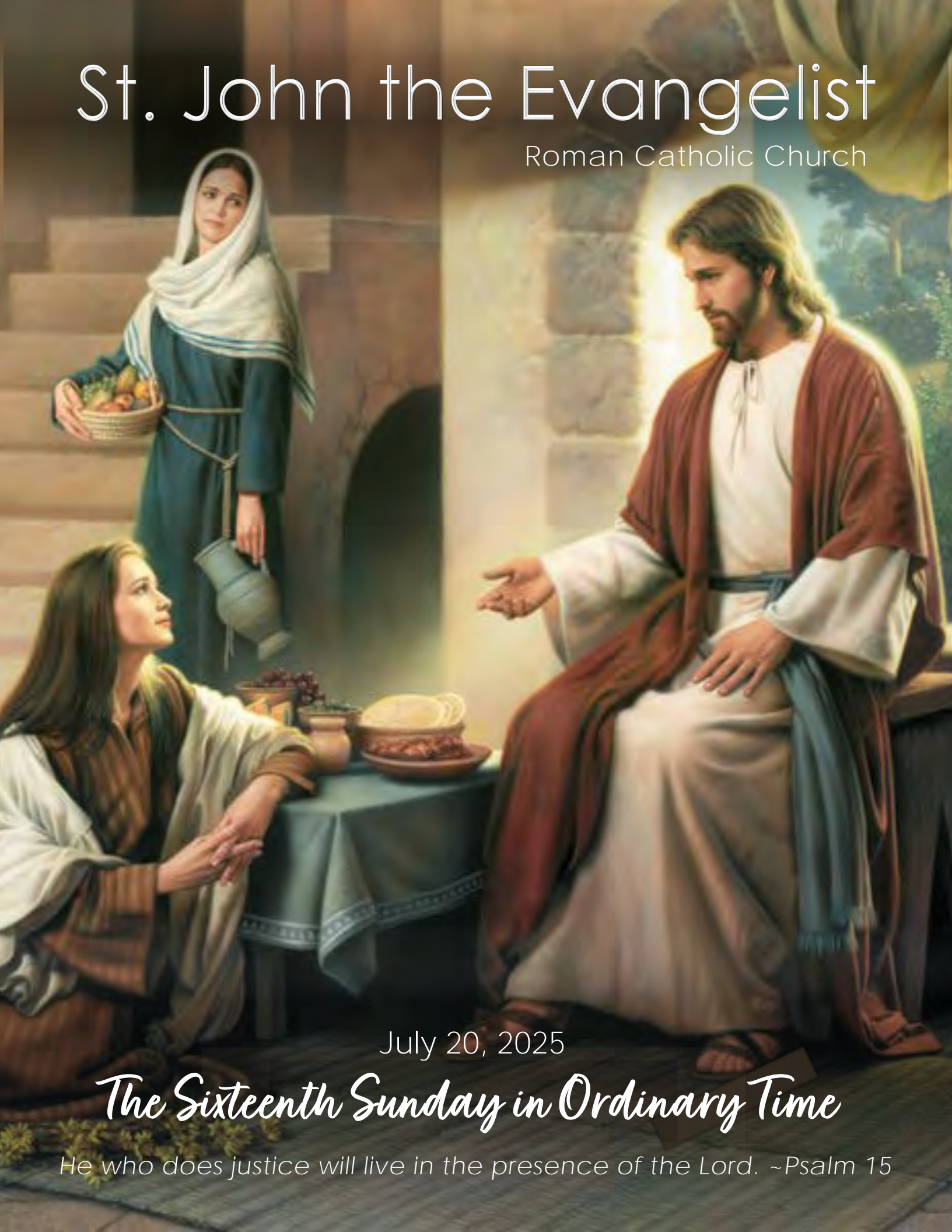


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



July 20, 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. ~Psalm 15



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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 26th

5:00 PM - Fr. Charlince

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, July 27th

8:00 AM - Fr. Charlince

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Jerry

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Charlince 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 (ext. 201)

www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller, Principal

dwall@olqany.org

Office Hours

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

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 Message from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...

Martha & Mary ~ A Gospel Reflection (Luke 10:38-42)

Each time I hear today's gospel, I realize that I have a long way to go. I probably identify more with Martha rather than Mary. It does not take long for me to become anxious and preoccupied with worldly agendas or concerns. I do my best to start off each day in prayer. Several times a week I pray for a few hours early in the morning before celebrating mass. But once the day gets started, I can find myself getting anxious at times or preoccupied with all the demands and expectations that are placed on me. It does not take me long to lose my way. Yes, there are better days than others. But I can easily relate with Martha more than Mary throughout most of the day.

As I get older, I do make the effort to pray longer and to sit in silence. However, there are times even when I pray, that I worry about what I have to do and all that needs to be done. Yet when I trust more in God's saving power, my days flow so much better. My days become more grace-filled and fulfilling in the Lord. For the most part, I think that we can all easily identify with Martha because of all the demands and pressures of life. It is so easy for us to get anxious and worried over so many things, especially those which we have no control over, instead of relying more on the goodness of the Lord.

No question that Martha did the right thing in providing hospitality and in turning to Jesus when she felt neglected and overwhelmed with the demands of life. For me, I find this gospel story relevant because, like Martha, we can become anxious so easily. We get so busy so fast and easily preoccupied with so many things that we forget about why we are doing the things we are doing in the first place. We sadly forget about the importance and the presence of Christ in our lives.

Jesus tells Martha that Mary chose the better part, not the easier part. We know it is not easy to be still and silent in today's world. It is no different today than back then. And today we have more technology and resources that pull us away or distract us from spending more time in prayer with God! Yet in today's gospel, Jesus is reminding us how to begin each day. We need to begin each day with Him and place more of our trust and understanding in His saving power and Word. We need to be more attentive to His Word in the silence of our hearts. We just need to be still and focused on His Divine presence so that He can refresh our souls with His wisdom and grace, and renew us in His spirit and love. We need to trust more in His Word and commands and rely on Him more often for peace and understanding.

The truth is that it is so easy for us to get caught up in so many worldly matters. No wonder why this gospel is so real and relevant for us, because it is so easy for us to become busy-bodies all the time. It is not that the Lord does not appreciate or value Martha's hospitality and service towards Him. The problem is she is not enjoying her time with the Lord. In last weekend's gospel, the Parable of the Good Samaritan focused on the service aspect of our faith, and today's gospel story of Martha and Mary focuses more on the contemplative nature of our faith. **Today's gospel focuses more** on the primacy of

God's Word in our lives! Today's encounter that Martha and Mary have with the Lord reminds us of the importance of God's Word in our lives—how God's Word gives our lives direction, purpose and meaning. It sets crooked ways straight. It lifts us up. It transforms us and reassures us of God's promise for humanity. God's Word is our road map in life and our pathway to eternity. It is clear in today's gospel that God's Word leads us into ministry. Ministry loses its meaning without reflecting on God's Word. It is evident that ministry, prayer and contemplation go hand in hand. However, ministry is subordinate to God's Word. In other words, the proclamation of God's Word must be superior. It must come first, if we are going to bear fruit and be effective in continuing the work of redemption in being of service to one another!

In choosing the better part, Mary was able to spend more time with her guest. She was able to spend more time with Jesus contemplating on His Word. She really made the conscious effort to stop everything she was doing to just be still and silent when the Lord was in her midst. She knew how important it was to listen to Jesus. It is one thing to hear the Word of God; it is another thing to reflect on what He is sharing with us. This is where silence and discipline come in. **We need to set time apart each day** to be one with the Lord in prayer

among the busyness of life. We need to remember that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and that He alone has the words of everlasting life. We need to remember that Jesus is our hope and joy in life – that He alone is sufficient and the fulfillment of all of our hopes and longings. He alone can bring us rest from our labors.

When reflecting on this gospel passage, I do not doubt that Mary assisted Martha in preparing for Jesus' visit to their home, as it was custom to do so. But once the Lord arrived, she was able to connect with Him more and settle down a bit knowing of His wisdom and redemptive power. The challenge for us each day is to try to do the same. The challenge for us is finding balance in our lives when it comes to hospitality and prayer. If we are going to be effective in advancing the Kingdom of God in humble service to one another, then we need to place ourselves before the Lord with complete faith and trust in God's will.

In the end, today's gospel is telling us to slow down a bit. It tells us to take some quiet time each day to be still and silent before the Lord. Today's gospel is telling us to stop rushing around all the time and to be still and silent more often. Living the Christian life is learning how to prioritize. **What is clear in today's gospel** is the importance and primacy of God's Word. Even in the busyness of life and worldly responsibilities, we need to find that time to be alone and still before the Lord who refreshes our souls and reassures us of the importance of keeping God first before all things. Once we turn to Jesus in greater faith and understanding of His Lordship and keep Him first and at the center of our lives, everything else begins to fall into its proper place. Life itself becomes so much more joyful and meaningful with all the people God has placed in our lives. Everything we do begins to make more sense once we make more time for Jesus in our lives!



Masses for the Week...

Saturday, July 19th Weekday

5:00 PM Gerald DiPiero Sr.
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, July 20th Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Anthony Read
10:00 AM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer
6:00 PM John Fitzpatrick

Monday, July 21st Weekday

7:00 AM William Brennan
12:00 Noon Marge Peters

Tuesday, July 22nd Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00 AM Kelly Madigan
12:00 PM Frank Stabile

Wednesday, July 23rd Weekday

7:00 AM Dolores Butera
12:00 Noon John Gordon Walsh

Thursday, July 24th Weekday

7:00 AM Michael Garvey
12:00 Noon Kristen Bigora

Friday, July 25th Saint James, Apostle

7:00 AM Daniel Hickey
12:00 Noon Winifred Campbell

Saturday, July 26th Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM James McNeely
5:00 PM Eileen Clowry
7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, July 27th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John Fitzpatrick
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Capone Family
12:00 Noon Annabelle Reilly
6:00 PM Elvira and Augusto Teixeira

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 | \$495,599 | 28 | \$17,700 |
| 2024 | \$509,412 | 28 | \$18,193 |

2025 Please help us reach our goal!

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*



| As of 7/15/2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Parish Goal | \$115,100 | \$115,100 |
| Number of Donors | 169 | 184 |
| Total Pledged to date | \$75,555 | \$75,505 |
| Avg. Gift | \$447 | \$410 |
| Percent of Goal | 66% | 66% |

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!

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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.

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





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Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Our Military

Erin M. Carine + Michael Romagnolo
 Concetta (Connie) Roncone
 Edward Hughes Sr. + Thomas Garbellotto
 James Anthony Taylor + Alice Davis

"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

Carol Theisen, Herb McIntyre
 Baby Isabelle Reyes, Mark Havens,
 Debra Falco, Nick Cardaci

"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.

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
 A1C James Pfister

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 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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

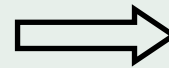
Online Registration OPEN Now Thru 8/22!

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 EXTENDED DEADLINE: JULY 18 !

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





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Early Childhood Pre-K Program

(Ages 3 & 4)

Full-Day & Half-Day Classes Available!

Registration Is Open!

SCHEDULE A TOUR:
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BELOW OR CALL
631-878-1033



VISIT OUR
WEBSITE:

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WE OFFER...

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



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



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

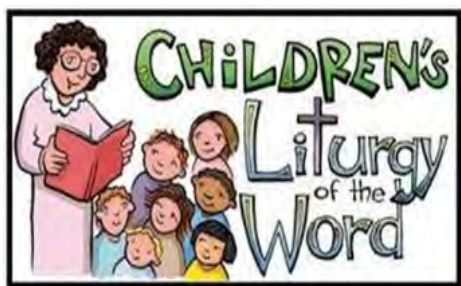
Our moms' group is growing! How wonderful that some of the moms of our newly baptized babies are interested in growing in their faith as they raise up another little member of our parish family! The Moms on the Journey group meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7:00-8:30 PM in the upper meeting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

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



Godparents

Do you know the
requirements for
Godparents ?

To be a godparent (or a sponsor for someone who is receiving Confirmation) a Catholic must meet the following requirements. These are not "guidelines" here at St. John's. These are the requirements of the universal Catholic Church and are the same all over the world. Different parishes may choose to document these requirements differently. The role of sponsor is an important one! The godparent (sponsor) must be a fully initiated Catholic who supports the person receiving the sacrament through their own example of Catholic living and a desire to help the person learn more about the Catholic faith through prayer, discussion and instruction. The Catholic Church has the following requirements for godparents/sponsors:

- The sponsor must be a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church which means he or she has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist (Communion) and Confirmation.
- The godparent/sponsor must be at least 16 years of age (a person younger than 16 must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church)
- The godparent/sponsor must have an active life of faith in the Catholic Church and provide good example of Catholic Living.
- If the godparent/sponsor is married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church
- The godparent/sponsor cannot be either parent of the person being Baptized or Confirmed.

Now that you know a little more about Baptism...
spread the word! We have a wonderful parish at St.
John's and we are growing every day !

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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



Last weekend the Knights of Columbus held an amazing food drive at two local King Kullen's to benefit our food pantry, Ernie's Place. They received hundreds of bags of donations from the very generous local community. A huge thank you to the Knights for organizing, collecting and

dropping off food to benefit those in need in our community. We are grateful for their year-round support of our food pantry!



Thrift Shop

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:

- * Drink Boxes
- * Canned Chicken
- * Jar Pasta Sauce
- * Cake Mix and Icing
- * Bags of Black & Red Beans
- * Small Bags of White Rice
- * Small bottles of Cooking Oil
- * Syrup
- * Ketchup
- * Hot Sauce




- ◆ Single Razors
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Face/Wash cloths
- ◆ Gently used t-shirts
- ◆ Women's **new** Underwear (S, M)
- ◆ Men's **new** Underwear & Socks (S, M, L, XL)
- ◆ Gently used men's & women's sneakers
- ◆ Gently used men's jeans (all sizes)

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!

*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



Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM.

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

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



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

If I Shall But Touch His Garment, I Shall Be Made Whole"

- MARK 5:22-34



RETREAT DAY

Sobornost For The World
invites you to experience a day
of prayer, talks, community
and living the mission of Christ
in our world today.



Rev. Dr. Felix Phiri SMM, Retreat Speaker

Where Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

Conference Room
258 Eastport Manor Road
Manorville, NY 11949

When Saturday, August 30, 2025

9:30 am to 3:00 pm/Mass 11:30 am
Light refreshments offered

What

What might be holding you back from going out into the world with joy, courage and hope? What stands in your way and prevents you from moving toward others? This retreat will explore how reaching out to touch the tassel of Christ's garment in our need is an act of faith which can change our lives forever.

Register (Suggested Donation \$35.00)

Text to **631-680-2892** or email
janinejankowski12366@gmail.com

A Fair Trade table of products will be available to support the Sobornost Foundation missions.

What to expect

The members of Sobornost For The World have been sharing the joy of Christ's mission on Long Island and around the world since 2003 following Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25 where He says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Each helps those who are in severe poverty around the world with what is given to share. Sobornost members believe this is the way to live a joyful life.

Father Felix Phiri SMM, is serving at Our Lady of the Island Shrine, and originally from Zambia. He holds a doctorate in Sacred Theology from Boston College and until his appointment as an Assistant to the Superior General of his Order, he taught Systematic Theology and Liturgy at Hekima University College, a Jesuit School of Theology, Peace and International Relations in Nairobi, Kenya. Sobornost is honored and looking forward to partnering with Fr. Felix in this retreat day.

A Message from Msgr. Walden...



We are touched in many ways by the people we encounter everyday. It is always a good, and even a great touch when we are welcomed into their presence and they are just happy to see us. That is magnified when we have the same feeling in return - being welcoming, accepting, and appreciating who they are. To spend quality time with others we give our attention, ears, and heart. At times, we can have difficult issues or situations to resolve, but the way to peace, hope, and a strengthening bond is to make our welcome full and wholehearted.

This past week I read and reflected on this quote from Pope Benedict XVI: "We become truly human when we are touched by God." In today's Gospel (Luke 10:38-42) we have the familiar passage where Jesus is welcomed into the house of two sisters, Martha and Mary. Martha was busy with preparing for his presence and felt her sister was not helping her, she was just sitting at the feet of Jesus, welcoming Him with her undivided attention. While both sisters were so grateful for Jesus' presence in their home, Mary gave Him her undivided, personal attention. While Martha focused on the physical actions of preparing food and an atmosphere of welcome, Mary saw the gift Jesus was to her as well as to her sister. Jesus made it clear that "Mary chose the better part and it shall not be taken from her."

Everyday is an opportunity to welcome Jesus into our presence as we give Him our time, attention, and gratitude in prayer. Our faith, hope, and love are strengthened when we can recognize who this Jesus is that is listening to us. But it is so easy to get distracted in prayer and say the words without allowing our attentiveness to Jesus who is listening to us speak to Him and appreciating our presence to

Him. We have to "turn off" our electronic devices as well as our fixation on the past, present, and future, and focus on the Jesus we are talking to and spending time with. The same is true as we come to celebrate Mass together. Through rituals, spoken words from scripture, and songs and prayers of thanks, praise, sorrow and petition, we are enriched by knowing that our presence allows God to hear our prayers, calm our fears, forgive our failures and inspire us to see the gift of who God is to us by becoming that welcome gift to one another. The words of Jesus to Martha about her sister Mary in today's Gospel are not a rebuke, but an invitation to find and experience the wonder and joy of Mary. Jesus says to us each time we pray, "Thank you for giving me your time, attention, concerns, and thoughts. Yes, as Pope Benedict said: "We become truly human when we are touched by God."

I close with this simple prayer from St. Mother Teresa:

Jesus is the Sacrifice offered at the Holy Mass for the sins and the world and mine.

Jesus is the Word - to be spoken.

Jesus is the Truth - to be told.

Jesus is the Way - to be walked.

Jesus is the Light - to be lit.

Jesus is the Life - to be lived.

Jesus is the Love - to be loved.

Jesus is the Joy - to be shared.

Jesus is the Sacrifice - to be offered.

Jesus is the Peace - to be given.

Jesus is the Bread of Life - to be eaten

Jesus is the Hungry - to be fed.

Jesus is the Thirsty - to be satiated.

Jesus is the Naked - to be clothed.

Jesus is the Homeless - to be taken in.

Jesus is the Sick - to be healed.

Jesus is the Lonely - to be loved.

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

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 past year, we read "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.

Enjoy your Summer ! See you in the Fall !

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.



Lobster Fest

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Corn on the cob, Salads, Clams on the half shell 🌀 Soda, Water, Cookies & Watermelon

Saturday, August 23rd 🌀 3 pm

You may bring your own adult beverage

Tickets

Lobster \$50 pp

Chicken \$35 pp

Grab & Go available

Tickets MUST be purchased in Advance.

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.



For Tickets call:
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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.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 21st, 2025

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

Tuesday, July 22nd, 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 23rd, 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 24th, 2025

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

Friday, July 25th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus - BINGO
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR
7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

Saturday, July 26th, 2025

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

Sunday, July 27th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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