

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, I love your commands, I love your commands. ~ Psalm 119



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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, August 1st

5:00 PM - Fr. Francis

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charline

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, August 2nd

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Charline

6:00 PM - Fr. Francis

*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 Message from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Gospel Reflection ~ Matthew 13:44-52

For the past couple of weeks, Jesus has been speaking to us by way of parables. He has been using images and situations that we can easily identify with when referring to the Kingdom of God. The purpose of a parable is to help reveal a hidden truth! In the teachings of Jesus, His main focus is to reveal the mystery and the beauty of God's eternal Kingdom unfolding in our lives with heaven in sight. He used images back then that we can easily relate to in our lives today.

Moreover, parables reveal something important and essential about the Kingdom of Heaven. They draw our attention back to God. They help us discover for ourselves how valued we are in relation to God. They illustrate for us God's great love for humanity and how we can live a good Christian life filled with faith and understanding in the saving power and goodness of God. A parable, if understood correctly, can draw us deeper into the saving mysteries of God. It can bring us new hope and profound joy knowing how important we are to God.

We saw two weeks ago in the Parable of the Sower how effective the farmer was when scattering seed everywhere. We saw the enormous potential a seed has when it lands on rich soil. We saw how something so small and delicate grew into something so big over a period of time signifying how God's word, when planted deeply within our hearts, can have major implications worldwide. The seed representing God's word and life within us can produce great fruit and results when our hearts are softened and receptive. The seed also represents the early church when it started off so small in Palestine and how it grew over time all around the world. We were reminded several weeks ago how we must never underestimate the tremendous potential we have in our world today when we respond to God's word with boundless joy and humility.

In last weekend's gospel, we saw the endless patience and mercy of God in the Parable of the Weeds. Instead of pulling up the weeds immediately, the Master of the household decided to wait until it was harvesting time. This signifies the endless love that God has for humanity and how He sees the good and potential in all of us. Although there will be a time when all things will come to fulfillment, God is always giving us opportunities to reform our lives accordingly. He is patient with us and never writes us off. Instead, He is always extending His love and mercy so we can be right with Him again and grow in His redemptive love.

The weeds and the wheat (which represents evil and good), only remind us that good and evil co-exist in our world and hearts each day and how important it is for us to repent and to live and remain in God's redeeming love. We

need to be patient with ourselves as God is patient with us because life itself, like a seed that is flourishing with enormous potential, is a process. It takes time and effort for us to grow in our spirituality and awareness of God's presence in our lives and the love He brings into our hearts.

Finally, in today's gospel parable, Jesus says the Kingdom of God is like a buried treasure. Once it is discovered, there is profound joy in one's heart. Today's Parable of the Hidden Treasure reminds us how special and valuable God's Kingdom is within our lives and hearts. It is God's life dwelling within us that brings us boundless joy once we discover and recognize just how close He is in our lives. We do not have to look too far to discover God. He is alive and risen in our hearts.

Yet it is clear that some sacrifices and soul-searching is necessary in discovering this great treasure that is often hidden from us. But once we find God, we are willing to give up everything! We are changed! We learn that God is our greatest love and treasure, and that nothing else compares to Him. What was once important to us is no longer as essential once we experience the love of God alive in our hearts filled with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

What a beautiful time of the year for us to rediscover God in our lives, our greatest joy in life. For many of us, summer is a time for rest and relaxation as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation with our family and friends. It is a time to rest from our labors and to enjoy the richness of the Lord in our lives. It is an opportunity to spend extra time in prayer and relaxation knowing the extraordinary potential we have to grow in our spiritual life when we search diligently for the Lord who reigns in our hearts.

I hope and pray that you and your families are having a blessed Summer! Thank you again for all that you do in service to our parish. Your time and generosity are greatly appreciated! It is wonderful to be part of the many ministries that we offer here at St. John's. It was so beautiful to pray the rosary with so many of you before the Blessed Sacrament outside on the convent lawn on Wednesday evening July 1st for our country in celebration of 250 years of Freedom! Thank you all who assisted in making this evening incredibly special and memorable for our parish.

Thank you again for your continued support in our Annual Summer Appeal. If you have not yet mailed in your appeal, please consider joining me and so many others in support for our parish. Thank you for helping to make this annual appeal, our biggest fundraiser of the year, very successful! May God's blessings remain in your hearts and the hearts of your loved ones always!



Masses for the Week...

Saturday, July 25th Saint James, Apostle

8:00 AM John Joseph Marsala

5:00 PM Paul Thompson

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, July 26th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Rachel Rose Slomowitz

10:00 AM David Wedell

12:00 Noon Alphonsius Hoonhout

6:00 PM Robert Maldonado

Monday, July 27th Weekday

7:00 AM Michael O'Brien

12:00 Noon Annabelle Reilly

Tuesday, July 28th Weekday

7:00 AM Joanie Blagdon

12:00 Noon Dominic Bruno

Wednesday, July 29th Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7:00 AM Brianna Gutierrez

12:00 Noon Marge Peters

Thursday, July 30th Weekday

7:00 AM Michael O'Brien

12:00 Noon Michael O'Brien

Friday, July 31st Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00 AM Michael O'Brien

12:00 Noon Richard Nicoletti

Saturday, August 1st Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro

5:00 PM Walter James Dinehart

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, August 2nd Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Walter James Dinehart

10:00 AM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

12:00 Noon Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

6:00 PM Rachel Slomowitz

Annual Summer Appeal

Please support
our Annual
Summer Appeal!



Summer Appeal		
Year	Total:	As Of:
2026	\$31,943	7/20/26
2025	\$39,604	Final

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$533,125	29	\$18,384
2025	\$513,827	29	\$17,718



As of 7/22/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	187	173
Total Pledged to date	\$80,235	\$76,720
Percent of Goal	66%	67%

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!

July 26, 2026



Dear Friends:

As we begin to enjoy all that summer on Long Island offers us, I write to ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can bring that joy to those who come to us for help and support in these uncertain times.

While more than 20,000 of our neighbors from across the Diocese have generously responded with their gifts and prayers, there are still so many ministries that need our support.

Pope Leo XIV urged us to reflect on how we invest the "treasure" that is our life, challenging Catholics to share not only material possessions but also their skills, time, and compassion for the good of others.

Here on Long Island, the Catholic Ministries Appeal is one of the best local vehicles we can use to reach out and show mercy, compassion, and charity to others. Not only does your gift help our very own Parish Outreach Programs feed and serve the poor, but it also sustains programs and services offered by Catholic Charities across the Diocese. Such active efforts ensure that the recipients are comforted with the knowledge that God loves them and is with them even during challenging times in their lives.

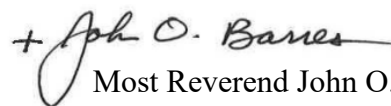
Even more, the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports the services that provide religious education for our children, form our future priests and deacons, make available youth and campus ministry programs, and so many other important works that help us to share the Gospel message in our Diocese and beyond.

In gratitude for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal, be assured of my conviction that together we can bring Christ's message of holiness to individuals, families, and the wider community.

Thank you for embracing the mission of the Church. I will keep you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

If you have already given a gift to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal, thank you for your gift!

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres

CMA

**St. John's has reached
66% of our CMA goal
with 5 months to go!!!
Great job!!!**



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. — Lieutenant
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.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon our nation. Guide our country in the ways of truth, justice, freedom, and peace.

We entrust to Your loving care all who serve in our Armed Forces. Protect them, strengthen them in times of challenge, and grant them courage, wisdom, and perseverance. Keep them safe wherever they serve and bring them home to their loved ones.

We remember with gratitude those who have given their lives in service to our country. Welcome them into Your eternal Kingdom, and comfort their families with the hope of the Resurrection and the assurance of Your un-failing love.

Help us to be faithful stewards of the freedoms we enjoy. Inspire us to live with integrity, serve one another with charity, uphold the dignity of every human person, and always seek the common good.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace and Patroness of the United States, bless our nation with unity, wisdom, justice, and lasting peace. Guide our leaders, strengthen our communities, and help us always to place our trust in You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

John Cali + George Ruiz + Pedro (Peter) Torres

Father Gil Lap

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

May the Lord grant them comfort, strength, and healing.¹

Bill Hasper

Mark Havens

James Patrick Lapham

James Dinnigan

Rachel Tekula

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

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

Virginia O'Connell

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

John Nicholas Abazis

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.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

Online Registration OPEN Now thru 8/21!

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

St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Those entering Grade 1, children who have not been in religious education for awhile, and returning students can register online via our parish website - sjecm.org - thru 8/21.



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

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



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

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

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



INCOMING LEVEL 7 Students - Deadline extended to July 17th



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

Christmas in July



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

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

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

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

KOHL'S

Walmart

target

TJ-maxx

HomeGoods

Marshalls

If you would like additional information please contact
Heather Crayne at socialministry@sjecm.org or
via phone at 631.878.0009, ext. 120

Vaca⁺tion Bible Camp



We had an amazing, faith-filled week exploring the Nature of God in "**Rainforest Falls**" during our **2026 Vacation Bible Camp**! Each day, campers traveled through five different stations - Games, Music, Arts and Crafts, Imagination Station and Bible Stories - and learned lessons about our faith! They also enjoyed a special snack each day. On the last day of camp, family and friends were invited to a closing celebration! This year, we had over 100 campers! Many thanks to the 65 youth volunteers and 33 adult volunteers who made this year's VBC such a wonderful experience for our young people!





Our Lady Queen of Apostles

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- Individualized learning environment & dedicated teachers
- Students grow spiritually, socially, and academically



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Celebrating 100 Years of Faith, Learning, and Service

Honoring Our Past • Celebrating Our Present • Inspiring Our Future



On **September 13, 2026**, our parish community will celebrate the **100th anniversary** of the opening of **St. John the Evangelist School**, founded in **1926** by the **Sisters of Charity**. To begin this historic celebration, the Centennial **Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**, at the **5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**.

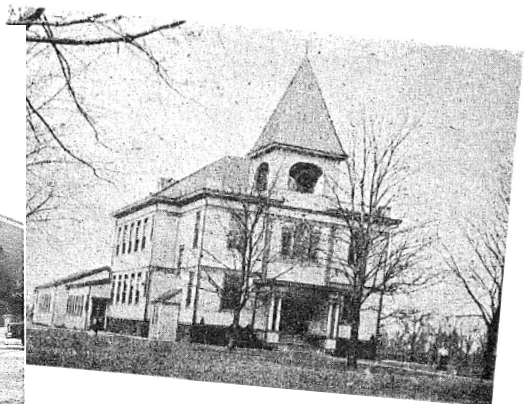
When the school opened its doors on **September 13, 1926**, it was located in the former **Center Moriches Public School** building on the northeast corner of **Main Street and Brookfield Avenue** in downtown Center Moriches. The building had been purchased at auction in 1925 by devoted parishioner **Joseph McAleenan** for **\$10,000**, after which the deed was transferred to **Father John J. Donlon** for the establishment of the parish's new Catholic school. Under the guidance of the **Sisters of Charity**, St. John the Evangelist School began its mission of forming young people in faith, learning, and service—a mission that continues today.

In **1992**, St. John the Evangelist School entered a new chapter when it became **Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School**, joining with the parishes of **St. Jude, Mastic Beach; Saints Peter and Paul, Manorville; and Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach** to continue providing an outstanding Catholic education. While the governance structure changed, the school's mission has remained steadfast, and Catholic education has continued on the campus of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

A special highlight of our centennial celebration will be the **Centennial Mass of Thanksgiving** on **Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**, celebrated by **Bishop Robert Guglielmone**, a graduate of St. John the Evangelist School. A century after the Sisters of Charity welcomed the first students into the school, one of those students will return as a bishop to celebrate the enduring legacy of faith, learning, and service that has touched generations of families.

Throughout the **2026–2027 Centennial Year**, we will honor our rich history, celebrate the countless lives shaped by our school, and look with hope toward the future of Catholic education in our community.

If you are a graduate, former student, faculty or staff member, parent, or have photographs, memorabilia, or stories to share, we would love to hear from you. Please help us preserve and celebrate our history by contacting us at celebrateolqa100th@olqany.org. Your memories will help tell the story of a century of Catholic education at St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: socialministry@SJEcm.org

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 9:00 AM - 12 Noon and have fantastic prices on gently used (and some new!) clothing, shoes, housewares and more. The proceeds from our sales support SJE's parish social ministry outreach programs, benefitting those in need.



ERNIE'S PLACE

Our food pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. We are grateful for any non-perishable food donations, especially snacks and juice boxes for children this time of year. Please place donations in the brown bin located outside of Ernie's Place or in the wagon inside Church near the main entrance. Thank you for your generosity!



STREET MINISTRY

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



Street Ministry donations requested:

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



Look at what our garden "Heaven's Harvest" grew! Zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, herbs are more are growing in abundance thanks to the amazing team of volunteers caring for it. They planted, weeded, now with water, sunshine and care are harvesting delicious produce and bringing it right inside Ernie's Place to feed those in need. Families are able to enjoy fresh produce each week; we are grateful for this ministry and all of those who serve. Our garden is a bountiful blessing from God!

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.

- St. Teresa of Avila

SJE Parish Social Ministry...

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

COLLECTION

During the months of July & August
we will be collecting schools supplies.

Please leave your donation's in the
fellowship area of the church.



Items needed...

Folders

Pens & #2 Pencils

Colored Pencils

Markers

Glue Sticks

Highlighters

SJE Totus Tuus Men's Group Presents...

7th Annual

Holy Smokes Night!

All men 21+ of St. John the Evangelist are invited to the 7th Annual Holy Smokes Night! Come join us for an evening of brotherhood and fellowship.

Saturday, August 1st
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
at the Rectory Patio

DINNER | SNACKS | SOFT DRINKS
All provided

Bring your favorite cigar and/or adult beverage.
RSVP Required. Please scan the QR code
or contact the rectory office.



Men 21 and over only.

A Message from Monsignor Walden...



How wise are we? We live in a world of constant and instant communication and reports. In the first reading for today's Mass (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12) it concludes with these words to King Solomon: "Because you have asked for this — not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right — I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you." I want to share with you a passage read from the breviary that comes from Colossians 3:1-17, a passage I frequently read for inspiration, direction, wisdom and hope.

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Because of these the wrath of God is coming upon the disobedient. By these you too once conducted yourselves, when you lived in that way.

But now you must put them all away: anger, fury, malice, slander, and obscene language out of your mouths. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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.

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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.

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Our Women's Group meets every other Monday from **10:00–11:30 AM**, September through June, in the Convent on Ocean Avenue.

Newcomers are always welcome at any time. All that is needed is a desire to grow in our faith and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Our books for this year are:

- **Beautiful Holiness** by Kathleen Beckmann
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A suggested offering of \$25 is appreciated to help offset the cost of the books. However, no one should ever feel unable to participate because of the offering.

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2026 Meeting Dates

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Who Can Be a Godparent? A Simple Guide—and an Invitation

Being asked to serve as a **godparent (or sponsor)** is a beautiful honor in the life of the Church. It means you are being entrusted with helping someone grow in faith—not just on the day of Baptism or Confirmation, but for a lifetime. Because of this sacred responsibility, the Church asks that sponsors meet a few important requirements. These aren't meant to exclude, but to ensure that those who stand as witnesses are ready to truly live and share the faith.

You may hear this described as part of *Canon Law*. That might sound a little intimidating—but don't worry, it's not as complicated as it sounds! Canon Law is simply the Church's way of keeping things ordered and meaningful—think of it as a guidebook that helps us live our faith well and care for one another in the right way.

According to the Church's law, a sponsor must:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Be a **Baptized Catholic** who has received **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation**
- Be living a life in harmony with the faith and the role they are taking on
- If married, be **married in the Catholic Church**
- Not be the parent of the person being baptized or confirmed

At first glance, this may feel like a high bar—but it's really an invitation. The Church wants sponsors who can confidently say, *"Yes, I strive to live what I believe."*

If you find that you don't meet one or more of these requirements right now, please don't be discouraged. There are simple and welcoming ways to "make things right," and we are here to walk with you every step of the way.

Missing Confirmation? If you are a baptized Catholic who has not yet been confirmed, our parish offers Adult Confirmation classes. A new session will begin right after Easter—this is a wonderful opportunity to complete your sacraments and deepen your faith.

Married outside the Church? If your marriage was not celebrated in the Catholic Church, it can be "convalidated" (recognized by the Church). This process is often simpler than people expect, and it brings great spiritual peace.

Wherever you are in your journey, know this: the Church's doors are open to you. These requirements are not barriers—they are pathways into a fuller life of grace.

If you have questions or would like to begin any of these steps, please reach out to the parish office. We are here to help.

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Monday, July 27th, 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, July 28th, 2026

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

Wednesday, July 29th, 2026

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

Thursday, July 30th, 2026

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

Friday, July 31st, 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

Saturday, August 1st, 2026

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

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

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