

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



July 6, 2025

*The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. —Psalm 66



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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 12<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Charlince

6:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

*\*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  
[www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org)

**Dawn Waller, Principal**  
[dwall@olqany.org](mailto:dwall@olqany.org) (ext. 201)

## 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 Reflection from the Music Ministry Director, Angela Werner...

## A Reflection on the Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."*

The above passage is often associated with the priesthood and consecrated vocations, but it's not solely about those roles. This gospel speaks of the seventy-two disciples whom Jesus sent out on a mission. It was a kind of 'internship,' a training time while Jesus was still with them. They are told to travel in pairs. We can assume that this directive was (in part) related to their safety. If one person is sent to do something that might be dangerous or risky, it would be wise to have another person go along. Traveling in pairs would also mean they would provide each other with mutual encouragement, and that one would be a witness for the other. But perhaps (most importantly) they were sent in pairs because of Jesus' own words: "Where two or more are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

**What is the mission of the priest?** It is to proclaim the Gospel message, even when it is difficult. It is to be able to face rejection for the sake of the truth, to rely not on what this world can give, but what faith in God can do. It is to pursue a life of virtue as an example for others to follow, to offer peace in a world filled with chaos. It is to gather, feed, guide, and protect those entrusted to the Church, to be willing to give one's life to God, and to be ready to lay down one's life for the flock which the world exposes to the prowling wolf (sin). It is so important that we pray for all priests, because the evil one sends the most vicious wolves for them. Why? It is because without priests, there would be no Eucharist (the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ here on Earth). This is also why we need to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. We can imagine the distress of a farmer when he sees his fields golden with harvest, but no servants to gather that harvest in. It must have been such an agony that filled the heart of Jesus as He looked out on His harvest field. He considered the multitude of humanity to be like a harvest field ready for gathering. No matter who we are, where we live, or what our status is, we each have the ability to spread the Word of God in our own unique way, from the seed, to the harvest, to the Kingdom.

**Jesus told them, "Go on your way;** behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves." Jesus wanted them to go with a trusting heart, allowing God to work through them. There are times along the way that we will feel like lambs among wolves. But never forget that our Shepherd is always nearby, gently guiding our works. Often, it's not the quantity, but the quality of our works that matters.

**Jesus said, "Carry no money bag,** no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way." He did not want them to become distracted by material concerns or worldly possessions, and salutations would only cause a delay in their journey. The more we detach ourselves from earthly things, the more we seek to inherit that which has the greatest value: eternal life. In order for a few to reach many, there needs to be power at work, and the more we empty ourselves of 'ourselves,' the more room we make for the power of the Holy Spirit to work within us, helping us to offer the message, to live the message, and to be the message.

**Jesus said, "Into whatever house** you enter, first say, 'Peace to

this household.'" Whenever Jesus entered a place, His first words were, 'Peace be with you.' We also say it at every mass we attend. Peace entering any situation is likely to improve it. Peace is the perfect starting point, because it leads to the perfect ending point, which is eternal peace in Heaven. With all the chaos in the world today, a little peace would be a welcome relief. Sometimes, the best thing we can offer someone is peace. It comes from a quiet place, yet it speaks volumes.

**Jesus told them, "Stay in the same house** and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment." Jesus wanted them to trust that God would provide for them through the generosity of others, which allowed them to thankfully receive what was offered by those who supported them in their mission.

**Jesus said, "Cure the sick** and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" The healing was important because it was part of their preaching, and it showed that the Kingdom of God had come with the power that they had described from what Jesus had taught and shown them.

**Jesus instructed them, "Whatever town** you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.'" Jesus warned the seventy-two to expect resistance and rejection, which we also face today. More Christians are being persecuted for their faith today than at any other time in human history, including the Roman persecutions of the first century. We mustn't let that stop us though. Ultimately, each of us has the choice to either accept the truth or reject it. But in order to have the chance to accept the truth, one must first hear it. Following Christ is not easy. We may be mocked, and we may suffer, but our sacrifice will lead to our victory, and we will be in good company. God didn't want us to feel alone in our human struggles. When He entered into our humanity, He allowed Himself to be exposed to temptation, hatred, and suffering, even to the point of death because He wanted us to understand that death doesn't have the last word. Whether we are met with kindness or ridicule, acceptance or scorn, hospitality or contempt, if the peace and love of Christ is what we have offered, then mission accomplished!

**When the seventy-two returned rejoicing,** Jesus said, "Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." This was a reminder from Jesus that it wasn't important for them to measure their own successes. Their main mission was the same as ours is today, which is to carry on the ministry that Jesus started. Outward signs are merely by-products of the mission, which is getting ourselves (and others) to Heaven. More important than signs are souls. The value of all earthly harvests (from the beginning of time until now) is nothing in comparison to the worth of one soul. Every soul is meant for Heaven, and God wants us to help each other on that journey.

**As St. Teresa of Avila reminds us:** "Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out to the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless others now."



## Masses for the Week...

### Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> Weekday

5:00 PM Jenny and Anthony Ponzio

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

### Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Lorraine Swanson

10:00 AM James Agate

12:00 Noon Margaret and James Finley

6:00 PM Vivian Cordeiro

### Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Anne Failla

12:00 Noon Joan O'Connor

### Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Charles Peters

12:00 PM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

### Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Anna Portman

12:00 Noon Barbara Downes

### Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM David Laguerre Jr.

12:00 Noon Joseph Mazzarella

### Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> Saint Benedict, Abbot

7:00 AM Luigi Sciandra

12:00 Noon Marie Daniels

### Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> Weekday

8:00 AM Richard Montemarano

5:00 PM Special Intention - Matt Stevens

7:30 PM (Spanish) Cecillia Lopez Reynoso

### Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joan O'Sullivan

10:00 AM Ben and Carmen Pirraglia

12:00 Noon Special Intention - Matthew Stevens

6:00 PM People of the Parish

## 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	\$456,726	26	\$17,566
2024	\$472,580	26	\$18,176

**2025 Please help us reach our goal!**

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission*



As of 6/30/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	166	181
Total Pledged to date	\$74,045	\$75,010
Avg. Gift	\$446	\$414
Percent of Goal	64%	65%

Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! We receive back 20% of whatever is raised below the goal. If we go above the goal, we also receive 80% of all monies that are raised above the goal! Please help us go above the goal!



## VACATION BIBLE CAMP

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

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

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

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

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



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

[clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org).

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!





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# Praying For and With One Another

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## Remember

**William Hope**

“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  
Eileen DeRicco + Herb McIntyre**

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

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

## Our Military

### US Marine Corps

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

### US Army

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

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

### US Navy

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

### US Air Force

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

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



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)

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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](mailto:socialministry@sjecm.org) or via phone at 631.878.0009, ext. 120

**KOHL'S**

Walmart



**TJ-maxx**

HomeGoods

Marshalls





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# Early Childhood Pre-K Program (Ages 3 & 4) Full-Day & Half-Day Classes Available!

## Registration Is Open!

SCHEDULE A TOUR:  
SCAN THE QR CODE

BELOW OR CALL  
631-878-1033



VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE:

**OLQANY.ORG**



## 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

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...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!

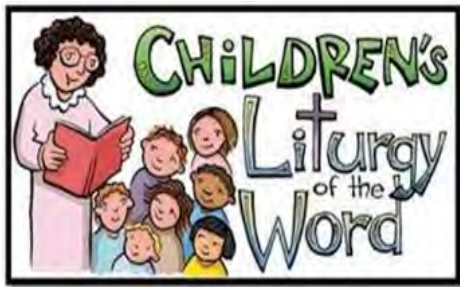
## Moms on the Journey

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 23<sup>rd</sup>** and **Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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, 10<sup>th</sup>! All are welcome to join this fun-filled, faith-filled, family-oriented ministry! Hope you'll consider joining Family Life Ministry!



## GARDEN MINISTRY

*Did you know that St John's has a beautiful garden, Heaven's Harvest, located between the Convent and Rectory? The dedicated volunteers of this ministry work together to produce bushels and bushels of produce which we donate to Ernie's Place and our Street Ministry. We plant, water, weed and harvest now through November. At this time, we need your help; we are looking for volunteers to help us for the season. The best part about this volunteer opportunity is you can choose a time that works for you. We have raised beds; it doesn't have to be strenuous, and you can work alone or bring a friend. To learn more about how you can help get our garden ready for the growing season please reach out to Heather at 631-878-0009, ext. 120 or via email at : [socialministry@sjecm.org](mailto:socialministry@sjecm.org)*

*Lend a hand and be a blessing,  
your parish needs you!*



## 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 !



# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5  
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[faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpiraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpiraglia@sjecm.org)  
 Office Hours: By Appointment Only

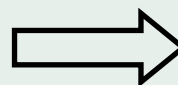
## Online Registration OPEN Now Thru 8/22!

### 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org)



## INCOMING LEVEL 7 Students

### Confirmation Application: Due 6/30!

To parents/guardians of students enrolled in our Level 6 program this past year who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older but has not started the Confirmation program, please email us at [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org)





# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

- Please see our Christmas in July gift card donation page for information on helping those in need this holiday season.
- Thank you for your continued donations to our street ministry and food pantry during the summer months!
- Our food pantry is in need of volunteers, please consider helping. ALL volunteers are required to have an SJE issued ID badge. Please contact Cathy Mussi at ext. 126 if you need to obtain one.

## Ernie's Place

Ernie's Place Food Pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday's from 6:30-7:30pm and Thursday's from 3:00-4:00pm. We are in great need of volunteers to help when we're open and to help re-stock our shelves which takes place one or two days a week in the mornings. Please call to join us!



### Pantry Shopping List:

- \* Mayo, \*Ketchup, \*Mustard
- \* Pancake Mix \* Syrup
- \* Canned Chicken
- \* Oatmeal
- \* Hot Sauce
- \* Bags of Red Beans
- \* Cake Mix and Icing
- \* Small Bags of White Rice
- \* Small bottles of Cooking Oil



## Thrift Shop

Our Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday from 9am-12pm All are welcome to shop! The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish outreach programs to help those in need in our local community. Donations are greatly appreciated in the green bins in the school parking lot in front of our shop anytime but especially on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9am-11am!

## Street Ministry

Our Street Ministry team provides food and clothes to those in need every Thursday night. There are lots of opportunities to get involved whether you like to cook, serve, help load our van or fold clothes. Please reach out for more information!



- ◆ Single Razors
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Face/Wash cloths
- ◆ Socks & Underwear (Men's & Women's)
- ◆ Gently used men's & women's sneakers
- ◆ Gently used t-shirts
- ◆ Gently used men's jeans (sizes 30, 32, 34)

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

- St. Teresa of Avila



# A Message from Msgr. Walden...

Whenever we go on a trip we try to take everything we think we will need. Sometimes overpack and sometimes we do not pack enough. There is a very interesting line in today's Gospel (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20) where Jesus sends His disciples ahead of Him to prepare the people for his coming: "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way." That is certainly traveling light and being focused on the purpose for sending them ahead of Him.

Everyday we carry many thoughts and concerns in our minds and hearts. The negative ones weigh us down and include anger, spite, bitterness, disappointment, fear and guilt. The positive ones energize us and include love, joy, gratitude, wonder, and mercy. The negative baggage also includes temptations to do or say things that will only leave us feeling guilty, frustrated, and restless. The positive baggage cannot really be called baggage because it does not weigh us down, but inspires, encourages, and lifts us up and everyone whose lives we touch with all that is truly good and loving in us. We celebrate key and even everyday moments of our lives in those encounters or situations where good is done and experienced. Jesus sent out the seventy-two disciples to prepare those He would encounter to be touched, renewed, refreshed, encouraged, and inspired by His presence. How wonderful it is that the more we recognize God's goodness, love, and presence in our lives, the more energy, joy, hope, and gratitude we experience and share. Jesus was always energized by the people who came into His presence. At one point when Jesus was preaching about the need for us to eat his flesh and drink His blood which referred to the Sacrament of the Eucharist where we receive Him in the bread that is His body and the wine that is His blood, people started to give up on Him and walked away. He then addressed the twelve apostles: "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:67-69)

Jesus not only has the words of eternal life, He is the Word of God, the Word we need to hear, embrace, and be uplifted and nourished by everyday of our lives. All we have to do is take the time to see the blessings we have in each other and the blessing that we are truly united by when we allow Jesus to embrace us and recognize how He wants to embrace everyone we encounter. Jesus not only has the "words of eternal life", He is the Word spoken through our thoughts, words, and actions everyday.



I offer Psalm 139 for your prayerful reflection.

O Lord, you search me and you know me,

you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you.

Before ever a word is on my tongue  
you know it, O Lord, through and through.

Behind and before you besiege me,  
your hand ever laid upon me.  
Too wonderful for me this knowledge,  
too high, beyond my reach.

O where can I go from your spirit,  
or where can I flee from your face?  
If I climb the heavens, you are there.  
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn  
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,  
even there your hand would lead me,  
your right hand would hold me fast.

If I say: "Let the darkness hide me  
and the light around me be night,"  
even darkness is not dark for you  
and the night is as clear as the day.

For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul  
my body held no secret from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret  
and molded in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw all my actions,  
they were all of them written in your book;  
every one of my days was decreed  
before one of them came into being.

To me, how mysterious your thoughts,  
the sum of them not to be numbered!  
If I count them, they are more than the sand;  
to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

O search me, God, and know my heart.  
O test me and know my thoughts.

See that I follow not the wrong path  
and lead me in the path of life eternal. Glory...

**Psalm Prayer:** You watch over heaven and earth, Lord Jesus. Your death brought light to the dead; your resurrection gave joy to the saints; your ascension made the angels rejoice. Your power exceeds all power. Lead us to life eternal, and watch over us with your love. May your friends be filled with honor and join you in heaven.



SJE Totus Tuus Men's Group Presents...

6th Annual

# Holy Smokes Night!

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

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

**DINNER | SNACKS | SOFT DRINKS**  
All provided

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



Men 21 and over only.





Benefitting Ernie's Place  
Food Pantry

Date: July 12, 2024  
Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

King Kullen in Manorville from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
King Kullen in Center Moriches from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

#### Reasons for the Summer Food Drive:

1. **Children at Home:** During the summer months, children are home from school and rely on meals at home, missing out on breakfast and lunch provided by schools.
2. **Reduced Donors:** Many of our usual donors take the summer off, including schools, scout troops, and students needing community service hours.
3. **Year-Round Need:** While food donations are often associated with holidays, the need for our families is year-round.



Knights of Columbus

**No Bingo July 11th**

**BINGO Night**

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

**\$3000 IN PRIZES**

SJE Parish Auditorium

**Aderation**  
of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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

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

If you can be present for a specific hour, email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

## Entering Canaan

A Woman's Retreat Day of Prayer & Healing

Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 9-5pm on Long Island



For those suffering from a past abortion

Come begin your healing journey!

His mercy and peace are waiting for you!

For confidential reservations call  
Lorraine  
c: 516-798-9100  
Email: [LGariboldi@LifeCenterLI.org](mailto:LGariboldi@LifeCenterLI.org)  
or  
Deacon Fred Ferrara  
c: 201-481-0800

Led by the Life Center of Long Island  
Lorraine Gariboldi, Director of Post Abortion & Pregnancy Loss Ministry  
Theresa Bonapartis, Co-developer of Entering Canaan & Director of Lumina/Hope & Healing after Abortion



## Comunidad Hispano...

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en español los sábados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oración, todos los viernes a las 7:30 PM en la Capilla del Convento Parroquial. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

### MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

#### **BAUTISMO:**

Por favor traiga el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

#### **Requisitos:**

1. Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
2. Certificado de registro de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de la charla prebautismal (OBLIGATORIO para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia.

Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

#### **CASAMIENTO:**

Las parejas que planean casarse deben concertar una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de la boda. Esto les dará tiempo suficiente para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame a la oficina

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes. Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

[espanol@sjecm.org](mailto:espanol@sjecm.org)

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to call before you come and visit.

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

#### **DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE**

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 7:30 PM

Jueves 3:00 PM a las 4:00 PM.

#### **TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO**

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

#### **COMIDA COMUNITARIA**

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM  
auditorio de la escuela

#### **MINISTERIO DE CALLE**

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley  
7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para quienes lo necesiten. Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

## 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.



## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Please take some time look through the back pages of the bulletin! It features many local businesses (and often the work of parishioners) and the good work they do in our community. We have parishioners who do everything from car detailing to car mechanics to lacrosse training to taking care of pets. Take a look and learn more!

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

Also, if your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, the nearly 1,400 people who attend Mass at St. John the Evangelist - most of whom live and shop in the Moriches, Mastic, Shirley, Eastport, Speonk and Remsenberg area - receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of families in the area with information about your business.

For more information on how to  
advertise in our bulletin, call  
The Church Bulletin Company  
at 631-249-4994

# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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