

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, O God, let all the nations praise you! ~ Psalm 67



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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 22nd

5:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charline

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, August 23rd

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Francis

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

6:00 PM - Fr. Charline

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor

Reverend Charline Vendredy

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Francis Lasrado

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno

Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele

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Deacon

Michael Hoonhout

Deacon

Ed Grieb

Deacon

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Director of Family Ministries

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Director of Faith Formation

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Director of Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

OLQA

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Regional Catholic School (on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place

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www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller, Principal

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Office Hours

Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM - 3:00 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Please take note of the summer hours.
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 the Director of Music Ministry...

A Reflection on the Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28)

***"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."***

In today's gospel, we learn about a Canaanite woman who is seeking out Jesus, that He might heal her daughter who is being tormented by a demon. (This woman comes from a culture saturated with pagan worship. The danger of the Canaanites is the possibility that they might turn the Israelites toward other gods. Tyre and Sidon are still deeply pagan at this time, and Scripture directly links pagan worship with demons.) At first, Jesus is silent. Then, He uses terminology that challenges social barriers. He employs an ancient Jewish analogy for Gentiles, not as a harsh insult, but as a calculated metaphor to define the order of His ministry (first to the Jews, then to the world), which the woman cleverly turns into a demonstration of her belief. She responds, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters," demonstrating that she understands her position, but also believes in the abundance of God's power. In the end, Jesus grants the request of the woman and heals her daughter. Remember, at the beginning of the encounter, Jesus is silent. How often do we feel a sense of silence from God, mistakenly thinking that He has not heard our prayers? God hears every prayer, but He wants us to trust in His timing and plan, not our own. God does not want us to suffer, for He understands our humanity. He Himself became flesh and blood out of pure love for us.

A running theme in the gospels is that the outsider often understands Jesus better than many of the insiders. In this particular gospel passage, the Canaanite woman clearly feels like an outsider, but instead of allowing her pride to ruin her chances for her daughter's healing, she chooses humility, which is one of the most important ingredients of faith. It is the 'yeast' which allows faith to grow. Evil feeds on pride, but it's starved by humility. It is when we are crushed in humility that we soar with towering grace. The 'lower' we allow ourselves to be in this present life, the greater heights we will reach in eternity. Humility on Earth will gain us honor in Heaven. God, the Creator of all things, allowed Himself to take the form of a creature. What infinite humility! This didn't diminish God's divinity because He Himself *chose* to 'meet us where we are.'

For us, to be humble is to acknowledge that we are nothing without God, which is itself an act of great faith. Pride causes us to 'step over' other people, while humility allows us to 'step upward' toward God. The more we empty ourselves of our pride, the more God can fill us with His grace, which also fosters our faith, and unwavering faith causes us to be persistent in prayer. Jesus not only tests the Canaanite woman's humility and faith, but her persistence as well, and she passes with flying colors! God wants us to keep those channels of

communication open with Him. He wants us to tell Him everything. A persistent child gets the parent's attention. Think of how much more attention God wants to give us. Persistence is not arrogance. It is an important part of the human design that contributes to our survival. Humble persistence (especially in prayer) is about having faith in God's love for us. Saint Monica offers the perfect example of the power of persistence. Her persistent prayer and fasting brings about not only the spiritual return of her son (Saint Augustine) who becomes a Doctor of the Church, but the conversion of her husband and her mother-in-law as well. In his writings, Saint Augustine praises his mother for her unceasing prayer.

Humility mixed with faith and persistence is a heavenly combination. Ultimately, Jesus praises the Canaanite woman for her great faith, just as He had praised the centurion who had great faith when he asked Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus gives this woman the opportunity to dive into the depth of humiliation so she can rise to the height of humility, faith, and persistence, and with blessed tools like those, evil never stood a chance that day. God always has the perfect reason for doing everything He does. In the end, the woman becomes a shining example to all those around her (even the disciples), showing that God's grace extends not only beyond Israel, but to all who truly seek it.

This gospel also highlights the depth of a mother's love, and the level of sacrifice she will make to save her child. Think of how much more Jesus gave up for us. The Roman soldiers, the temple guards, the crowds, the passersby, the religious leaders, and even one of the criminals who was crucified with Jesus mocked and reviled Him. He was denied, betrayed, spit upon, and tortured. It happened to God, and yet He allowed it (out of humility and faith) for our sake. Jesus also prayed, often! He was persistent in prayer, praying right through His own blood, sweat, and tears, even from the Cross. If we are to be like Him, we must also be willing to suffer humiliation (faithfully) for His sake, and to pray unceasingly. We should never let our circumstances stop us from praying. Every prayer is a singular and unique melody that tugs at God's heartstrings.

We should never stop reaching out to God with faith, yet there is no faith without courage. Courage is born of strength, though not the physical kind. Real strength comes from within. It is driven by the Spirit, not the flesh. God wants to take us (in all our human brokenness) and make us whole again, but we need to be able to hand all our 'broken pieces' over to Him so that He can transform them into something beautiful. God wants our faith in Him to keep growing and growing. So, when in doubt, look up!

Angela Vigliotta Werner



Masses for the Week...

Annual Summer Appeal

Saturday, August 15th *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM James M. O'Connor

5:00 PM Philomena Vigliotta

7:30 PM (Spanish) Special Intention-Isabel Stevens

Sunday, August 16th *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Eileen DeRicco

10:00 AM John Probeyahn

12:00 Noon Alphonsius Hoonhout

6:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, August 17th *Weekday*

7:00 AM Linda DeRosa

12:00 Noon Christopher Bowman

Tuesday, August 18th *Weekday*

7:00 AM Maria Stubbolo

12:00 Noon Frank and Angela Cantanno

Wednesday, August 19th *Weekday*

7:00 AM Special Intention-Samantha Grimaldi

12:00 Noon Virginia Soria

Thursday, August 20th *St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

7:00 AM Alfred Augustus Mitchell

12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

Friday, August 21st *Saint Pius X, Pope*

7:00 AM Special Intention-AJ Grimaldi

12:00 Noon Maylan Lorila

Saturday, August 22nd *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM Special Intention-John Harberger

5:00 PM Anthony Castellano

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, August 23rd *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Anna Patti

10:00 AM Lorraine Higgins

12:00 Noon Michael Lankau

6:00 PM Jeanette and John II LaRock

Please support
our Annual
Summer Appeal!



Summer Appeal

Year	Total:	As Of:
2026	\$34,675	8/10/26
2025	\$39,604	Final

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$586,672	32	\$18,333
2025	\$568,657	32	\$17,771



As of 8/11/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	202	183
Total Pledged to date	\$85,450	\$77,940
Percent of Goal	71%	68%

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!



As One Family in Mission, we are called to serve God by serving others, and the Catholic Ministries Appeal gives us an opportunity to serve more than 600,000 people each year. The Appeal supports the multitude of ministries of the Diocese of Rockville Centre that provide evangelization and pastoral care. 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, mission and programs of the Catholic Ministries Appeal including:

- Assisting people in need – those who are struggling with food insecurity, our senior citizens in need of housing or people with special needs;
- Forming our young people in our Catholic Faith through religious education programs, as well as youth, young adult and campus ministries;
- Helping in the education and formation of seminarians as they prepare for the priesthood;
- Protecting the dignity and sanctity of human life at every stage of existence;
- Helping parishes to support their Outreach and other programs through the CMA rebate program.

“I am so blessed to have the opportunity to talk to many of the people who are served by the ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal,” said Barbara Kilarjian, Director of the Office of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. “They are so thankful to the people of God on Long Island for their support. But most importantly through our gifts and efforts they are experiencing the Love of Jesus. We are all so thankful for our generous donors.”



CMA

**St. John's has reached 71% of our
CMA goal with just under
5 months to go!!!**

**There will be a special collection
after communion for the CMA on
the weekend of August 29 & 30.**

71%



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
Racioppi, Dominick — Seabee EO-2

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.

We pray for the Souls in Purgatory

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Bill Hasper

James Dinnigan

Mark Havens

Rachel Tekula

James Patrick Lapham

Jessica King

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

Altar Bread & Wine Intentions

For the month of **August**, the altar bread and wine 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.



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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. We will begin this historic celebration with a **Centennial Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.**

When the school first opened its doors on September 13, 1926, it was housed in the former Center Moriches Public School building at the corner of Main Street and Brookfield Avenue. Guided by 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, the school entered a new chapter as 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. While its governance changed, the mission of Catholic education remained steadfast, and this important ministry has continued to flourish on the campus of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

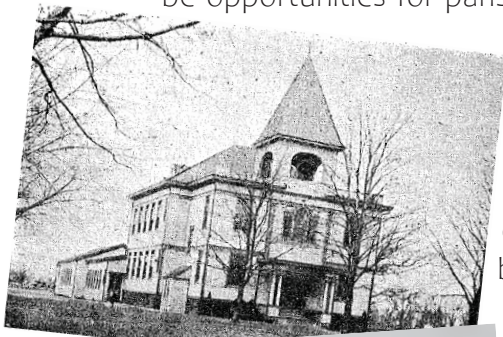
A meaningful part of this historic celebration will be the return of one of our own, **Bishop Robert Guglielmone**, a graduate of St. John the Evangelist School, who will preside at the Centennial Mass of Thanksgiving. One hundred years after the Sisters of Charity opened the doors of our parish school and began a tradition of faith, learning, and service, Bishop Guglielmone will join us in celebrating the lasting impact of Catholic education and the many generations of students, families, faculty, and staff who have carried this mission forward.

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

As part of this milestone celebration, we will create a beautiful **Centennial Memorial Garden** featuring an outdoor statue of **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** as a lasting tribute to the Sisters of Charity, whose faith, dedication, and vision established Catholic education in our parish. The garden will serve as a place of prayer, reflection, and remembrance. There will also

be opportunities for parishioners, alumni, families, faculty, staff, and friends to memorialize former students, loved ones, teachers, and all those who have helped shape the enduring legacy of **St. John the Evangelist School and Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School** over the past century.

Please stay tuned for more information about the **Centennial Memorial Garden** and the many opportunities to be part of this lasting tribute as we celebrate 100 years of Catholic education and the countless lives touched by this special ministry.



Our Centennial Celebration Needs You!

Were you a student, graduate, parent, faculty member, staff member, or part of the St. John the Evangelist School or Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School community? We would love to reconnect with you!

Please scan the QR code or visit the Parish website to share your photos, memorabilia, and memories. Your stories will help preserve and celebrate a century of Catholic education and ensure that the rich history and legacy of St. John the Evangelist School and Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School continue to be shared with future generations.

You may also contact us at celebrateolqa100th@olqany.org.



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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 - Please contact the office for late registrations...



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

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.



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:

- ♥ Washcloths
- ♥ 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

ERNIE'S PLACE

Our food pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Are you able to help serve? All you need is your volunteer badge, please call the PSM office at the number above to get started!

We are grateful for any non-perishable donations. 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!

Requested items:

- Bar soap
- Condiments
- Small bags white rice
- Jarred tomato sauce
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned and small bags of red beans



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

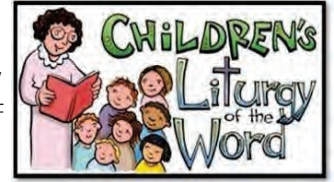
OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY



Our Family Ministries are looking for enthusiastic adult volunteers who would like to share their gifts and help build a vibrant parish community. Whether you enjoy working with children, planning events, or simply lending a helping hand, there is a place for you!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Help our youngest parishioners grow in their faith during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed as **Readers, Homilists, Shepherds, and Heralds**. If you're curious about the ministry, come visit a session and see what it's all about!



Family Life Ministry

If you enjoy bringing people together, this is the ministry for you! From seasonal celebrations to family activities and special parish events, our Family Life Ministry helps create meaningful experiences for all ages. We meet on the **first Wednesday of each month**, and there's always room for new ideas and helping hands.

If you would like more information or are ready to get involved, please email familylife@SJEcm.org. We'd love to welcome you to the team!



Moms on a Journey

Our Moms on a Journey group has continued to meet over the summer months. They helped make care packages for high school graduates heading into college for the Butterfly Project, which meets here at St. John's. They also welcome guest presenter Sister Theresita of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who provided a wonderful spiritual reflection.

Moms on a Journey will meet next on **Wednesday, August 26 at 7 PM**. This month, we will meet on the CONVENT PORCH (white house). In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Upper Room in the Barn. Please park in the school parking lot.





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.

9/11 Mass of Remembrance

Please join us for a
Mass of Remembrance
honoring the victims of September 11, 2001.
Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 PM
St. John the Evangelist Church

As we remember all those who lost their lives on 9/11, we come together as a community of faith to pray for the repose of their souls, for their families and loved ones, and for all those whose lives were forever changed. May we entrust them to the loving mercy of God and find hope in the promise of eternal life through Christ. All are welcome to join us in prayer and remembrance.

Adoration

of the Blessed
Sacrament

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

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



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary fell on a Saturday this year, so although a feast day, was not a Holy Day of Obligation.

A Message from Monsignor Walden...



Everyday we receive many requests for our time and attention. The ones from those who know and love us are usually received with concern and a good response on our part. In the Gospel for today's Mass (Matthew 15:21-28), we see a woman approaching Jesus asking Him to cure her daughter who is tormented by a demon. "But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her." Finally His disciples ask Him to send her away because "she keeps calling out after us." Jesus' first words to her are, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Obviously she was not part of the Jewish nation. But like any mother concerned for her child, she refuses to be dismissed. Love for her daughter knows no bounds and like any mother, she is seeking her daughter's cure. After a brief exchange where Jesus sees her powerful maternal love, He cures her daughter.

What kind of requests do we make to Jesus in prayer? We seek healing and hope for ourselves and those we love. Most of all, we seek the presence of Jesus and His Holy Spirit to guide, sustain, and fulfill our hopes. We might not get what we are asking for specifically, but there is always a response. Just addressing Him in sincere prayer is life-giving. Doing that is an expression of faith in Him. No matter what our words of prayer, it is always good to spend time with Him and all those who are an integral part of who we are. Our mutual love for one another sustains, inspires, encourages and infuses us with hope and gratitude.

Any encounter of substance opens our minds and hearts to our presence to one another and has the foundation of gratitude. We know in our moments of weakness and fatigue that we don't always respond to others in ways that are energizing for them and ourselves, but in the end we straighten our minds and hearts out and willingly jump in wholeheartedly to their presence, requests and love for us. It is a blessing to love and be loved. The opposite of love is selfishness which is founded on self-centeredness. The mother in today's Gospel refuses to be denied what she knows her daughter needs and who can do it for her.

Of course our prayer time is much more than asking Jesus for what we and others need. It is also a time to be grateful for the gift of faith and the strength, inspiration, and courage it gives us. Prayer time can be as long or as short as we make it. How good it is to thank God for something wonderful and encouraging we have just encountered! While it is important to have set time everyday to pray, spontaneous prayers of thanks pick us up and fill us with hope and gratitude. At Mass just before we come up personally to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we pray: "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." AMEN!!!

I offer Psalm 23 and its prayer from the Breviary for your reflection.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of
Darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. Glory...

Psalm Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in the waters of Baptism; you anoint us with oil, and call us to salvation at your table. Dispel the terrors of death and the darkness of error. Lead your people along safe paths, that they may rest securely in you and live for ever in your Father's house.

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Monday, August 17th, 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, August 18th, 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, August 19th, 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, August 20th, 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, August 21st, 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 22nd, 2026

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

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

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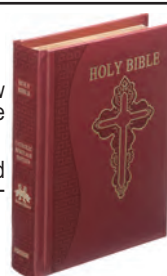
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