

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



August 17, 2025

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, come to my aid! ~Psalm 40



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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 23rd

5:00 PM - Fr. Francis

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, August 24th

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Fr. Francis

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Charlince Vendredy
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Francis Lasrado
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele
Parish Assistant

John Pettorino
Deacon

Michael Hoonhout
Deacon

Ed Grieb
Deacon

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller
Director of Operations

Angela Werner
Director of Music Ministry

OLQA

Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School

(on the campus of SJE)

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Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033 (ext. 201)
www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller, Principal
dwall@olqany.org

Office Hours

Summer Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

Mass Schedule

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...

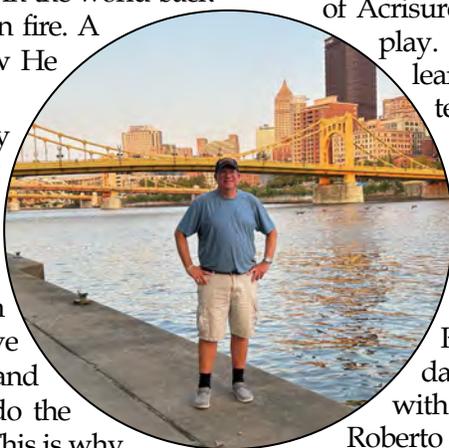
Gospel Reflection ~ Luke 12:49-53 ~ "Spreading the Love of God"

We are so blessed to have the scriptures in our lives today. They are our blueprint for happiness and our pathway to wholeness. They help us grow in holiness and humility. In general, the scriptures redirect our attention back to God and His commandments. But even more importantly, they reassure us of our greatest hope—new and everlasting life. They lead us to a greater conversion of heart. God's Word is transforming! They remind us of God's complete love for humanity.

In addition, what inspires me the most about the scriptures is their relevance in our lives today. Jesus uses images and situations that we can easily identify with. In today's gospel, He reminds us of the division that exists within our world and relationships today. No different now than during the life of Jesus! He speaks about the importance for peace that gets lost in society. He reminds us today, as He did in the world back then, that He has come to set the world on fire. A purifying fire. The fire of God's love. How He wishes it were already up in flames!

Unfortunately, however, the pathway to peace is not always easy. If we accept Christ's teachings, we will be opposed and ridiculed by those who reject it. Harmony between God and humanity through reconciliation is the ideal. It is the Christian standard we should adhere to. We all have to make a choice between what is easy and what is right. It is never easy to say or do the right things when society says otherwise. This is why we need the scriptures because the scriptures lead us to peace, true inner peace. We all know what is right and wrong. Yet, for the sake of compromising "short-term peace", we often neglect our Christian responsibilities and turn the other way. We turn our backs on difficult situations instead of taking care of a situation. Confrontation is not easy, especially when truth is involved.

And in today's gospel, Jesus is challenging us. In order for peace to prevail in our hearts and within our lives, sometimes we need to say what is right, even if in the short term we experience division. I am always sad when I hear how families are divided, especially over little things. What is missing in our society is humility and our understanding and appreciation of God. God would never ask us to do anything that was not essential or important. He knows the way to peace and shows us the way through the scriptures, especially in the area of forgiveness. Jesus came into our world to show us the Father's love and to ignite this love. And all we have to do is respond to this love and remain in His love, in hope that others will do the same. Hopefully, we can be an extension of our Lord's ministry and join Him in "setting the world on fire," in spreading the love of God to all in our world today.



Parish / Summer Update

I hope that you all are having a nice summer with your families. During the last week of July, I spent the entire week with my family at the Jersey Shore. Each year we spend this week together. It is always fun being together. We love and cherish this time of the year at the Jersey Shore with one another. I also went to Pittsburgh, PA the week after with my close friend, Daniel. I love the city of Pittsburgh. It is a "mid-western like" city tucked inside and surrounded by the Appalachian Mountains. It is so neat driving through a tunnel inside a mountain and coming out and seeing the whole city of Pittsburgh surrounded by mountains with a beautiful skyline and bridges with three rivers flowing through.

We had the opportunity to see two ballgames at PNC Ballpark where the Pittsburgh Pirates play and got a tour of Acrisure Stadium, where the Pittsburgh Steelers play. It was fun visiting Pittsburgh and learning a lot about the history of these teams and city. The locals call Pittsburgh "Steeler County." Indeed, it is! A true football town. Even some of the older buildings still have black silt from when the steel industry was in its prime many years ago. One of the things that I enjoyed the most was walking over the Roberto Clemente Memorial Bridge every day and crossing over the Allegheny River with the city skyline of Pittsburgh in full view.

Roberto Clemente was a former All-Star for the Pittsburgh Pirates who died tragically near the end of his career. He was inducted in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973. This bridge serves as the major backdrop at PNC Ballpark. It is one of the main attractions at this ballpark. While watching a game from this ballpark, one can enjoy a view of the whole city of Pittsburgh. Some rate this ballpark as the nicest ballpark in Major League Baseball! Before we left Pittsburgh, we made sure that we visited the Cathedral of St. Paul. What a big, beautiful church. I lit a candle for all of you and your families and for your intentions! It was a very peaceful experience praying inside this historic cathedral.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting this year's Summer Appeal. It really helps our budget. If you have not done so yet, please join me in doing so. I am so grateful for your generosity and the sacrifices you make in supporting St. John's Parish. As I mentioned a few weeks ago at all the masses I spoke at, we used last year's Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate of \$24,000 to redo the church's parking lot and professionally "power wash" and clean the entire outside of the church. I am so happy with our vendors who cared for our church and who did such a beautiful job!

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, August 16th Weekday

5:00 PM Charles P. Eschmann Jr.
 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, August 17th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Special Intention - Eileen DeRicco
 10:00 AM Theresa LoSicco
 12:00 Noon Larry Brittan
 6:00 PM Adilia Franco

Monday, August 18th Weekday

7:00 AM Maureen D'Alessandro
 12:00 Noon James Knecht

Tuesday, August 19th Weekday

7:00 AM Christopher Bowman
 12:00 PM Virginia Soria

Wednesday, August 20th Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Adrian Danielle Gilmore
 12:00 Noon Rosemary Grillo

Thursday, August 21st Saint Pius X, Pope

7:00 AM Meylan Lorilla
 12:00 Noon Alfred Augustus Mitchell

Friday, August 22nd Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Donald Griffing
 12:00 Noon Alfonsina 'Zina' Crescimanni

Saturday, August 23rd Weekday

8:00 AM Alfonsina 'Zina' Crescimanni
 5:00 PM Kenneth Horbal
 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, August 24th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Marilyn Tennant
 10:00 AM Canonization of Bl. Michael McGivney
 12:00 Noon John and his sister, Katy Dyer
 6:00 PM Joseph Loguercio



Annual Summer Appeal Collection		
2025	\$35,959	As of 8/11/25
2024	\$42,168	FINAL

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$568,657	32	\$17,771
2024	\$579,355	32	\$18,105

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Catholic Ministries Appeal
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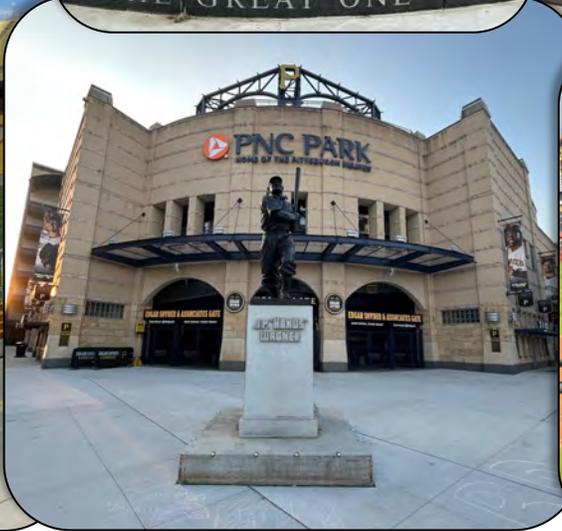
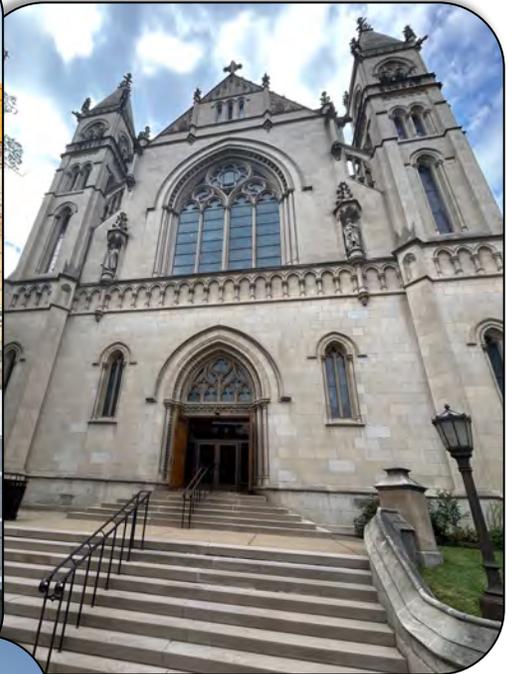
Please help us reach our goal!

Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission

As of 8/11/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	183	204
Total Pledged to date	\$77,940	\$84,670
Avg. Gift	\$426	\$415
Percent of Goal	68%	74%

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!

City of Pittsburgh ~ Aug 3-6





Praying For and With One Another

Remember

David Charles Wimpelberg

Jon Raymond Rivera

Louis Pagnotta

“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, Ray Galpin
Mark Havens, Eileen & Chuck DeRicco,
Alessandra Veloso Valentim,
Michael Campanello, Gregory Modica
Joseph Harold Sweeney

“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.

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
2nd LT Christopher Walther

US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello
SSGT David Giese
SSGT Jason M Hermes
PFC Kyle Kerstiens
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
SrA Jared T. Rosato
LT Col Salvatore Sferrazza
SSGT William E. McCauley II
1st Lt. Claire McGrath
A1C James Pfister

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 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. Amalfitano

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

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



Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar Bread & Wine for the month of August has been donated in memory of:

John Nicholas Abazis

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

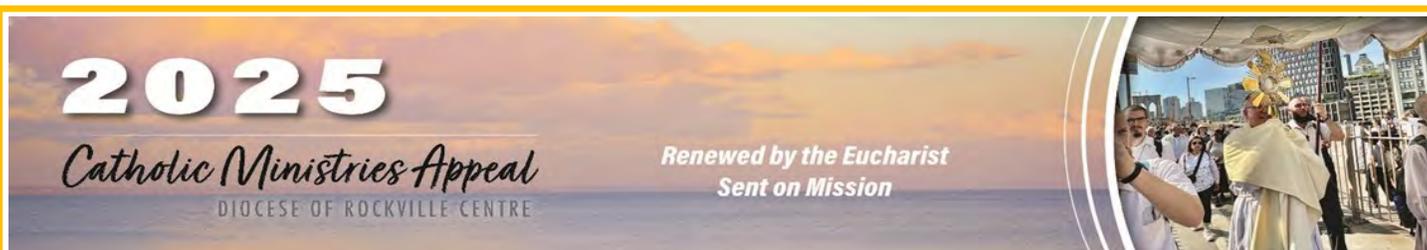
Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.

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



*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace"*
1 Peter 4:10

Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA

Stewardship is the grateful response of every Christian disciple to share our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure in a way that passionately sets our hearts on fire and touches the lives of others, as we live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an excellent way to journey through the Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service to express your gratitude to God.

Through the Pillar of Hospitality and Service, many parishes form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort and by creating a welcoming environment for all. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports, such as formation classes and parish outreach programs.

Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee and for those who receive support from the appeal.

The CMA provides an opportunity for stewards to use their treasure to serve more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers each year in our formation and Catholic Charities pastoral programs. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is Stewardship in action!

To donate, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>
or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296.**



Lobster Fest

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

Saturday, August 23rd 🌀 3 pm

You may bring your own adult beverage

Tickets

Lobster \$50 pp

Chicken \$35 pp

Grab & Go available

Tickets MUST be purchased in Advance.

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.



For Tickets call:
George 631.786.1459

313 Frowein Rd, Center Moriches

Parish Social Ministry



Our Street Ministry van goes out rain or shine every Thursday night feeding the homeless and families in need in our community with hot, home cooked meals made and dropped off by our very generous volunteers each week. We are in great need of more people to cook during the month of August. If you're interested in making meals, please call the social ministry office at the number above to sign up. We greatly appreciate any help you can give!

ERNIE'S PLACE

Ernie's Place Food Pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday's from 6:30-7:30 PM and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering to serve when we're open or to help re-stock and organize our pantry shelves, please call to join us!

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



THRIFT SHOP

Our Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday from 9 AM-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 9-11 AM!

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
- ◆ Gently used t-shirts
- ◆ Travel Size Shampoo
- ◆ Travel Size Conditioner
- ◆ Travel Size Body Lotion
- ◆ Women's **new** Underwear (S, M)
- ◆ Men's **new** Underwear & Socks (S, M, L, XL)
- ◆ Gently used men's & women's sneakers
- ◆ **Gently used men's jeans in size 32, 34 and 36**



*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.*

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

Moms on the Journey



Our Moms on the Journey group gathered on July 23rd. We took advantage of the delightful summer evening and met on the Convent Porch. After a lovely time of fellowship and feasting, we explored our identity in Jesus and the need to recognize ourselves not only as moms, but as daughters of the Righteous King. We dove more deeply into the beauty and blessing that our true identity brings. We discussed our tendencies to “beat ourselves up” over our relative shortcomings and our seemingly never-ending quest to be “supermoms”. We shared about our need to embrace our imperfections, forgive ourselves and walk in gratitude and dependence upon the Lord. We reflected individually on our need to let go of certain things, attitudes, judgments that weigh us down and distract us from who we are in Christ. After jotting them down we went to the foot of the cross and tossed our burdens into the flame of forgiveness. Those burdens remained as ashes, unrecognizable and unable to be picked up again, symbolic of our true hope to be freed from the fears, worries and anxieties that often render us both helpless and hopeless. The moms found it liberating and transformative and all reported a feeling of “lightness” and peace after our exercise. It was truly a beautiful evening. And to top it all off, we were joined by Fr. Charline, who served as a mentor, spiritual director and friend for our entire evening! What a blessing for all of us!



Thank you Lord for the gift of the beautiful, faith-filled mothers in our parish. Strengthen them, guide them and help them to accept Your mercy and unconditional love! Amen

Next gathering:
Wednesday, August 27
@ 7:00 PM
Upper Room of the Barn



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

Online Registration OPEN Now Thru 8/22!

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

St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Those entering Grade 1, children who have not been in religious education for awhile, and returning students can **register online** via our parish website - sjecm.org - thru 8/22.



SCAN THE QR
CODE TO
REGISTER



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



REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Scan the QR code above or visit the Faith Formation page on our parish website and follow the instructions for New and Returning Students:
<http://www.stjohntheevangelistcm.com/sjecm/faith-formation>

***NEW STUDENTS:**

If you have a 1st grader/new student, you must also fill out the New Student Registration Form:
<http://www.stjohntheevangelistcm.com/FamilyAndEnrollStudentForm.html>
If your child is a new student and was not baptized at SJE, please email a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to: faithformation@sjecm.org



INCOMING LEVEL 7 Students

To parents/guardians of students enrolled in our Level 6 program this past year who will be entering 7th grade in the Fall, please check your email for instructions on how to apply for our Confirmation program! (An email was sent to all Level 6 students on May 1). If you have a child who is in 7th grade or older but has not started the Confirmation program, please email us at faithformation@sjecm.org





Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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

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

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



Knights of Columbus

BINGO

Night

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

\$3000 IN PRIZES

SJE Parish Auditorium

THIS AUGUST, CRAFT A LEGACY OF FAITHFULNESS

August is **National Make-A-Will Month**, a moment to reflect on how we care for all God has entrusted us. It's also an opportunity to take a simple yet meaningful step to protect your loved ones and plan with purpose.

To support you in this important task, the Diocese of Rockville Centre is partnering with **FreeWill**, a [free, easy-to-use online tool](#) that helps you create or update your will in 20 minutes or less. This free resource walks you through each step of making a plan that reflects your values and priorities.

Whether or not you choose to include a gift to the Church, this resource is our gift to you. But if you feel called, you may also use your will to support a parish or ministry that has shaped your life in faith.

National Make-A-Will Month reminds us that securing long-term peace of mind starts with the decisions we make today. Join us in building a legacy of faithfulness not only for our families, but for the entire Catholic community that sustains us.

If you have any further questions about FreeWill, please contact 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or bkilarjian@drvc.org for assistance in making the gift that is right for you.



A Message from Msgr. Walden...



One of the greatest gifts we all seek in our lives and in our world is peace: personal, family, national, and international peace. Why does the desire for peace run into so many obstacles? As we reflect on the readings for today's Mass, we see those who seek to bring the peace, love, and truth of God's love being rejected. In the first reading the prophet Jeremiah is thrown into a muddy cistern to die because his opponents do not want to hear what he has to say. In the second reading we have these words from the letter to the Hebrews: "Consider how He (Jesus) endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart." In the Gospel Jesus for today Jesus says, "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but division."

The peace we all seek is not the absence of war, conflicts, or disagreements. It is not the tolerance we can muster to just get along or the mental maneuvering to avoid confrontation. It is the peace Jesus preached about and lived with all those who encountered Him. It is the peace that suddenly lit up the minds and hearts of His disciples as he appeared to after He had risen from the dead. In Luke 24:36-49, Jesus appears to His disciples after His resurrection, "But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost." But as He spoke with them, they were filled with joy, the joy only true peace, mercy, and love can bring. It is only the presence of Jesus and our embrace of Him that opens the way to inner peace, hope, and love.

We are not competitors or conveniences on the journey of life, but human beings created in the image and likeness of God. We will only find peace when we get to the point St. Thomas reached when his doubts were erased as he was invited by the Risen Christ to touch His hands and side: "My Lord and my

God" (John 20:28). As we look at our lives in the light of God's love, we surely have many things to be grateful for. We did not ask to be born and we hope to love forever in peace. That is not just a pleasant thought or wild hope, but the very reality that our faith in God brings us. God's love is a fire that purifies our minds, hearts, and desires, takes us out of ourselves, and makes our lives fuller and richer than they could ever be otherwise. When there are disagreements or rejection, the key is not to allow them to make us spiteful or vengeful. We cannot put out the fire of God's love in our hearts and find true peace. As we pray everyday for our personal intentions and those we love, we express our hopes, gratitude, and love. Every Sunday we gather as a parish and with the Church throughout the world with the same intentions. May we become sources of peace and rise beyond being obstacles to ourselves and others.

I close with these words of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:43-48). They are challenging but open our minds and hearts to His love for us and His patience with us.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Bereavement Support...

Grieving is a natural process each of us goes through after the death of a loved one. While no one can take away our sadness, others can help by listening and caring. Sharing our feelings with others who have experienced the death of a loved one help many people begin the healing process.

*Grief never ends but it changes.
It is a passage, not a place to stay.
It is not a sign of weakness,
nor a lack of faith.
Grief is the price of love.*

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon
First floor meeting room in the Barn.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at
631.878.0009 or via email at
Rectory@sjecm.org
\$10 donation for the workbook.





OPERATION ANDREW

An evening of prayer, fellowship, and discernment for men (18+), with **evening prayer and dinner.**

AUGUST 20, 2025

BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

LOCATION:
The Cathedral of St. Agnes
in ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY



TO REGISTER
Please visit:
drvcvocations.com/andrew

Join us for a Historic Tour of Oheka Castle, Followed by a Cocktail Reception!



Why Attend Catholic Charities Night?

It's more than just a night out—it's a chance to celebrate community and compassion.

Join us on **Thursday, August 21 at 6:00 PM** for an unforgettable evening at the historic **Oheka Castle**. Enjoy a guided tour of this Huntington landmark, followed by a cocktail reception with signature drinks, delicious bites, and memorable photo opportunities.

More than the beautiful setting, this evening is about connecting with others who care deeply about the mission of Catholic Charities of Long Island. Together, we'll reflect on the impact we've made and the lives we continue to touch—thanks to supporters like you.

Registration is simple, and we hope to see everyone in attendance. Make a summer memory that matters— **get your ticket today** and join us at Oheka!



Comunidad Hispano...

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

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

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

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

Requisitos:

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

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia.

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

CASAMIENTO:

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

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

espanol@sjecm.org

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

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

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

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

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

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

MINISTERIO DE CALLE

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

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

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

Women's Group...

Join us as we read, learn, and share life's experiences in a welcoming, open group. No commitment required - come when you can! You don't have to share or read aloud, and everything is confidential. We respect each other and are here for support. Bring a friend!

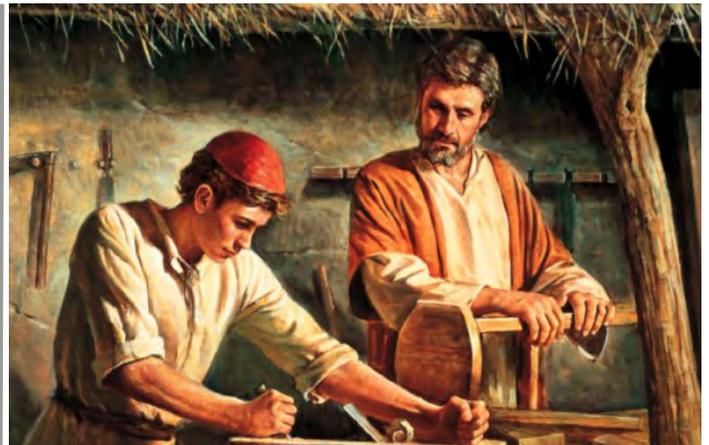
This past year, we read "The Sanctifier" by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, exploring how the gifts of the Holy Spirit lead us to holiness. Our discussions often provide clarity and comfort, especially as we relate the lessons to our own lives. The book is provided.

We meet every other Monday from 10:00-11:30 AM in the white house between the school and rectory, ending in time for 12:00 Mass if you'd like.

Enjoy your Summer! See you in the Fall!

Carol Ketcham and Anita Luccari, Group Moderators ~
For info: 631-878-0009

Men's Prayer Group...



CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 9 AM** in the Convent. Join as us as we learn to follow the example of St. Joseph and grow in our faith, reflect on the Gospel and have coffee. For more information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

Entering Canaan



A Woman's Weekend Retreat of Prayer & Healing

Friday, September 26th - Sunday, September 28th

For those suffering from a past abortion.

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For confidential reservations call

Lorraine c: 516-798-9100

Email: LGariboldi@LifeCenterLI.org or

Deacon Fred Ferrara c: 201- 481-0800

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Lorraine Gariboldi, Director of Post Abortion &

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Theresa Bonapartis, Co-developer of Entering Canaan &

Director of Lumina/Hope & Healing after Abortion

RETREAT DAY

Join *Sobornost For The World* for a meaningful day of prayer, inspiring talks, community, and living out Christ's mission in today's world.

Retreat Speaker: Rev. Dr. Felix Phiri, SMM

Where - Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

Conference Room

258 Eastport Manor Road, Manorville, NY 11949

When - Saturday, August 30, 2025

9:30 AM to 3:00 AM | Mass: 11:30 am Light refreshments offered

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

Register - (Suggested Donation \$35.00)

Text to 631-680-2892 or email janniejankowski12366@gmail.com

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

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

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



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 18th, 2025

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

Tuesday, August 19th, 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, August 20th, 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, August 21st, 2025

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

Friday, August 22nd, 2025

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

Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

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

Sunday, August 24th, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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

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