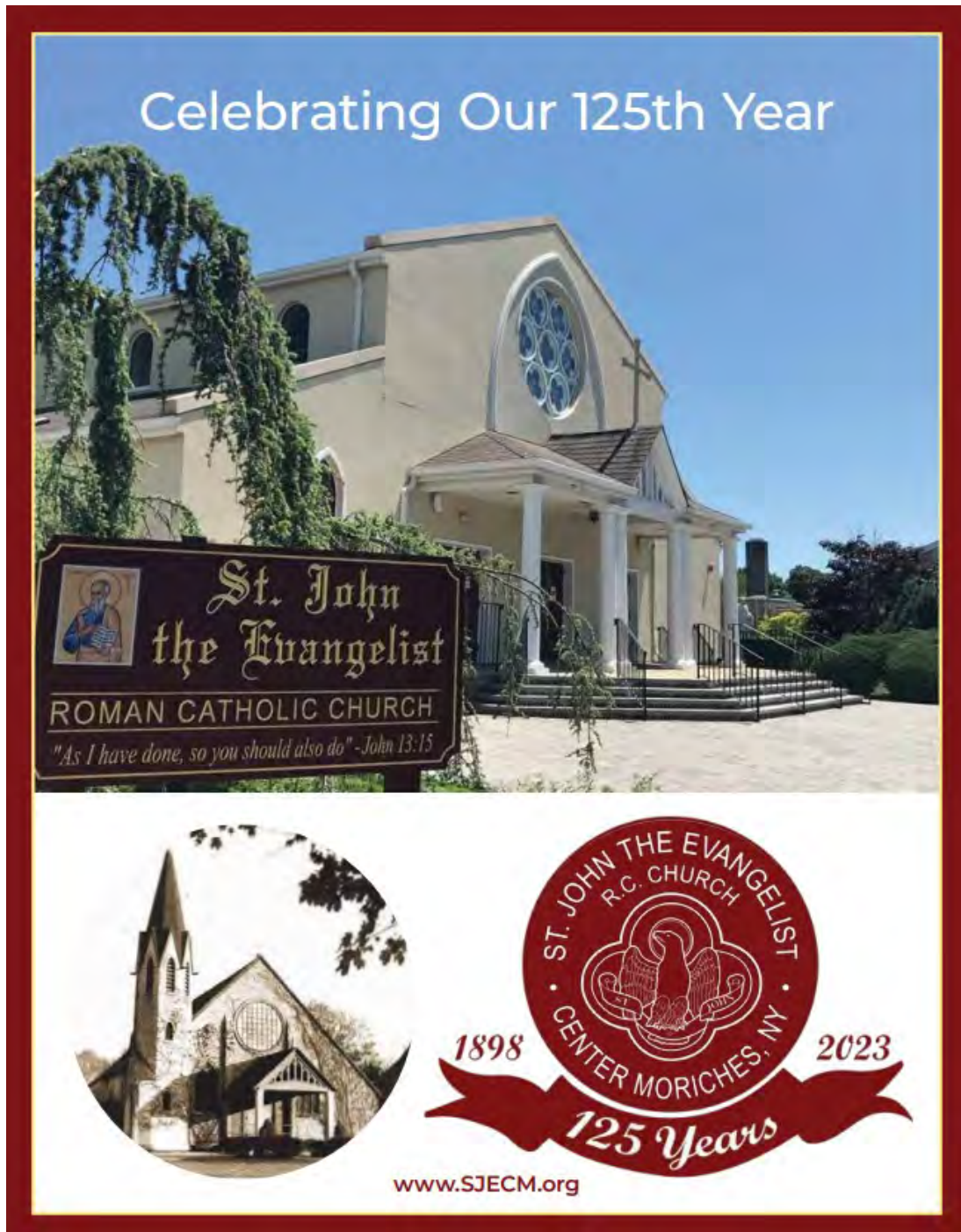


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"God's gifts are irrevocable "

Roman's 11: 13-15, 29-32



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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 pm—7:00 pm

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, August 26th

5:00 pm - Fr. Jose

7:30 pm - (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

(Saturday Evening 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Sunday, August 27th

8:00 am - Fr. Jose

10:00 am - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Felix

6:00 pm—Fr. Felix

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

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday—Friday: After the 7 a.m. + 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. +

7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30—5:45 p.m.

Confessions will take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Felix Akpabio
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele
Parish Assistant

John Pettorino
Deacon

Michael Hoonhout
Deacon

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Andrew McKeon
Director of Music Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Katie Spellman
Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller
Director of Operations

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**Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School**
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2 St. John Place
Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033
www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller
Principal
dwaller@olqany.org (ext. 201)

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House
Monday - Thursday:
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesdays -
5-8pm Spanish speaking support.

Friday - Saturday
9 a.m.- 2p.m.
We ask that you call before
visiting any parish offices.

Mass Schedule

A message from our Pastor, Father Patrick...

Gospel Reflection (MT15:21-28) & Parish update



It is clear in His encounter with a Canaanite woman that Jesus' love for humanity is real and universal. His love for all is sincere and complete! Even though this woman was not of Jewish origin, Jesus, up to this point in His ministry, was coming to the fuller realization and understanding that His mission was to serve all and to love all; to destroy all barriers of division and to unite us together as one with God. No one is excluded from God's love. It is clear from the Infancy Narratives that Jesus came to us that first Christmas night not just as the Jewish Messiah but as the Universal Messiah.

It is clear in today's Gospel that the Canaanite woman, born of Gentile origin, came to believe that Jesus was the Son of God. She knew of His Lordship and His ability to heal. It was her knowledge and her faith in Jesus that led to His full response in healing her daughter of all of her afflictions and demons. She had the foresight and knowledge of the universality of His love, when many did not.

Today, the Canaanite woman serves as an icon and model of the Church reassuring the world once again of the Lord's desire to save and heal. She reminds the world that Jesus' love for all is complete and universal. She shows us that it is through an openness of heart that one can encounter the living God through Jesus and be restored to wholeness. She reminds us that it is our faith in God, and our faith in God alone, that leads us to freedom. In order to stay connected to the Lord and receive His countless blessings, one has to grow in prayer, faith and appreciation of His authority to heal and forgive. Matthew says elsewhere that to say we know the Lord is not enough for salvation! One has to be humble before God and believe in the Lord in order to be redeemed!

What Jesus does in today's Gospel is radical. It is revolutionary because He showed the world that those outside the Jewish faith and those who seek healing and forgiveness can be saved too; that the lost sheep of Israel include all of God's children who turn to Him in faith. It includes all who come to believe in Him over a period of time.

Today's encounter with the Canaanite woman allows us to see the world as God does. It gives us another opportunity to rejoice in the Lord, knowing of His redemptive power. Today's Gospel story reminds us that the Lord comes to redeem us and free us of our afflictions. He comes to save us from the power of darkness and lead us to new and everlasting life. The truth is we do not have to look too far to grow in our faith and understanding of the Lord. All we have to do is turn to Jesus and believe knowing of His complete love and concern for us. He reaches out to us whenever we are in need of healing and cleansing.

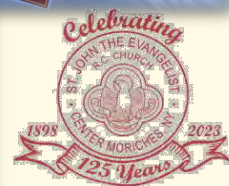
On Tuesday, August 1st, Fr. Louis Cona, former pastoral year seminarian here at St. John the Evangelist, led us in our 125th Anniversary closing mass on the front lawn of the convent. It was such a beautiful celebration under the clear blue twilight skies. It was wonderful to see so many of you come out to join us in celebrating 125 years of parish life and ministry. It was wonderful to see a great representation of our parish family attend. To see so many of you from all the different ministries and liturgies that we offer here at St. John's was truly amazing and uplifting! The mass intention was for our parish family and loved ones. **I want to personally thank the 125th Anniversary Committee** for their assistance throughout this past year. Starting last summer, they worked very hard to make this year very special and memorable for all of us. There were many different events, reflections on the history of our parish and liturgical celebrations offered each month in commemoration of this historic milestone.

I hope and pray that you are having a peaceful and restful summer with your families. During the last week of July, I was able to join my family at the Jersey Shore for our annual beach vacation. It was so much fun to spend time together as a family. Please know that you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers every day. I plan to take the next couple of weeks off from parish ministry while we have summer help. Fr. Joseph has been a blessing in assisting me and Fr. Felix. His assistance has made it possible for us to take some time off during the month of August. Thank you for allowing me to be apart of your lives here at St. John the Evangelist. It is so wonderful and humbling to be your pastor in this beautiful area of Long Island. I am so grateful to Bishop Barres for assigning me here last year. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know so many of you. **Thank you again for all that you do in service to our church and community.** Thank you again for all of your loving support and generosity.

God's blessings upon you and your families!

1898 ~ St. John the Evangelist Parish... Celebrating 125 years ~ 2023

On Tuesday, August 1st Fr. Louis Cona Celebrated the 125th Anniversary Closing Mass. It was wonderful to see so many come out to celebrate this milestone. The intention for the Mass was for the People of the Parish and Our Families.



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Preparing for the Week

Thank you for your support!

If you haven't made your donation the **SUMMER APPEAL** yet, please do so today!

You can use the QR code below or use the envelopes at the rear of the church.



Saturday, August 19th

5:00 p.m. Kenneth Horbal
 7:30 p.m. *Spanish* People of the Parish

Sunday, August 20th

8:00 a.m. Marie Prudenti
 10:00 a.m. Katy Dyer
 12:00 p.m. Pauline White
 6:00 p.m. Alex Turpin

Monday, August 21st Saint Pius X, Pope

7:00 a.m. Alfred Augustus Mitchell
 12:00 p.m. Kristen Bigora

Tuesday, August 22nd Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Special Intention- Deacon Michael and Glee Hoonhout
 12 Noon Robert Sajdak

Wednesday, August 23rd Weekday

7:00 a.m. Frank Stabile
 12 Noon Anne Mintel

Thursday, August 24th Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 a.m. Vincent Steffen
 12 Noon Alfred Caramusa

Friday, August 25th Weekday

7:00 a.m. Anthony Geraci
 12 Noon John Robert Klaus IV

Saturday, August 26th Weekday

8:00 a.m. James Paulsen
 5:00 p.m. Patricia Christiana
 7:30 p.m. *Spanish* Douglas Sanmartin

Sunday, August 27th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Josephine Paone
 10:00 a.m. Glenn Probeyahn
 12 Noon Kenneth Rosenman
 6:00 p.m. Katy Dyer

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Week January 1, 2023 to August 13, 2023

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$554,920	32	\$17,341
2022	\$487,664	32	\$15,240

2023
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
OFFICE OF PARISHES & COMMUNITIES

One Family - Journeying together in
 Compassion, Participation and Mission

	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	218	258
Total Pledged to date	\$86,425	\$99,275
Avg. Gift	\$396	\$384
Percent of Goal	75%	86.25%

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 received by 80% of all monies raised above the goal! Please help us go above goal!

Parish Social Ministry...

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

During the month of August we will be collecting school supplies. Please leave your donation in the fellowship hall of the church.

- ⇒ Notebooks (marble and spiral)
- ⇒ File folders
- ⇒ Colored Pencils
- ⇒ Markers
- ⇒ Glue Sticks
- ⇒ Backpacks



Once again Lenny Bruno Farms on Wading River Road in Manorville and the Ketcham Inn Community Garden have been supplying Ernie's Place with fresh vegetables for the families that visit Ernie's Place this summer. The donation of fresh produce is such a welcomed and appreciated donation. Nothing better than fresh Long Island corn and eggplant! Thank you for your ongoing support of Ernie's.



If you (or anyone that you know) has a surplus of fresh veggies from your garden and are interested in sharing your bounty with others please reach out to Katie Spellman at 631.878.0009, ext. 120 for more information.

Ernie's Place

The items listed to the right are items that Ernie's Place is in most need of this week. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

Pantry Shopping List

- Pancake mix/bisquick
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Red kidney beans
- Ramen noodles
- Oatmeal
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayo

Street Ministry

Street Ministry Needs/Requests

- Deodorant – Men's and Women's
- Men's jeans; small sizes, 34/36/38
- Women's Sweat/yoga pants, all sizes
- Women's Hygiene Products
- Men's Underwear: 32/34, 36/38, 38/40
- Women's Underwear: S (6/8)
- Men's and Women's T shirts: Large and x Large
- Men's and Women's light weight jackets
- Sunscreen
- Bug Repellent
- Blankets
- Bath towels
- Toilet Paper

Knights of Columbus

LOBSTER

Fest

Hosted by Queen of All Hearts Council

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th

3 pm

313 Frowein Road
Center Moriches, NY 11934

Enjoy

Hot Dogs - Hamburgers - Salads
Corn on the Cob - Soda - Water
Watermelon - Cookies and
Choice of LOBSTER or CHICKEN

TICKETS: \$45 - LOBSTER or \$35 - CHICKEN

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door

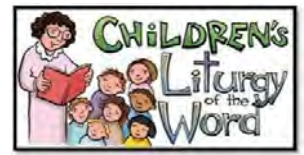
Bring Your Own
Adult Beverage.

Grab and Go Available!

Call for tickets:

Bill 516-458-6448
George 631-786-1459

Family Ministry...



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Last Sunday, we reenacted the apostles' fearful journey in the boat, Peter stepping out in faith and then needing to be rescued. A special thanks to our actors! The children were captivated and entered into heartfelt discussion about storms, where they can find their own personal "mountaintop" to take some alone time with God, and needing to keep their eyes on Jesus!. They clearly understand that trusting in Jesus during every "storm" is the only way to keep from drowning. We can learn so much from them. Take a peek.!



There were two apostles in the boat, being tossed around by the storm. There was thunder and lightning and they were scared to death!

All of a sudden they looked up and saw someone coming toward them...someone walking on the water. Was it a ghost? They were so frightened, until Jesus let them know that it was Him and they shouldn't be afraid!



Trusting that it was Jesus, Peter stepped out of the boat and he too began to walk on the water.



But then he took his eyes off Jesus, focused on the raging sea and the high winds and he began to sink. He called to Jesus to save him and of course, Jesus stretched out His hand and pulled Peter out of the water.

The message is pretty simple. Keep our focus on Christ, call out to Him in every situation, hold tightly to His outstretched hand and allow Him to rescue us! (Often easier said than done!). Let's pray for each other... that we can keep our eyes on Jesus and allow Him to be our Savior.

Praying for and With One Another...

We Remember...

Vince P. Williams Jr.

"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

We Pray...

Marilyn Tennant - Jennifer Lynn Jankesh -
Brianna Dolomite—Michael Lake -
George Skau - Christopher McCormack

"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials..."

-1 Peter 1:6

Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. 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.

Praying for Our Military

US Army

PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith,
SPC Michael Garcia Jr.,
CPL Aidan O'Neill,
SPC Daniel Sisco, SGT. Sean Casey, Steven Valentin

US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SSgt Ryan Kerstiens,
SSgt Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens,
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza, SSgt David Giese

US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, E-1 Christian Raeihle,
2nd Lt Christopher Walther, PVT Charles O'Connor,
SGT Quentin Montemarano,
CPL Evan Berkemeyer, LC Michael Abbatiello

US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher,
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr.,
MMN2 Christopher J. Esposito Jr.
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. 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 and wine for the month August has been donated:

In Memory of Richard Paschke

SJE offers a number of ways to remember loved ones, or honor someone living.

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.

For the month an offering of \$150 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

To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to rectory@sjecm.org

Faith Formation...

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
faithformation@sjecm.org mpirraglia@sjecm.org
Office Hours: By Appointment Only

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **AUGUST 23** Incoming 1st Graders New Students & Returning Students:

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, & returning students register online via our parish website—sjecm.org—thru 8/23.



REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS:

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>

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

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We are looking for "good shepherds" to help witness to our young people through our "Family of Faith" and Confirmation prep programs. For more information, please visit the link below to fill out the new volunteer form: <https://forms.gle/TsxWYknjocfUZj3A8>

(*Visit sjecm.org and click on the bulletin to get a clickable link to this form.)



You may also contact Michelle Pirraglia, director of Faith Formation at faithformation@sjecm.org or call 631-878-0009, ext. 123 for information on volunteering!

1898 ~ St. John the Evangelist Parish... Celebrating 125 years ~ 2023



August 20, 2023 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Mt 15:21-28

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The abundance of God's love for us is what stood out for me in our readings today. If we consider the concept of abundance outside the Scriptures, it can be tricky. When we have it, does it imply we have too much when others have too little? If we are speaking of material things, then perhaps. But God's infinite and merciful love for us resound in each of our readings today, and this is cause for joy. In Isaiah, the Lord announces that he will accept offerings from anyone who holds to his covenant, Jewish or not. Saint Paul stresses that God's mercy is for *all*, and Jesus, after some back-and-forth with the Canaanite woman, heals the woman's daughter because of her great faith. God never tires of desiring healing and wholeness for *all* his children, which is a great gift. Let this gift of grace from God be a catalyst for us to reach out in love to others so that we also can come to God's "holy mountain and [be made] joyful in [his] house of prayer."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How can we reach out in love to others as we called to do? Perhaps we can start with our parish. Is there a ministry we have read about in the bulletin that needs volunteers? Or a coordinator? Perhaps it is time to ask God how we can be his instrument in the world. We can start small. I will never forget when my friend volunteered to run our Vacation Bible School one summer. Of course, she turned to her friends to help her with this daunting task! What she desperately needed was someone to go from classroom to classroom and lead the children in song. Talk about out of my comfort zone! But she gave me the music books and song suggestions, and pretty soon, "This Little Light of Mine" was reverberating through the halls of the school. I learned then and there that kids don't notice the quality of your voice if you are joyful and enthusiastic. They love to sing! Take a chance and get out there. You won't regret it.

PRAY *Lord, Jesus Christ, give me the wisdom to view my hands as extensions of yours. Give me eyes to see all people as you see them. Help me to use my voice to praise you and bring the truth of your goodness to everyone I encounter. Give me the strength to have unwavering faith. Amen.*



CATHOLIC
YOUTH
ORGANIZATION

**CYO BASKETBALL
COACHES MEETING**

on Wednesday 8/23/23 at
In the parish Gymnasium at 5:30.

Please use the
St. John's Place Entrance

New players and coaches are welcome to attend.
For questions or additional information
please contact cyo@SJEcm.org

GROW + GO

"My house shall be
called a house of
prayer for all peoples."

(Is 56:7)



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2023-24

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Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Español los Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia, y los Martes a las 7:30 p.m en La Capilla del Convento.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oracion, todos los Viernes a las 7:30 p.m. en la Capilla del Convento de la Parroquia. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

Bautismos: Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia.
Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

Requisitos:

1. Certificado de nacimiento del niño o/de la niña.
2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Matrimonios:

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones pre-matrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes! Asegúrese de venir a visitarnos y permítanos servirle! por favor llame a la oficina de la rectoría 631-878-0009 o envíe un correo electrónico al ministerio español a

espanol@sjecm.org

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. Be sure to come and visit and allow us to serve you!

Permítanos ayudarlo!

DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 p.m. a las 7:30 p.m.
Jueves 3 p.m. a las 4 p.m.

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Barn

Miércoles de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 p.m.

Auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE LA CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley
7:15 p.m. (aproximadamente)

Comidas sencillas y ropa disponible.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para aquellos que lo necesiten

Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

Educación Religiosa

FECHA LÍMITE DE INSCRIPCIÓN: **23 DE AGOSTO**

Estudiantes entrantes de 1er grado

Estudiantes nuevos y estudiantes que regresan:

El programa de formación en la fe de St. John the Evangelist sirve a los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia, comenzando en primer grado, y a sus familias a medida que crecen en la fe y se preparan para los sacramentos. Aquellos que ingresan al primer grado, los niños que no han estado en educación religiosa por un tiempo y los estudiantes que regresan se registran en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, sjecm.org, **hasta el 23/8.**

INSTRUCCIONES DE REGISTRO PARA ESTUDIANTES NUEVOS Y QUE REGRESAN:

Visite la página de Formación de fe en el sitio web de nuestra parroquia y siga las instrucciones para Estudiantes nuevos y antiguos: <http://www.stjohntheevangelistcm.com/sjecm/faith-formation>

*Si su hijo es un estudiante nuevo y no fue bautizado en SJE, después de completar el registro en línea, envíe una copia del certificado de bautismo de su hijo por correo electrónico a: Faithformation@sjecm.org

Knights of Columbus—Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



**Every
Friday Night**

Doors open @ 6:30 p.m.
Games begin @ 7:30 p.m.

In the Parish Auditorium

\$3000 IN PRIZES

11	35	4	48	
8	23	65	5	13
45	12	7	28	27
39	16	33		

Bereavement Support Group...

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.

WHEN: Saturday mornings, beginning September 30, 2023, through January 6, 2024

TIME: 10:30am to 12 noon

WHERE: First floor meeting room in the Barn.

The Barn is the blue building located in the back of the school parking lot.

FACILITATORS: Maureen Harney and Loretta Gallagher

REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or via email at Rectory@sjecm.org

FEES: \$10 donation for the workbook.

*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.*



*During the Holy Hour, Our love for Jesus, becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, and our love for the poor more compassionate.
(Saint Teresa of Calcutta.)*

Monday - Friday
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Seton Chapel, in the Convent

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.



CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 9am** 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 call the rectory office. 631-878-0009

Safe Environment Updates...

All volunteers and employees at SJE are required to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the VIRTUS classes by visiting www.drvc.org or clicking here: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>

REMINDERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

All SJE employees and volunteers must wear their SJE badge while serving in ministry. Please also check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your "spam" or "Junk" folder.)

PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

The dedicated telephone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse (516-694-9063) continues to be available. If the caller does not reach someone directly, messages can be left on an answering machine connected to the phone. Those messages will be retrieved by a member of the Intervention Team and returned as soon as possible. All appropriate steps will be taken to protect the reputation and privacy of those involved. For more information on the Charter for the Protection of Children / Young People, please visit drvc.org.



Important DRVC Information....

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page:

<https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2023-2024

*Our Family Journeying Together in
Companionship, Participation, and Mission*



"ONLY BY LOVING, SERVING OTHERS, CAN PEOPLE COME TO KNOW GOD."

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 21st, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 10:00 a.m. | Women's Group—SC
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Food Pantry Open—Ernie's Place
- 7:00 p.m. | Holy Hour for Priests—SC
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—Men only—BMR
- 7:30 p.m. | Spanish RCIA—BUR

Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC
- 7:30 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Divine Will—Front Mtg Rm-Auditorium

Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon | Thrift Shop Open—Thrift Shop
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR

Thursday, August 24th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 3-4 p.m. | Food Pantry Open—Ernie's Place
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC
- 4:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary—BMR
- 7:30 p.m. | AI-Anon—BMR

Friday, August 25th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC
- 7:30 p.m. | Knights of Columbus—Bingo Night—Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR
- 7:00 p.m. | Spanish Prayer Group—SC

Saturday, August 26th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR
- 9:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group—SC

Sunday, August 27th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR

BMR—Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room
BUR—Barn Upper Room
SC—Seton Chapel