

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



August 24, 2025

*The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate... ~Luke 13



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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 30<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Francis

6:00 PM - Fr. Francis

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

## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**  
Pastor

**Reverend Charlince Vendredy**  
Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden**  
Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Francis Lasrado**  
Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**  
Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**  
Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**

Deacon

**Michael Hoonhout**

Deacon

**Ed Grieb**

Deacon

**Carolyn Lapham**

Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**

Director of Faith Formation

**Heather Crayne**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Katie Waller**

Director of Operations

**Angela Werner**

Director of Music Ministry

## Mass Schedule

## OLQA

### Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

(on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033 (ext. 201)

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

**Dawn Waller**, Principal

[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller@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.

## 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 Grand Knight, TJ McCann...



**My Fellow Parishioners,**

**I would like to introduce** myself to you. I am the newly-elected Grand Knight of Queen of All Hearts Council #4126. My name is Thomas Joseph McCann (TJ). I have been a member of this parish since July 2000.

**I grew up in Saint Kevin's Parish** in Flushing, New York, where I served as an altar server. I am a retired NYPD Detective, a proud U.S. Marine, and a Desert Storm veteran. I am also a member of the Eastport American Legion. My wife, Caroline Schneider McCann, has been a member of this parish for most of her life and is a proud alum of OLQA. We were married in the old church by Father Corcoran. Together, we have two children, William and Catherine, both of whom also attended OLQA.

**I look forward** to serving this community with excellence. My Brother Knights and I are proud to serve this parish in many different roles. We show our pride as Knights of Columbus each time we wear our jackets, gather in prayer together, and live out our mission of faith and service. Many of you may also know me as a Bingo caller here in the school auditorium on Friday nights. The funds we raise through Bingo and other events and fundraisers directly support the needs of our parish and community.

**But our work together** is not only about service—it is also about fellowship. The Knights enjoy coming together for fun parish and family activities such as dinner dances, council barbecues and outings. Most recently, we had a wonderful night out together at a Ducks game, which was a great reminder of the joy and camaraderie we share as a council.

**We are also considering** forming a chapter of Columbiettes for the women of our parish. While the Knights of Columbus is primarily a male organization, we warmly welcome all

parishioners to share in the gift of serving this great parish and community. Please feel free to stop me and ask about the work we do as Knights of Columbus. If you know someone interested in joining, I would be happy to answer any questions.

**Finally,** I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for your continued support of everything the Knights ask of you.

**Thomas Joseph McCann (TJ)**  
*Grand Knight,*  
*Queen of All Hearts Council #4126*



# Masses for the Week...

## Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> Weekday

5:00 PM Kenneth Horbal

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Marilyn Tennant

10:00 AM Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

6:00 PM Joseph Loguercio

## Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Calvin Joseph Crass

12:00 Noon Alfonsina "Zina" Crescimanni

## Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> Weekday

7:00 AM Special Intention—Manuel Arias

12:00 PM Catrina and Antoinette Stabile

## Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> Saint Monica

7:00 AM Special Intention-Robert Drummond

12:00 Noon Bob Vassallo

## Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Special Intention-Jose Sanchez

12:00 Noon Kelly Coppola

## Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 AM Vincent Ferrara

12:00 Noon Alfonsina 'Zina' Crescimanni

## Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> Weekday

8:00 AM John Immel

5:00 PM John Fitzpatrick

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

## Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Thomas Blomberg

10:00 AM Andrea McCarthy

12:00 Noon Kristen Bigora

6:00 PM Madalyn Giordano

Please support our annual  
Summer Appeal!

You can make a donation by visiting our  
parish website, using the QR code.  
Thank you for your generous support!



## Annual Summer Appeal Collection

2025	\$36,509	As of 8/19/25
2024	\$42,168	FINAL

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

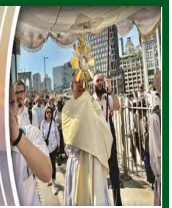
Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$585,575	33	\$17,745
2024	\$594,113	33	\$18,003

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

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission



As of 8/18/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	185	206
Total Pledged to date	\$78,390	\$85,570
Avg. Gift	\$424	\$408
Percent of Goal	68%	74.5%

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!



# 2025

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
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## Please help us reach our goal!

**WE GIVE *because*  
HE GAVE FIRST**

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son...  
John 3:16

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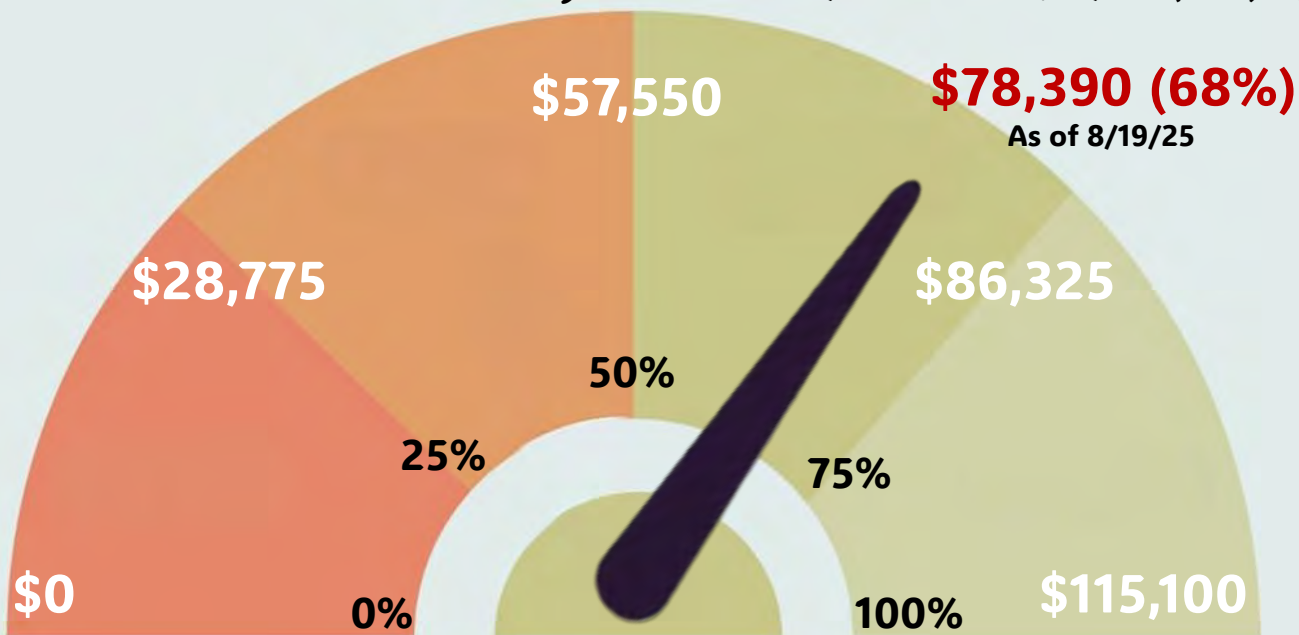
*We are two-thirds of the way there!*

**There will be a special collection for the CMA campaign on the weekend of August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Many thanks to those who have made their pledge to the CMA! If you haven't made your pledge yet, please prayerfully consider how your generosity can make a world of difference!



*Last year at this time, we were at \$85,570 (75%)*





# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

## Our Military

Rita Marie Wehner  
Connie Baez

*"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,  
Eileen & Chuck DeRicco,  
Michael Campanello, George Modica,  
Joseph Harold Sweeney,  
Sam Bagaloo, Bill Hasper

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

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

### US Marine Corps

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

### US 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. Amalifitano

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)*



# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

Online Registration OPEN **Now Thru 8/31**

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

St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Those entering Grade 1, children who have not been in religious education for awhile, and returning students can register online via our parish website - [sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org) - **thru 8/31**.

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Scan the QR code above or visit the Faith Formation page on our parish website and follow the instructions for New and Returning Students:

<http://www.stjohntheevangelistcm.com/sjecm/faith-formation>

### \*NEW STUDENTS:

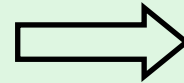
If you have a 1<sup>st</sup> grader/new student, you must also fill out the New Student Registration Form:

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

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



SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO  
REGISTER



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



## INCOMING LEVEL 7 Students

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



Earlier this month, some of our "Family of Faith" volunteers came together for a day of prayer and planning for the upcoming academic year! Special thanks to all who came and to Fr. Patrick, Msgr. Walden and Fr. Charlince for stopping by to pray and share with us.

# Parish Social Ministry

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: [socialministry@SJECm.org](mailto:socialministry@SJECm.org)

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!



## 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!

## 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



## 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.*

- St. Teresa of Avila



# OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

## Moms on the Journey



*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



## Thank you!!

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

On behalf of myself and my classmates, I wanted to thank all of you for your generosity and outpouring of support to the Labouré Society in my honor. Your generosity has been a reflection of God's love and care, with your kindness I have reached mitigation and will officially be entering into formation with the Salesian Sisters of St John Bosco at the end of August.

Please know of my continued prayers for all of you and the special intentions you've shared with me. I humbly ask you to continue to pray for me and the eight other women who will be entering into formation with me.

I'm excited to begin my formation journey. If you shared your email address with me, I will be sending newsletters out periodically over the course of my formation. If you'd like to keep in touch, you can follow the Salesian Sisters on social media, subscribe to their Partners in Giving Magazine, or send letters to me at this address: 659 Belmont Avenue North Haledon, NJ 07508

If you'd like to continue to support the rescuing of vocations to the priesthood and religious life from the obstacle of student loan debt (like you rescued mine!), please consider donating to the Labouré Society at <https://rescuevocations.org/give/support-laboure/>

Thank you so much for all of your incredible support of me over this journey. I'm excited to begin formation!! I'll keep you in prayer.

Tess



## 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.

## 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](mailto:Rectory@sjecm.org)

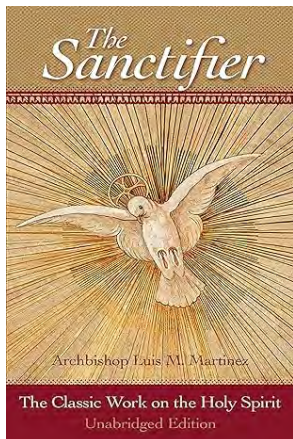
**\$10 donation** for the workbook.

## Women's Group...

Our Women's Group will begin again on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 10 AM to 11:30 AM. We welcome newcomers anytime to join our group. All meetings are open, come when you can. There are no rules, just **desire** for growth in Jesus and fellowship.

We're still reading *The Sanctifier* by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez. Part I is about True Devotion to the Holy Spirit. Part II: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Part III: The Fruit of the Spirit. Part IV: The Beatitudes.

As we read, we come to understand through our sharing, that the Holy Spirit is working in our daily lives & we're right where we're supposed to be on our journey. We're growing a little at a time. We all have the same feelings, doubts, fears, lack of knowledge, we're imperfect & we come to accept that. We're sisters in Jesus cheering each other on. If you're uncomfortable to share, you don't have to. We're just happy that you choose to be with us.



There is no charge for the books, all meetings are on Mondays, 10-11:30 AM, which gives you time to attend 12:00 mass if you wish. We're in the white house meeting room (convent), between the school & the rectory (blue house).

God Bless you, Carol & Anita (Moderators)

**For info call 631-878-0009**

**2025:** September 22 (start for new year),

October 6, 20, November 3, 17, December 1, 15

**2026:** January 5, 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23,

April 13, 27, May 11, 18, June 1, 15, 29

(Summer break July, August, back in September)



## A Message from Msgr. Walden...



Are you on the outside looking in or are you on the inside looking out? That expression came to mind when I first read the Gospel for this coming Sunday's mass (Luke 13:22-30) to prepare my homily. People ask Jesus: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!'" It is one thing to know about someone and what they are doing, it is quite another to let them into our lives totally and completely. There is no doubt about how far Jesus has let us into His life unconditionally: "While we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). While we were on the outside looking in we were on the inside of His heart hoping to embrace us with His mercy, love, and very self.

It is one thing to know about God's mercy and love, quite another to allow Him to embrace us with them. Prayer and the reception of the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of the Eucharist and Confession which we have access to constantly, are the gifts we have to encounter God with our hopeful, loving, sorrowful, and grateful hearts. Success in life is far more than being comfortable. But there is always that inner thirst for something more, something more we cannot find, earn, or accomplish on our own. At times we pray that God will answer our prayers of petition. The key is not to try and get God to see what we see and think should be done, but to be open to the guidance and wisdom of His Holy Spirit. St. Augustine said, "God gives us what is best for us, even when we don't recognize it at first." One of the good things I try to remember to do at the end of the day is to thank God for three or more good things that happened that day. It is all too easy to get caught up in disappointment and tension over things we cannot control. Jesus prayed in the Garden just hours before His crucifixion, "After withdrawing

about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." Pure love takes us out of ourselves and thinks only of the good that we can do at any particular moment. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:11-14)

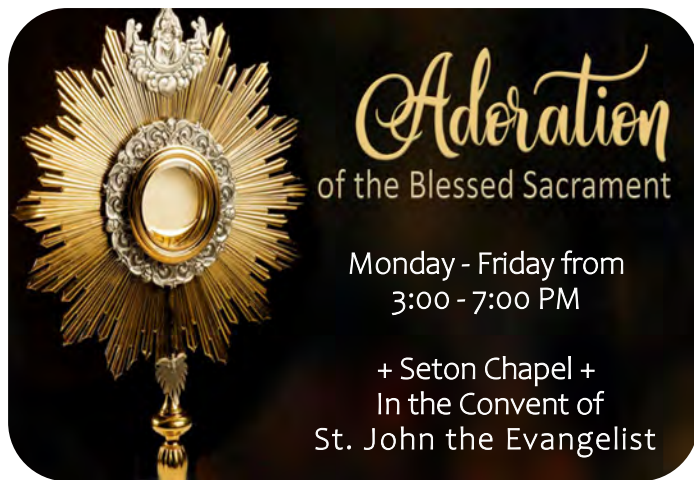
How good it is to come to Mass and be enriched, uplifted, encouraged! It all depends on the attitude we come in with and what is on our minds. The same is true of taking time to pray, giving God our undivided attention, putting aside all those thoughts and devices that so easily take our focus away.

I conclude with Psalm 63 which opens our minds and hearts to God's goodness.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.  
So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.  
On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. Glory...

*Psalm Prayer: Father, creator of unfailing light, give that same light to those who call to you. May our lips praise you; our lives proclaim your goodness; our work give you honor, and our voices celebrate you for ever.*



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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.



## 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.

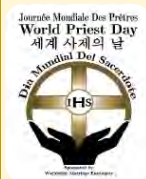
This free resource walks you through each step of making a plan that reflects your values and priorities.

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.

**CMA** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL If you have any further questions about FreeWill, please contact 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or [bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org) for assistance in making the gift that is right for you.

## World Priest Day Celebrated the Last Sunday in September



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring World Priest Day on the last Sunday in September (Sept. 28, 2025) to coincide with Serra's Priesthood Sunday. World Priest Day focuses on celebrating the ongoing affirmation of priests who are committed to their Vocation, Sacrament and building of relationships between couples and priests. The mission and purpose of World Priest Day is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to Our Lord and Our Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for priests they know and develop relationships with priests they don't know.

It is designed to be a day - or several days - to rejoice in the Sacrament of Priesthood in Holy Orders. On this day or during the weeks preceding or following it, Catholics across the country are encouraged to develop activities to affirm priests. This is a unique occasion for us to reach out to all priests. The World Priest Day National Coordinating Team encourages you to celebrate not only the priests you know and love but to develop relationships with priests you do not know!

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or World Priest Day visit their website at [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org).



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

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

#### ¡Dejanos ayudarte!

#### DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

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

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

#### TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

#### COMIDA COMUNITARIA

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

#### MINISTERIO DE CALLE

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

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

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

## RETROUVAILE

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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Recapture that Loving  
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#### Are You Still Looking for Marriage Help?

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**September 24-26, 2025**

**at the Immaculate Conception  
Seminary in Huntington**

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You'll never regret investing time to  
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(516)405-0323

[3028r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3028r@helpourmarriage.org)

## Reduce your 2025 Taxes with a Charitable IRA Rollover!

Are you 70 1/2 or older with an IRA? Consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of up to \$108,000 in 2025 to your parish or other ministry. Satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and keep more of your hard-earned retirement savings out of your taxable income.

A QCD allows an IRA owner (and an IRA beneficiary) aged 70.5 or older to make charitable donations directly through their IRAs. IRA funds are transferred directly from the IRA to a qualified charitable organization. Most importantly, the funds withdrawn and transferred from the traditional IRA are not taxable. Normally, when a withdrawal is made from a traditional IRA, the withdrawal is considered a taxable event.

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

**VERY IMPORTANT!!** Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Charity. If you receive the money first, then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution

Beyond annual giving, an IRA Charitable Rollover can be a powerful tool for estate planning. Consider naming our organization as a beneficiary of your IRA, leaving a legacy of support that aligns with your values and lessening the tax burden on your heirs.

For more information on Qualified Charitable Distributions, please call Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257

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# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC  
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
7:00 PM Divine Will - AMR

## Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR  
9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop  
3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

## Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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