

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



August 25, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Psalm 34



August 25, 2024

25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, New York, 11934-3968

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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 31st

5:00 PM - Fr. Jose

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, September 1st

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Fr. Abin

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

6:00 PM - Fr. Abin

*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 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.

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor

Reverend Abin Panicker

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno

Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele

Parish Assistant

John Pettorino

Deacon

Michael Hoonhout

Deacon

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

Heather Cryne

Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller

Director of Operations

Mass Schedule

OLQA

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Regional Catholic School**

(on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033

www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller

Principal

dwaller@olqany.org (ext. 201)

Office Hours

Parish Office - Blue House

Monday - Thursday:

9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Friday - Saturday

9 AM - 2 PM

*We ask that you call before visiting any parish
offices.*

Confession Schedule

A Message from Deacon Michael Hoonhout...

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

With this Sunday, we conclude a five week hearing of the Bread of Life discourse from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. After feeding a great multitude with a few loaves and fish, Jesus has taught that he is the true bread from heaven, given by the Father to give life to the world. To the shock and dismay of many of his listeners, he insists that the bread that he will give is his very flesh. Three times he says that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have eternal life. On hearing this, many of his own disciples say, "This saying is hard, who can accept it?"

Jesus is aware that they are troubled by what he has taught. His response seems strange as it does not seem to address their anxiety. Yet because it does address their misunderstanding it is worth pondering. Here is what Jesus says:

"Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life."

Notice that Jesus begins by referring to his Ascension. Why? Because his listeners mistakenly think that the flesh Jesus will give as the true bread from heaven is his body in its current state, before he would offer it to the Father on the cross. Jesus truly does give us his flesh and blood as our food and drink, but it is *the flesh and blood of his resurrected body* after he suffered his Passion, died, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven. His body has been wonderfully transformed by his Resurrection, for now it is "imperishable," "glorious," "powerful," and "spiritual" (1 Cor 15:42-44). After his Resurrection, Jesus is a "life-giving spirit" (1 Cor 15:45) who still has "flesh and bones" (Luke 24:39). *Because his body is now spiritual, he can give his flesh to us as our food without suffering loss.* For this is a crucial difference between material things and spiritual realities: when you give something material away, you no longer have what you give; but when you give something spiritual away, you retain what you give, and both the giver and the recipient now possess the same spiritual reality. For example, knowledge is something spiritual, and when a professor teaches a student what she knows the student learns the truth the professor still knows. The miracle of feeding of the multitudes demonstrated this spiritual principle, for as the apostles were distributing the loaves, the baskets did not empty.

When Jesus goes on to say that it is "the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail," he is not taking away his teaching that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man...you do not have life within

you." Rather, he is clarifying that it is only when his body has been raised, transformed, and made spiritual can his flesh give eternal life, for it has become spiritual and imperishable. When we receive the Eucharist, we eat the flesh of the One who has conquered death!

So what on the surface appears as a "hard saying" is actually a blessed teaching, words that give "spirit and life" to those who accept, believe, and obey Jesus' command to eat his flesh and drink his blood. Nonetheless, many of his disciples choose to leave Jesus. Jesus allows them to leave rather than change his teaching. That they were scandalized enough to leave Jesus is confirmation that Jesus was *not* speaking symbolically. Those who do not leave him are the apostles gathered with Peter and his confession, "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." What was true at the beginning of Christianity remains true today: many Christians who sincerely believe in Christ do not accept his teaching that He is the true bread from heaven who truly gives his flesh and blood for us to consume so that we might have eternal life. Those Christians who do accept this teaching are those who remain with the successor of St. Peter, confessing with the pope and all the bishops the teaching of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist. As Catholics we should be grateful for the authority Christ gave his apostles and their successors, for their authoritative teaching allows us to remain united in the fullness of the one faith that Jesus revealed to us, without discarding the hard sayings of Jesus.

Since Jesus desires to give his Body and Blood to all those who believe in Him, let us be worthy ambassadors of the Eucharist who promote faith in the Real Presence to our non-Catholic Christian brothers and sisters. To do this well requires that we are able to explain the Catholic teaching on the Eucharist, showing how it is supported in Scripture, especially in this Bread of Life discourse in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. But it also requires that we be transformed by the Eucharist, for it is the sacrament of charity. The Eucharist is Christ's risen Body, which he offered to the Father on the cross out of love for us. Every time we receive the Eucharist let us be renewed by the unbounded love of Jesus who laid down his life for his friends. May his self-sacrificing love for you overflow in your heart, so that you desire and pray that all his disciples come to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.



Masses for the Week...

Saturday, August 24th Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

5:00 PM Kenneth Horbal

7:30 PM (Spanish) Emely Mariana Alcantara

Sunday, August 25th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Jack Haugh

10:00 AM Glenn Probeyahn

12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

6:00 PM Special Intention - Joan Murphy

Monday, August 26th Weekday

7:00 AM Robert Babbitt

12:00 Noon Luisa Ferrarese

Tuesday, August 27th Saint Monica

7:00 AM Alain Sauvage

12:00 Noon William Hunt

Wednesday, August 28th

Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Special Intention - Corin Spataro

12:00 PM Anne Mintel

Thursday, August 29th The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 AM Raymond Hayes

12:00 Noon Caterena Stabile

Friday, August 30th Weekday

7:00 AM Aurora Arena

12:00 Noon Joan Roberts

Saturday, August 31st Weekday

8:00 AM Tom Blomberg

5:00 PM Barry Vlasty

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, September 1st Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Jared McGuinness

10:00 AM Special Intention - Mary Ann & Joseph Rondone

12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

6:00 PM Carol Hernandez

Annual Summer Appeal...

Please support our annual
Summer Appeal!



PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$594,113	33	\$18,003
2023	\$542,361	33	\$16,435

2024
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL
OFFICE OF PARISH CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith -
Renewed by the Eucharist*



As of 8/20/2024	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	206	219
Total Pledged to date	\$85,570	\$86,575
Avg. Gift	\$415	\$395
Percent of Goal	74.5%	75.2%

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!



Early Childhood Pre-K Program (Ages 3 & 4)

Full-Day & Half-Day
Classes Available!

Registration Is Open!

SCHEDULE A TOUR:
SCAN THE QR CODE

BELOW OR CALL
631-878-1033



VISIT OUR
WEBSITE:

OLQANY.ORG



WE OFFER...

- FAITH & VALUES
- SMALL CLASS SIZE
- MATH/SCIENCE READINESS
- LANGUAGE/READING SKILLS
- SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES
REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2 ST. JOHN'S PL.
CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934



August 25, 2024

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Our Military

Daniel V. Kaloski, Dennis Murray,
Thomas Langin, Robert Fienman, Virginia Soria

*"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

Carmine Alfonso + Ana Perez
Beth Schupp + Barbara Lefkowitz
Ryan deBlasi + Frank Macchia
Annie Albaneze + Kathleen Fontaine
Vincent Diaz + David Daniel Vigliotta

*"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.

US Marine Corps

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

US Army

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

US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello
STGCS Brian Holzmacher
MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello
SSGT David Giese
SSGT Jason M Hermes
PFC Kyle Kerstiens
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens
A1C Jared T. Rosato
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

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

This week: The Altar Candles will be lit in memory of:

Petrina and Francis Sciacchitano

This week: The Blessed Mother Candles will be lit in memory of:

In loving Memory of Virginia & Richard Meyer

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 \$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.**

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

Parish Social Ministry

Ernie's Place

Here is a list of items needed for our pantry. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

- Instant or can potatoes
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Granola Bars
- Mac & Cheese
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Ramen Noodles



Street Ministry

Are you a great cook? Or perhaps a social butterfly who enjoys engaging with others in the community? Maybe you prefer to work behind the scenes? Do you love to fold clothes and organize things? ***Come use the awesome gifts that God gave you to serve those in need in our local community!***

Our Street Ministry is an amazing community of volunteers who provide hot meals and clothing to individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless or unable to receive other supporting services. Whether you are interested in working in our donation room, cooking hot meals, making PB&J sandwiches, or participating in our van runs, Street Ministry has a place and a job for everyone! To get started or for more information contact Victoria Paparatto at streetministry@sjecm.org

Street Ministry Shopping List

- ♦ Men's & Women's Shorts Sizes S, M, L
- ♦ Men's & Women's T-Shirts Sizes S, M, L
- ♦ Men's Jeans Sizes 32, 34, 36
- ♦ Blankets
- ♦ White Socks
- ♦ Toilet Paper
- ♦ Feminine products
- ♦ Travel Size Shaving Cream and Razors
- ♦ Men's & Women's Underwear (new) Sizes S, M, L, XL



Bereavement Support ...

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

FEES: \$10 donation for the workbook.





God bless America!

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PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Come Pray the Rosary

Wednesday

September 18 ~ 7 PM

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SJE Convent Chapel
FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION

HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS COUNCIL #4126



Once a month, we will pray the rosary for our country and sing patriotic hymns before the Blessed Sacrament. Please see the next date for each month leading up to Election Day... Please mark your calendar and join our parish family as we pray together for the future of our country.

Next Dates:
⇒ Wednesday, October 16
⇒ Monday, November 4



Monday - Friday from 3:00 - 7:00 PM
in Seton Chapel, in the Convent

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

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.

HOW DO YOU PRAY THE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

The Eucharistic Adoration is a prayer (it normally lasts an hour, called Holy Hour) that is made before the Blessed Sacrament.

Steps to pray:

	3. ASK Present Him all your intentions and the intentions of those around you.
	1. REALIZE WHO IS PRESENT Place yourself in the presence of Christ.
	4. MEDITATE In a moment of silence, try to listen to the voice of God.
	2. GIVE THANKS Be thankful for this moment of prayer and for all the blessings the Lord has given you.
	5. ASK FOR FORGIVENESS Express your sorrow for the world's sins and your own.

Faith Formation

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

Online Registration NOW Open!

Incoming 1st Graders / New Students & Returning Students:



St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth and their families, beginning in First Grade, 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 - **extended to 8/30.**

**Registration instructions for all students,
scan the QR Code:**



**NOTE: If your child is a NEW STUDENT, please also complete the [New Student Registration](#) form on our website. If your child was not baptized at SJE, after completing the online registration, please email a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to: faithformation@sjecm.org*

Incoming Level 7 Students: Confirmation Application

If you have a child entering 7th grade in the Fall, or an older student who has not begun in our program, please contact us by the **extended deadline of August 30** to enroll your student in our Level 7 program. Students and parents need to complete the Confirmation Application to be enrolled in the first year of our prep program. If your child has not already done so, please email us for the link to the online application at: faithformation@sjecm.org.



Prayer for Unity, to Overcome Division

Christ Jesus, who gave yourself for the good of all, we come before you as brothers and sisters but we are divided and at times, even hostile-- tearing one another down. We approach the altar unworthily and ask for your forgiveness.

Move us, instead, towards Encounter - listening - dialogue - reconciliation, and a commitment to build Your kingdom for the good of all. Heal us, restore us, unite your divided family, Lord. Through the power of the Eucharist, overcome our divisions. Give us sincere hearts that make us open, not closed, and willing to encounter, ready to listen.

In your broken body, given for all, may we find unity and peace in you. Amen.

*Inspired by the reflections of Pope Benedict XVI in Sacramentum Caritatis
(The Sacrament of Charity), no. 89.*

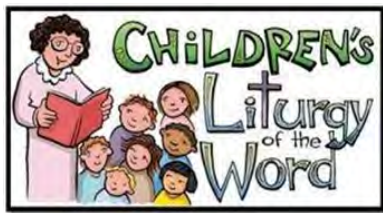
The Office of Family Ministry

Moms on the Journey



This month at Moms on the Journey, we continued our exploration of women in the Holy Scriptures. Delving into a heartfelt discussion about the woman who was hemorrhaging, we did a bit of soul searching about what we hold back from the Lord and what we really need to reach out in faith for...to be healed and to have our burdens lifted. Join us later this month for more faith, fellowship and fun. Our next gathering is Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00 PM in the Upper Room of the Barn. All moms are welcome!

WE NEED HELP!



Every Sunday at the 10:00 Mass, we offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program for our parish children. This program allows the children to experience the scriptures in an interactive way. The readings, gospel and universal prayer are presented in simple language and the children always have an opportunity to actively participate in the session. We have a very small group of dedicated volunteers who make this program possible each week. Would YOU consider joining us? There are so many easy ways to help...you can even stay in the church for the 10:00 mass and be a part of our team! Schedules are flexible...you sign up when you're available. For more information, please email clapham@sjecm.org.

Family Life Ministry

We hope that everyone has had an opportunity to relax, renew and refresh during these summer months. Quality family time is certainly a gift to be enjoyed and treasured. The Family Life Ministry at St. John's is gearing up for a wonderful schedule of fun, faith-building family events and service projects beginning in September. From Sandwich Sundays to Movie Nights, to the Blessing of our Animals, to Collections for our military men and women, the Fall of 2024 is the perfect time for parish families to come together in a spirit of Christian service. Keep your eye on the bulletin for our schedule. Consider joining the leadership team or signing up to help with a particular event that works with your family's schedule. Many hands make light work and many hearts create beautiful opportunities for parish families to come together to grow in faith.

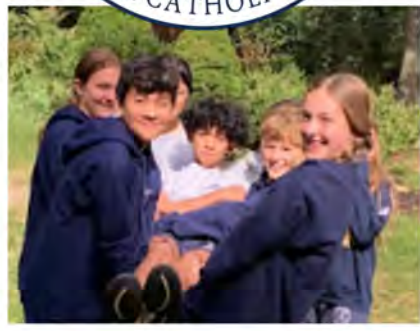
Our next monthly planning meeting is Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00 PM in the Upper Meeting Room of the Barn. For more information email us at familylife@sjecm.org

Coming in September... Sandwich Sundays are back!

Come make sandwiches for those in need.

Sunday, September 15th after the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria. All are welcome!





Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School 2024-25 **ADMISSION**

Now Open For Registration

Learn more about the
Catholic School in Center Moriches...

- ✓ Grounded in our Catholic Faith
- ✓ Smaller Classes
- ✓ Individualized Education Program
- ✓ Special Education
- ✓ Before & After Care
- ✓ Financial Aid

REGISTER NOW



More information call us:
631-878-1033



Visit our Website:
olqany.org

To set up a tour:
Scan the QR Code



A Message from Msgr. Walden...



With all the events, reports and opinions of what is going on in our world, we need a strong base and foundation to live with peace, hope, and purpose. These past four weeks of the Gospel passages at Sunday Mass, including today, have come from chapter six of St. John's Gospel. To take Jesus and His words to heart is what we are all about as Catholic people of faith in the twenty-first century. Reflecting on Jesus' words these past Sundays, we think about what Jesus means for us as He says "I am the Bread of Life." As these words were first spoken 2000 years ago many people found them too hard to understand and accept. We have the advantage of over 2000 years of believers trusting and living with Jesus as the Bread of Life. As we continue our journey of faith, we are blessed and sustained by Jesus in the life giving Sacrament of the Eucharist. When Jesus asked His apostles in today's Gospel, "Do you also want to leave?" St. Peter answered: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Who do we believe and trust with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength? Who do we want to invite and bring into the very depths of who we are, what we think, what we say, and what we do? Who or what inspires, triggers, and gives us purpose, hope, inspiration, and security? Financial security is very important to us. But even more, we need to be secure in how, why, and the way we think, act, and speak throughout each day, wherever we are, and whoever we are with, and even, as importantly, when we are alone. At times our minds wander and our thoughts inspire, challenge, and disturb us. Would that we would have the faith of St. Peter as He said: "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

The word of Jesus were backed up by His actions and fueled by His love for the Father and us. He gives us Himself and invites us into His life with the Father, His Mother Mary, and one another. Each one of us is unique and loved for who we are. Is He that much a part of

us as He invites us to be with Him? At times it is fearful to think I want to go to heaven and be loved by God and everyone else when I have sinned, been selfish, held grudges and been judgmental. To trust in Jesus and His words is to humbly accept His mercy and be transformed. I am not just keeping Jesus happy, but allowing myself to be embraced by His love and presence in my life and my presence in His life. The key is to rise above all that blinds me to and keeps me from God's presence and love in my life. My ultimate security will only come when I place my trust, hopes, and love in Jesus' hands and heart.

I offer Psalm 23 for your personal reflection.

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

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

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

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

Psalm Prayer:

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

2024  2025

REVIVE

SPEAKER SERIES

7:30PM

Wednesday, September 4



Church of St. Rose of Lima

2 Bayview Ave, Massapequa, NY 11758



Featured Speaker
Deacon Harold
Burke-Sivers

Presentation:
*Living a Eucharistic Faith:
The Big Deal About the
Mass and Why It Matters.*

Admission is free.

All are invited to gather at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa for a special event as we encounter Eucharistic Revival on Long Island.



Dynamic speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will show clearly and definitively that the Mass and Scripture are intimately connected. Deacon Harold will demonstrate from the Bible how the Mass unites us to Christ's sacrifice on the Cross in an intimate and personal way, and explain how to live Eucharistically by making the connection between what happens at Mass and the application of its fruits in our lives.

For more information, please email: mcooke@drvc.org

Women's Group...

We meet **every other Monday** from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the IHM room, white house (convent) between school & rectory.

**We are on Summer Break!
We will return in the Fall!**

Facilitators:

Carol Ketcham, Anita Luccari

For additional information, please call the rectory office at 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.

Safe Environment Updates...

UPCOMING TRAINING....

Wednesday, September 5th BMR

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.





Thank You!

Your Gifts Make a Direct Impact on Those in Need!



The cost of living has increased on Long Island and throughout the nation causing many to find it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. While we all want to donate with a generous hand, it's important to know exactly where our dollars go and who they are helping.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal funds many ministries in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Your donated dollars go directly toward funding ministries such as Campus Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry, Catholic Charities, Faith Formation, Respect Life, Vocations, and Multi-Cultural Diversity. But where and how you may ask is this money used?

A Place To Worship

Campus Ministry connects students with a Catholic community on campus, so their faith thrives in college and beyond. At one of the campuses on Long Island, students didn't have a sacred place to pray so they worked together with our Office of Campus Ministry to convert a storage closet into a chapel.

Growing Faith

The CMA funds Faith Formation programs that include baptismal, pre-Cana, and RCIA programs. By providing leadership training, guidance, evaluation, resources, and programming, The Office of Faith Formation strives to support our pastors, clergy, catechetical lay leaders, and volunteers in their efforts to be joyful, hopeful witnesses to the Gospel and agents of evangelization.

Supporting our Seminarians

Your gift of \$1,000 may help support the formation of our Seminarians. Ordained in 2014, Fr. Joseph Scolaro answered the call to serve when he began the program of priestly formation at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in 2010. "I know firsthand how important the Catholic Ministries Appeal is. It helped to support my formation and gave me the freedom to really focus on my studies. Now as a Priest in the Diocese, I feel blessed that God has chosen me to make the Body and Blood of Christ present on the altar and to bring that gift to the people, bring God to the people – the same people who helped to bring me to this point by their support."

-Father Scolaro

Healing After Loss

Project Rachel is a dedicated network of specially trained and compassionate caregivers who are ready to offer support to those who have experienced the pain of abortion loss. With a deep understanding of the emotional and spiritual turmoil that individuals may go through, this project provides a safe and non-judgmental space where healing and restoration can begin. Their commitment to helping those in need is a testament to the power of empathy and understanding the process of recovery. "They couldn't have been more kind or loving. Thanks to Project Rachel, I am me again. I know now that God was there, all along, offering His love." -anonymous

Paying Forward

"My support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal is based on one philosophy: Paying Forward. While growing up, my mom always taught us that if God has been good to us, we should share our blessings with others. The Catholic Ministries Appeal reminds us that when the Lord was on earth, He fed the hungry. And we feed the hungry in so many ways. We not only provide for their basic needs, but we also provide for their spiritual needs. The Catholic Ministries Appeal responds to so many needs on Long Island and if it weren't there, so many people would be without basic needs." -Marcy

Knights of Columbus
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

FRIDAY NIGHT'S

Doors Open at 6:30 PM
Games Begin at 7:30 PM

\$3000 IN PRIZES


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kofc4126.com

BINGO

BINGO CANCELLED AUGUST 23rd AND AUGUST 30th



~ Pro-Life and Catholic ~
Insights for Catholic Youth

 Presented by
Jozef Zalot, PhD, MEd
Director of Education and ethicist with
National Catholic Bioethics Center

Saturday, October 12, 2024
1:00pm - 3:30pm
St. Christopher, Baldwin
11 Gale Avenue (off Merrick Rd.)

Bring your

Inviting Catholic Teens and Young Adults
Dr. Zalot will help us navigate ethical decision-making
on current pro-life issues.


Pre-Med / Nursing
students welcome

Light refreshments
FREE ADMISSION
Bring your friends!

For Information contact: fortyDFLLI@gmail.com (Celeste)
RSVP requested (not required but helpful for planning purposes)

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2025 Mass Intentions



We are now taking Mass Intentions for next year!

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 sábados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

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

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

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

Requisitos:

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

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia. Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

CASAMIENTO:

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

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes.

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

espanol@sjecm.org

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!

El programa de Formación de Fe de San Juan Evangelista...

sirve a los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia y sus familias, comenzando en el primer grado, a medida que crecen en la fe y se preparan para los Sacramentos. Aquellos que ingresan al primer grado, los niños que no han recibido educación religiosa por un tiempo y los estudiantes que regresan pueden registrarse en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, sjecm.org, hasta el 23 de agosto.



Instrucciones de inscripción para todos los estudiantes,
escanea el código QR:

*NOTA: Si su hijo es un ESTUDIANTE NUEVO, complete también el formulario de Registro de estudiantes nuevos en nuestro sitio web. Si su hijo 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:

Faihtformation@sjecm.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>

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

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

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 26th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Men only) - BMR

Tuesday, August 27th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Divine Will

Wednesday, August 28th 2024

- 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 29th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 4 PM Legion of Mary - BMR
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, August 30th 2024

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

Saturday, August 31st 2024

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

Sunday, September 1st, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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