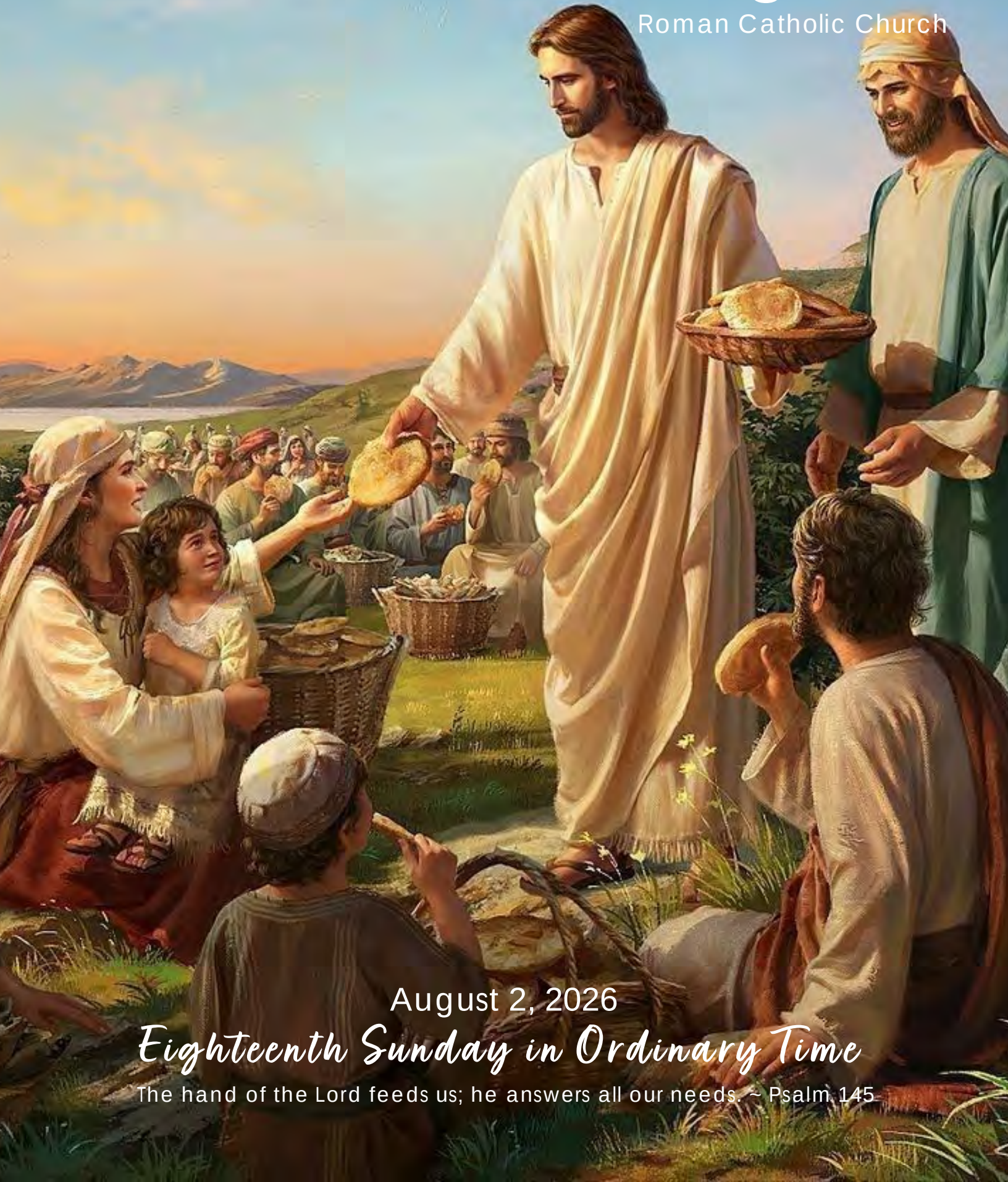


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. ~ Psalm 145



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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 8th

5:00 PM - Fr. Francis

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charline

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, August 9th

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Charline

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 Charline Vendredy

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Francis Lasrado

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno

Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele

Parish Assistant

John Pettorino

Deacon

Michael Hoonhout

Deacon

Ed Grieb

Deacon

Katie Waller

Director of Operations

Heather Crayne

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

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

Dawn Waller, Principal

dwaller@olqany.org

Office Hours

Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 3:00 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 Deacon Michael Hoonhout...

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Gospel Reflection ~ Matthew 14:13-21



Today's Gospel recounts Jesus miraculously feeding 5,000 men and uncounted numbers of women and children in a deserted place with a few loaves and fishes. That this is the only miracle of Jesus recorded in all four Gospels tells us it how great an impression it left upon the apostles, being well-remembered not only because of the exceptional wonder it invoked but also because of the rich significance they realized it conveyed. As is typical of Jesus' words and actions, the meaning of the sign is multilayered, and by appreciating its different facets we can better recognize the different ways we need Jesus to feed us.

For a miracle which reveals who Jesus is in such a profound way, it is striking that it occurs unplanned and as if by chance. Jesus has sought out a deserted place because he is deeply saddened to hear about the death of John the Baptist, unjustly beheaded by King Herod. But the crowds beat him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, and putting aside his own need to grieve, He meets their desire for instruction and guidance. After a day listening to Jesus teach them, they are hungry and too weak to make the long journey home. Jesus has been feeding their souls with the Word of God, and now He wants to nourish their bodies. In addressing their physical hunger He fulfills His promise, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all things will be provided for you" (Matt 6:34). Each time we hear this Gospel miracle we ought to ask ourselves, "Is my hunger for God greater than my hunger for food?"

In providing bread for this great crowd in a deserted place, Jesus accomplishes the miracle in way that evokes his later action of providing the true Bread from Heaven. The Gospel passages describes the way Jesus gave them bread with specific details which all evoke His institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, elements which are then repeated in the Mass. At the Sea of Galilee the disciples give the bread that they have to Jesus; in Church the people bring up the bread for the priest to consecrate. The actions of taking, saying the blessing, breaking the bread, and giving it to the disciples to distribute to the people occur in both the miracle and at Mass. In the miracle, five loaves are multiplied until a countless number are satisfied. In the Eucharist, the flesh of Jesus is given over and over without loss to feed billions of believers. And in both the miracle and at Mass, what is not consumed is gathered and preserved, as a sign that the hunger and needs of the people can never exhaust the generous self-giving of God. Remembering that Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes for the people *in a deserted place where no other sustenance was available*, do we appreciate Eucharist as the only food which gives us eternal life? Do we clear out of our hearts worldly desires

so that we can hunger more simply for that alone which satisfies?

In working a miracle of miraculous bread, Jesus was fulfilling one of the prophetic expectations of the Messiah, who would do once again what God did for Israel in the desert: give them bread from heaven. The Messiah—i.e., the Christ, the anointed one—was expected to repeat the signs that God did for Israel in their Exodus from Egypt and their journey to the Promised Land. Other signs from the time of their deliverance—the Passover Lamb, the passage through the Red Sea, the striking of the rock for water, the cloud of God's presence descending upon Mt. Sinai—would also be repeated in the mission of Jesus Christ. (I leave it to you to figure out where.) The apostles would proclaim Jesus as "the one of whom all the prophets testified" (Luke 24:44; Acts 3:18 and 24:14), something very necessary given the challenge of proclaiming to Jew and Gentile that salvation has been accomplished by a *crucified* Messiah. The multiplication of loaves was a sign of who Jesus was not just because it was a miracle, but also because it was a prophetic fulfillment. Just as this miracle was remembered because it pointed forward to the Eucharist, so too was it remembered because it recalled the past.

Lastly, in a subtle way, the miracle of providing food and sustenance reveals the divinity of Jesus. I say in a "subtle way" because I am not referring to the miraculous display of divine power which it took for Jesus to create all those extra loaves and fishes out of the few given him. A miracle is a powerful sign that causes wonder, and so by definition it is *not* subtle. What is subtle about this act, so much so that it took me a long time before I realized it, is that feeding others is a *very appropriate divine thing for Jesus to do*. The Scriptures—the Psalms in particular—testify over and over again that it is God who provides food for His creatures: "It is He who gives an animal its food, and feeds young **ravens** that cry" (Ps 147:9). "They all wait for You to give them their food in due season. You give to them, they gather it up; You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good" (Ps 104:27-28). Given this biblical testimony, it would not be unfair to say that if Jesus did not have compassion for hungry, if he never provided food for others, the revelation of His divinity would have been deficient. God is the source of life, and the One who sustains all the living with sustenance. Jesus is LORD (Phil 2:11), and thus he "gives food to the hungry" (Ps 146:7)—not just once when he worked this great miracle, but everyday in making the earth fruitful, and at every Mass when He feeds us with His very Self, the greatest food of all.

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, August 1st Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro
 5:00 PM Walter James Dinehart
 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, August 2nd Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Walter James Dinehart
 10:00 AM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer
 12:00 Noon Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
 6:00 PM Rachel Slomowitz

Monday, August 3rd Weekday

7:00 AM Avelino Jose Goncalves
 12:00 Noon Maureen Hogan

Tuesday, August 4th Saint John Vianney, Priest

7:00 AM Michael O'Brien
 12:00 Noon Kristen Bigora

Wednesday, August 5th Weekday

7:00 AM Vincent DeSantis
 12:00 Noon Dolores O'Brien

Thursday, August 6th Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00 AM Daniel Burch Jr.
 12:00 Noon James Lovelace

Friday, August 7th Weekday

7:00 AM Louis Kaleb
 12:00 Noon Special Intention-Joe C.

Saturday, August 8th Saint Dominic, Priest

8:00 AM Lawrence Pasciutti
 5:00 PM Louis Angotti
 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, August 9th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Eileen DeRicco
 10:00 AM Arleen & Special Intention- Michael Probeyahn
 12:00 Noon Fergus "Buddy" McDermott
 6:00 PM Kenneth Linguiti

Annual Summer Appeal

Please support
 our Annual
 Summer Appeal!



Summer Appeal

Year	Total:	As Of:
2026	\$33,100	7/27/26
2025	\$39,604	Final

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$549,125	30	\$18,304
2025	\$530,873	30	\$17,696



As of 7/28/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	191	177
Total Pledged to date	\$81,765	\$77,095
Percent of Goal	68%	67%

Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! We receive back 20% of whatever is raised below the goal. If we go above the goal, we also receive 80% of all monies that are raised above the goal!
 Please help us go above the goal!



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

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

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



CMA
St. John's has reached 67%
of our CMA goal
with 5 months to go!!!
Great job!!!

67%



We pray for our Service Members

We honor and remember the following men and women for their service, dedication, and sacrifice. Lord, hold our troops in Your loving care. Protect and bless them and their families for their selfless service. We give thanks for all veterans and pray for those currently serving at home and abroad.

United States Army

Monaghan, Justin — Private Second Class
O'Neill, Aidan — Second Lieutenant
Smith, David — Private First Class
Valentin, Steven — Private First Class
Williams, Cara — Private

United States Marine Corps

Abbatiello, Michael — Lance Corporal
Berkemeyer, Evan — Lance Corporal
Brady, Sean — Private First Class
Casey, Sean — Sergeant
Cestare, Joseph — Sergeant
Deshler II, Kevin W. — Corporal
Montemarano, Quentin — Sergeant
Toscanini, Kyle — Private First Class
Walther, Christopher — Second Lieutenant

United States Navy

Casey, Andrew R. — Engineman Third Class
Esposito Jr., Christopher J. — Machinist's Mate Nuclear First Class
Montoya Rivera, Angel Gabriel — Electronics Technician Seaman
Nolan Jr., Jeremiah — Electronics Technician Second Class
Paduana, Michael — Seaman
Raeihle, Christian — Seaman
Ruggiero, Ralph J. — Lieutenant
Taylor III, Thomas — Seaman Apprentice
Walsh, Jack Patrick — Seaman

United States Air Force

Auciello, Anthony — Senior Airman
Casey, Andrew R. — Technical Sergeant
Giese, David — Technical Sergeant
Hayes, Brenden M. — Airman First Class
Hermes, Jason — Technical Sergeant
Hermes, Sabrina — Technical Sergeant
Kerstiens, Claudia — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Kyle — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Ryan — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Timothy — Technical Sergeant
McCauley II, William E. — Staff Sergeant
McGrath, Claire — First Lieutenant
Pfister, James — Airman First Class
Rosato, Jared T. — Senior Airman
Sferrazza, Salvatore — Lieutenant Colonel
Traina, Peter A. — Airman First Class

United States Coast Guard

Bernath, Brendan J. — Boatswain's Mate Third Class
Donohue, Keith — Captain



If you would like a loved one to be remembered in our **Military Prayer List**, please call the rectory at **631.878.0009** or email rectory@sjecm.org. We will lift their intentions to God, asking for protection, strength, and peace for all who serve and their families.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon our nation. Guide our country in the ways of truth, justice, freedom, and peace.

We entrust to Your loving care all who serve in our Armed Forces. Protect them, strengthen them in times of challenge, and grant them courage, wisdom, and perseverance. Keep them safe wherever they serve and bring them home to their loved ones.

We remember with gratitude those who have given their lives in service to our country. Welcome them into Your eternal Kingdom, and comfort their families with the hope of the Resurrection and the assurance of Your un-failing love.

Help us to be faithful stewards of the freedoms we enjoy. Inspire us to live with integrity, serve one another with charity, uphold the dignity of every human person, and always seek the common good.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace and Patroness of the United States, bless our nation with unity, wisdom, justice, and lasting peace. Guide our leaders, strengthen our communities, and help us always to place our trust in You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Anthony Pagan

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

May the Lord grant them comfort, strength, and healing.¹

Bill Hasper

Mark Havens

James Patrick Lapham

James Dinnigan

Rachel Tekula

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

*The Altar Bread and Wine for the month of August
are offered for the repose of the soul of:*

John Nicholas Abazis

Prayer and Remembrance

At SJE, we offer parishioners many ways to remember loved ones or honor someone living through the offering of votive and altar candles, as well as altar bread and wine. These offerings create a visible sign of prayer and devotion while supporting the life of our parish.

Votive candles illuminate the beautiful statues throughout our church, including the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As these candles burn, they bring light to our sacred space and invite quiet reflection, inspiring deeper moments of prayer and trust in God.

Both votive candles and altar candles may be offered for \$25 per week. Altar bread and wine may be offered for \$250 per month. The names of those remembered or honored through these offerings will be listed in the parish bulletin during the month.

To make an offering, please visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email rectory@sjecm.org. May these candles be a sign of hope, remembrance, and prayer for all who gather in our church.

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On **September 13, 2026**, our parish community will celebrate the **100th anniversary** of the opening of **St. John the Evangelist School**, founded in **1926** by the **Sisters of Charity**. To begin this historic celebration, the Centennial **Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**, at the **5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**.

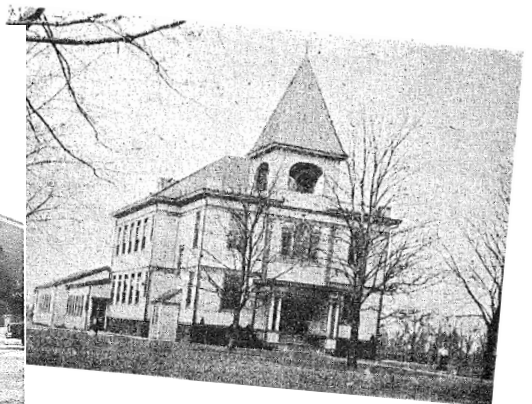
When the school opened its doors on **September 13, 1926**, it was located in the former **Center Moriches Public School** building on the northeast corner of **Main Street and Brookfield Avenue** in downtown Center Moriches. The building had been purchased at auction in 1925 by devoted parishioner **Joseph McAleenan** for **\$10,000**, after which the deed was transferred to **Father John J. Donlon** for the establishment of the parish's new Catholic school. Under the guidance of the **Sisters of Charity**, St. John the Evangelist School began its mission of forming young people in faith, learning, and service—a mission that continues today.

In **1992**, St. John the Evangelist School entered a new chapter when it became **Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School**, joining with the parishes of **St. Jude, Mastic Beach; Saints Peter and Paul, Manorville; and Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach** to continue providing an outstanding Catholic education. While the governance structure changed, the school's mission has remained steadfast, and Catholic education has continued on the campus of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

A special highlight of our centennial celebration will be the **Centennial Mass of Thanksgiving** on **Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**, celebrated by **Bishop Robert Guglielmone**, a graduate of St. John the Evangelist School. A century after the Sisters of Charity welcomed the first students into the school, one of those students will return as a bishop to celebrate the enduring legacy of faith, learning, and service that has touched generations of families.

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

If you are a graduate, former student, faculty or staff member, parent, or have photographs, memorabilia, or stories to share, we would love to hear from you. Please help us preserve and celebrate our history by contacting us at celebrateolqa100th@olqany.org. Your memories will help tell the story of a century of Catholic education at St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

Online Registration OPEN Now thru 8/21!

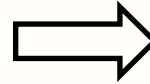
Incoming 1st Graders / New Students & Returning Students (Levels 1-8):

St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Those entering Grade 1, children who have not been in religious education for awhile, and returning students can register online via our parish website - sjecm.org - thru 8/21.



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

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

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

* NEW STUDENTS *

If you have a first grader/new student, you must also fill out the New Student Registration Form:

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

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



INCOMING LEVEL 7 Students - Please contact the office for late registrations...



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

SJE Parish Social Ministry...

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

COLLECTION

During the months of July & August
we will be collecting schools supplies.

Please leave your donation's in the
fellowship area of the church.



Items needed...

Folders

Pens & #2 Pencils

Colored Pencils

Markers

Glue Sticks

Highlighters

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: socialministry@SJEcm.org

THRIFT SHOP

Please visit our shop and see all the great items we have, there is new merchandise every week! We are open every Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon and have fantastic prices on gently used (and some new!) clothing, shoes, housewares and more. The proceeds from our sales support SJE's parish social ministry outreach programs, benefitting those in need.



ERNIE'S PLACE

Our food pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. We are grateful for any non-perishable food donations, especially snacks and juice boxes for children this time of year. Please place donations in the brown bin located outside of Ernie's Place or in the wagon inside Church near the main entrance. Thank you for your generosity!

STREET MINISTRY

Our Street Ministry serves the poor in our community every week with a hot meal, clothing, and toiletries. Clothing and toiletry donations can be left in the box inside Fellowship Hall, near the front entrance of Church. Please call the PSM office if you are interested in cooking or volunteering for any of our ministries!



Street Ministry donations requested:

- ♥ Men's Jeans sizes 32-36 gently used
- ♥ Men's and Women's new underwear
- ♥ Men's and Women's new tube socks
- ♥ Single razors and small shaving cream
- ♥ Men's and Women's Shorts gently used
- ♥ Men's and Women's T-shirts gently used
- ♥ Men's and Women's Sneakers gently used

Thank you for donating gift cards to our "Christmas in July" initiative, benefitting families in need for our holiday outreach program. We are grateful to be able to help so many families each year, all thanks to your generosity!



Another big thank you to all the campers at VBC and their families here at St. John's for collecting food donations and dropping them off to Ernie's Place. Our food pantry is grateful for their support each summer!

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

LEGION OF MARY

On Thursday, July 16, on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Fr. Patrick installed two new members to the Legion of Mary, Susana Bouza & Clara Zwelsky! The Legion of Mary is led by Judy Paulsen and meets every Thursday at 4 PM in the Barn for Rosary, Prayer and Reflection in devotion to our Blessed Mother.



Knights of Columbus

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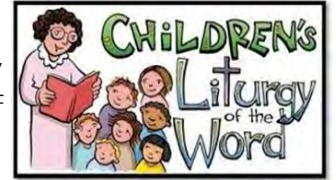


OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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



Family Life Ministry

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

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



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.

Women's Group...

Our Women's Group meets every other Monday from **10:00–11:30 AM**, September through June, in the Convent on Ocean Avenue.

Newcomers are always welcome at any time. All that is needed is a desire to grow in our faith and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Our books for this year are:

- **Beautiful Holiness** by Kathleen Beckmann
- **Back to Virtue** by Peter Kreeft

These books complement each other, helping us recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the importance of praying for virtue.

A suggested offering of \$25 is appreciated to help offset the cost of the books. However, no one should ever feel unable to participate because of the offering. Sharing is always optional—we're simply happy you've chosen to be with us.

2026 Meeting Dates

September 14, 28, October 5, 19,

November 9, 23, December 7, 21

God bless you, **Carol & Anita** (Moderators)

For more information, please call **631-878-0009**.

A Message from Monsignor Walden...



How resourceful are we? With the iPhone in our hand, we can look up all kinds of practical and useful information in a matter of seconds. We can pride ourselves on being able to fix things we would never have imagined and get something we ordered overnight. Then there are those times when we feel overwhelmed. We see that in the Gospel for today's mass (Matthew 14:13-21). In this passage we see Jesus has just learned of the death of John the Baptist and "withdrew to a deserted place by himself." Obviously He was looking for some quiet time in prayer and reflection on why John the Baptist was executed. It was not a crime that John the Baptist committed but his commitment to living and sharing the truth. In Matthew 11:11 we have these words of Jesus about John the Baptist: "Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. In Jesus we have the very presence of God Himself in our midst. Jesus' alone time is quickly taken away in our Gospel for today: "The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." When the disciples tell Jesus to send the crowd away to get something for themselves to eat, Jesus replies: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." Their response is very practical: "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here. Miraculously with Jesus the food is multiplied and all have more than enough to eat."

As much as it is wonderful to be fed literally by food, we also feed one another with our time, attention, concern, and love. It is all too easy to find an excuse not to get involved. Yet we know when our first reaction is to sincerely see what is going on

and what we can do, we are responding to Jesus in today's Gospel: "give them some food yourselves". How full, rich and grateful we become when our first thought is to see what we can do and do it with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. While it is wonderful to see the joy, peace, and hope we bring to others, even more it is greater just to be grateful for the opportunity to give of ourselves. Jesus was never deterred or so caught up in self-concern and pity as His words on the cross proclaim: "When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." No cost was too great to enrich us, bring us good news, and feed us with all His heart, soul, mind, and strength. May our eyes, minds, and hearts be open to Jesus' words, our presence in His mind and heart, and His presence in our minds and hearts.

May our hearts help us to proclaim the power and goodness of God as Mary did in her wonderful song of joyful praise.

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.*

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Monday, August 3rd, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7-8 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

Tuesday, August 4th, 2026

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

Wednesday, August 5th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7 PM **Choir Rehearsal** (*suspended until 9/2/2026*)

Thursday, August 6th, 2026

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

Friday, August 7th, 2026

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

Saturday, August 8th, 2026

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

Sunday, August 9th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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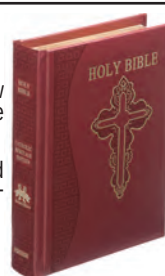
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