

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



August 31, 2025

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. ~Psalm 68



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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, September 6th

5:00 PM - Fr. Charlince

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

Sunday, September 7th

8:00 AM - Fr. Francis

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Jerry

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
Pastor

Reverend Charlince Vendredy
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Francis Lasrado
Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno
Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele
Parish Assistant

John Pettorino
Deacon

Michael Hoonhout
Deacon

Ed Grieb
Deacon

Carolyn Lapham
Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia
Director of Faith Formation

Heather Crayne
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Katie Waller
Director of Operations

Angela Werner
Director of Music Ministry

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
dwall@olqany.org

Office Hours

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 Reflection from the Director of Music Ministry...

A Reflection on the Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



Having humility doesn't mean we think less of ourselves. It means we think of ourselves less, which gives us an opportunity to think about God and others more often. As Jesus dines at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, He notices the guests jockeying for the best seats and then offers a parable centered around a wedding banquet to teach about humility and radical hospitality. He advises those at such an event to take the lowest place with the possibility of being invited to a more favorable one, rather than taking the highest place and risking humiliation by being asked to move. Here, Jesus emphasizes that true greatness in God's eyes is found in humility, not in self-promotion or seeking social status. Jesus also challenges the typical social dynamics of the time, where invitations were often extended based on social standing and the expectation of reciprocal favors, in which case the repayment would merely complete a type of meaningless circle. He encourages the host to invite those who cannot repay him, focusing on compassion and selfless service, which will be rewarded in Heaven. The advice that Jesus gives here takes on a theological nature, for our 'table manners' in this life are directly connected to our hope of one day being invited to sit at God's heavenly banquet table. Jesus wants us to place our ordinary lives within a divine horizon that invokes the presence of the One who is both Guest and Host.

This parable highlights the contrast between the values of this world and the values of the Kingdom of God, reflecting a consistent theme in Luke's Gospel of a reversal of fortunes, in which the last will be first, and the first will be last. This reversal is not limited to a hope for something in the future. It can also become a reality in the present for those who embrace the values that Christ taught us. We all like to fit in, but when we get too caught up in placement, we can lose our perspective regarding what's important. The only place our souls truly long to be is in Heaven, and we can't get there by climbing over others. The journey through this life is a complicated one, but none of us will be fit for travel unless we 'suit ourselves up' in humility. Sometimes we get stuck looking through the lens of pride. However, the more we humble ourselves, the more we give glory to God, who (through His Son) has shown the greatest act of humility. Jesus came down to Earth specifically to show us how it's done. He offered us the blueprint through His example. Giving way to humility costs us a piece of ourselves, but through it we gain grace, and grace is like a spiritual vitamin that builds up our immunity against the sickness of sin. It is one vitamin we can't afford to be deficient in.

Earthly labels mean nothing to God. In the end, He will gather us up, and those found worthy to be exalted will have been the ones who humbled themselves and loved for the sake of love. Every downward step we take toward humility is an upward step we take toward Heaven. We are like grains of sand on a beach. The rush of the tide moves each one around differently, moment by moment. No one's journey is the same as anyone else's. Just as all the grains of sand are created to operate in conjunction with each other as part of a finite system, all human beings are created by a loving God to co-exist as part of His eternal plan. Though we each have a unique role, we are all equal in God's eyes because we are made in His image. It's a mere illusion to think that any one person is better or worse than another. What makes us the same is that we are all equally nothing without God. Instead of spending precious time comparing ourselves to each other on Earth, perhaps our time would be better spent helping each other get to Heaven.

A large portion of our human condition consists of our struggle between pride and humility. The first sin came about through pride, and humility is the only virtue that the devil cannot imitate. The Book of Proverbs teaches us that pride goes before destruction, and humility comes before honor. Pride draws us toward sin, while humility leads us away from it. Pride serves only one, but when we humble ourselves for God's sake, the possibilities become endless, and God is never outdone in generosity. Humility mixed with faith is a heavenly combination. Our humility on Earth will gain us honor in Heaven. In earthly terms, it's often far better to be in the back (aware of what's going on in front of you) than in the front (wondering what's going on behind your back).

It is an effective practice to look for opportunities that allow the seeds of humility to grow within us. Every act of humility sheds a layer of pride, making us 'littler' each time. And the 'littler' we become, the better God can see us. Our Blessed Mother teaches us that it is through our lowliness that we reach our ultimate height.

No matter what we have, there will always be someone who has more, and someone who has less, and those who may seem to have an advantage aren't necessarily better off. No matter who we are or where we come from, this life is a preparation for where we are going. We have all been invited to God's Wedding Feast, but we need to live up to that honor, and be ready at any moment (in heart, soul, and mind) for the Bridegroom's call.



Masses for the Week...

Saturday, August 30th Weekday

5:00 PM John Fitzpatrick

7:30 PM People of the Parish
(Spanish)

Sunday, August 31st 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

Monday, September 1st Weekday

7:00 AM Richard Bingman

12:00 Noon Tony Svolos

Tuesday, September 2nd Weekday

7:00 AM Jack Kelly

12:00 PM Michael Pagnotta

Wednesday, September 3rd Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Alice Hubbard

12:00 Noon Tanya Pirro

Thursday, September 4th Weekday

7:00 AM John Grammas

12:00 Noon John Grammas

Friday, September 5th Weekday

7:00 AM David D. DeTomaso

12:00 Noon Owen G. Hanlon

Saturday, September 6th Weekday

8:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro

5:00 PM Kenneth Horbal

7:30 PM People of the Parish
(Spanish)

Sunday, September 7th Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ellen Pantaleo

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Messina Family

12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

6:00 PM John Grammas

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	\$38,534	As of 8/25/25
2024	\$42,168	FINAL

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$602,069	34	\$17,708
2024	\$610,170	34	\$17,946

2025 Please help us
reach our goal!

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission



As of 8/26/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	188	208
Total Pledged to date	\$79,190	\$85,740
Avg. Gift	\$421	\$412
Percent of Goal	69%	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
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
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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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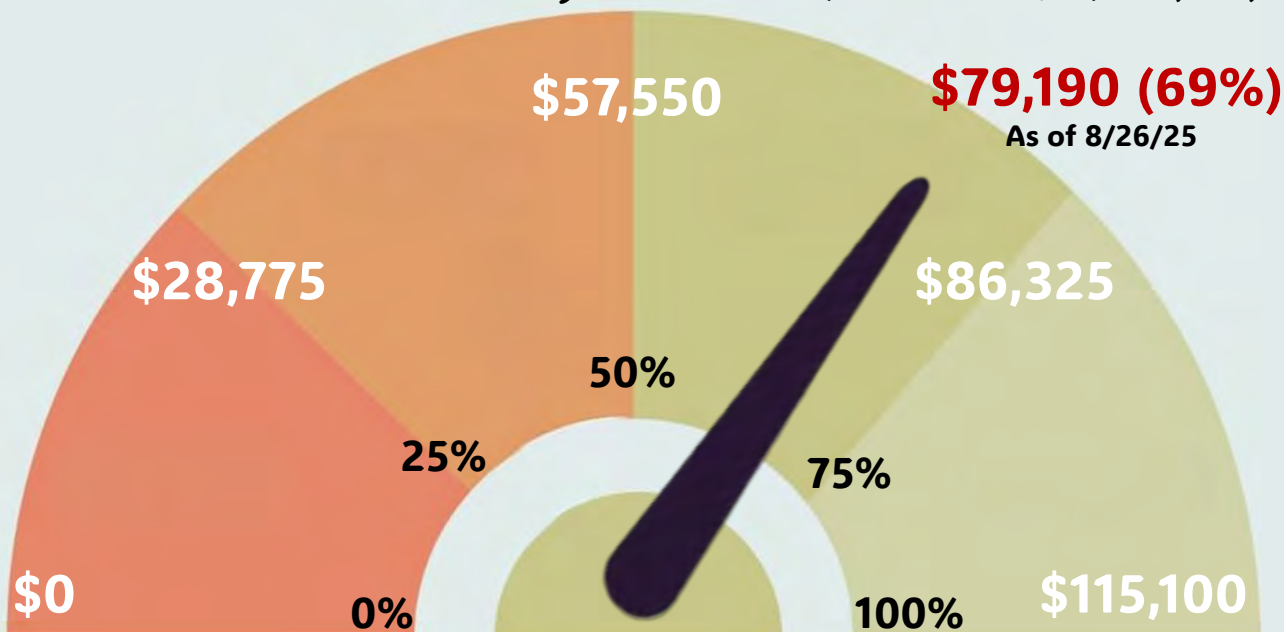
We are two-thirds of the way there!

There will be a special collection for the CMA campaign this weekend ~ August 30th & 31st.

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 \$85,740 (75%)





August 31, 2025

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Our Military

Pasqualino Procopio, + Joseph Harold Sweeney

“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,
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.

US Marine Corps

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

US Air Force

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

US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello
MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr
STGCS Brian Holzmacher
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero
SR Thomas Taylor III
SR Jack Patrick Walsh
SR Michael Paduana
EM3 Andrew R. Casey

US Army

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath
CPT Keith Donohue

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



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Michael Stachnik Jr.

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week will be lit in memory of:

Michael Stachnik Jr.

The Altar Candles for this week will be lit in memory of:

Ann & Frank Lomaga

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.

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

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

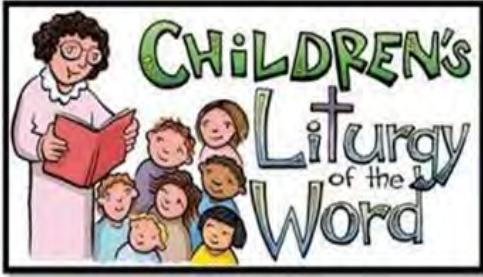
A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful statues in our church. You may have a particular devotion to one of these saints. These candles are next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection. **Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.**

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Ministry at St. John's is gearing up for an amazing season of fun, faith -building family events and service projects beginning in September. Take a look at what's on the calendar!



WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP!



Every Sunday at the 10:00 Mass, we offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program for our 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 participate in the session. We have a very small group of dedicated volunteers who make this program possible each week. Recently, some folks have had to step back for a while, so we are in desperate need of

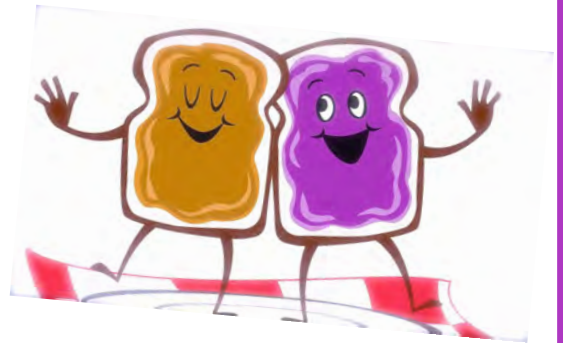
more volunteers. Would YOU consider joining us? There are so many easy ways to help...you can even stay in the church for the 10:00 mass and be a part of our team! Schedules are flexible - you sign up when you're available. For more information email clapham@sjecm.org.

Sandwich Sundays are back!

September 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM
in the School cafeteria

Grab a loaf of bread and your family and friends and come have some fun while helping to feed the hungry. Students can earn volunteer service hours!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Moms on the Journey



Our Moms on the Journey group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Upper Meeting Room in The Barn. What is "Moms on the Journey"? This is a group for Moms of all ages who come together to grow in faith and to enjoy an evening of life-giving fellowship with others who share the exciting, yet challenging journey of balancing faith and motherhood! Our next gathering is **Wednesday, September 24th**. Grab a friend and come! All moms are welcome!

Family Ministry has more to come. Keep checking the bulletin for details!

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>
faithformation@sjecm.org / mpinaglia@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 - **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:

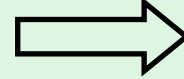
If you have a 1st grader/new student, you must also fill out the New Student Registration Form:

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

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



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



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



Our Garden Ministry is currently harvesting vegetables, are you interested in giving them an extra pair of hands? They tend the **Giving Garden** on our grounds and bring the produce to our food pantry, Ernie's Place. Please call the Social Ministry office at the number above to get started or for more information!



THRIFT SHOP

Our Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday from 9 AM-12 PM. 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

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

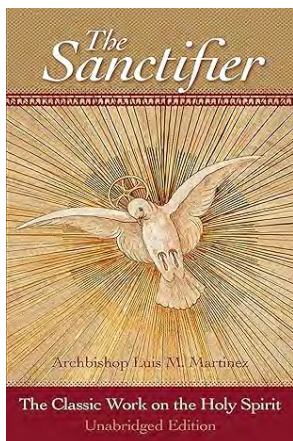
\$10 donation for the workbook.

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...



When we buy a ticket in advance to a sporting event we can pick the seat we will watch the game from. Whenever we accept an invitation to a reception, we wonder not so much where we will sit but who will be at our table. In the Gospel for today's Mass (Luke 14:1, 7-14) Jesus tells a parable about guests looking for seats of honor at a wedding banquet. Every Sunday, Jesus is our host as well as His presence sacramentally in the Eucharist we receive. While we might have a usual or routine place we sit in church when we come to Mass; without assigned seats, we are all free to sit where we want and who we want to sit with. But where is the best seat in our church or any church building we enter? In reality, it is not the seat where we physically sit, but the inner recesses of our heart where we welcome Jesus and His love with faith, hope, love, joy, and gratitude.

We use the expression "deep seated" to describe our beliefs, our love, and our joys. There is also a negative side to things that are "deep seated": deep seated anger, deep seated frustration, deep seated feelings of revenge, deep seated selfishness, deep seated addictions to substances, drugs, or pornography. None of these negative feelings bring peace or reconciliation. But deep seated love opens our hearts to sacrifice, generosity, forgiveness, love, and hope. The fire of God's love and mercy was pouring forth from Jesus' human heart as we contemplate His last words on the cross: "This day you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43), "Father, forgive them they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34), "Son there is your mother; Mother, there is your Son" (John 19:26-27). As we look at the cross and see the horror of its injustice, brutality, and the taunting of the crowd against Him, Jesus persevered in perfect, deep seated faith, hope, and love. Neither retaliation, anger, or revenge came from His heart or His words. There is no greater example of deep seated, pure, hopeful love.

The more we are able to focus on our words of prayer and participation at Mass and receiving absolution in the Sacrament of Penance, the more

powerful our love and desire for reconciliation with God and one another, and the more we are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. That brings us to the point where we not only thank God from our hearts for the gift of faith, we become signs and sources of His love. How good it is when our love, mercy, and generosity come from a grateful, faithful heart.

The best seat in any church we come into is a heart overflowing with the joy of being loved by God and loving Him in return. And that love cannot help but overflow in the way we love the people we encounter intimately, joyfully and gratefully everyday of our lives. How wonderful it is to have a seat of honor in our hearts for Jesus and all He entrusts to our loving presence.

I offer Psalm 63 for your prayerful reflection.

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.

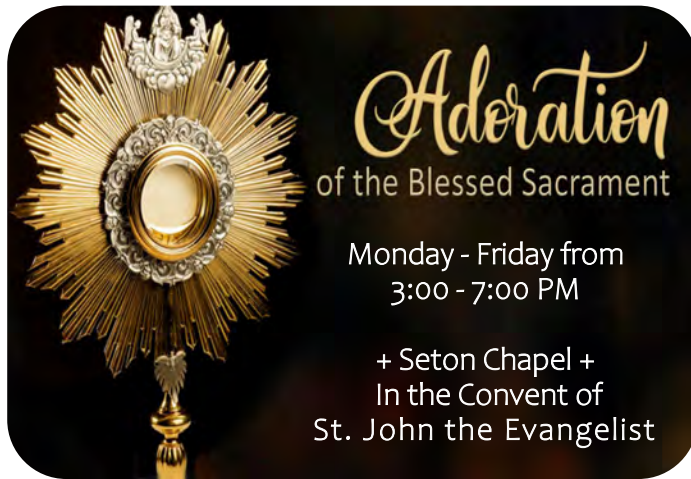
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

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. Amen.*



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

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

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



Little Bethlehem Christians is a group that represents over 300 Christian and Catholic families who live in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Shepherd's Field, and the Holy Land area, and make their livings as Olive Wood Carvers.



After all masses on the weekend of **September 20 & 21**, the group represented by the Al-Sahouri family will display a collection of hand carved Olive Wood religious items for sale. The profit goes to support the existence of Christianity in the land of Christ. Please take a moment after mass to view this beautiful collection of items.



Comunidad Hispano...

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

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

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

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

Requisitos:

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

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

CASAMIENTO:

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

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

espanol@sjecm.org

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

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

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

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

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

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

MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

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To support you in this important task, the Diocese of Rockville Centre is partnering with **FreeWill**, a [free, easy-to-use online tool](#) that helps you create or update your will in 20 minutes or less.

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

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

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



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



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Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? 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.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 1st, 2025 (Parish Offices Closed)

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

Tuesday, September 2nd, 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, September 3rd, 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, September 4th, 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, September 5th, 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, September 6th, 2025

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

Sunday, September 7th, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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