

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him "

1598 ~ St. John the Evangelist Parish... Celebrating 125 Years ~ 2023

Mathew 17:5C



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OUR PARISH MISSION

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

-Mission Statement

Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 am - 2:45 pm.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel
(Convent) - Monday through Friday
3:00 pm—7:00 pm

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, August 12th

5:00 pm - Fr. Jose

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

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

Sunday, August 13th

8:00 am - Fr. Jerry

10:00 am - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 pm—Fr. Jose

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

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Saturday: After the 8 a.m. Mass

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

7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30—5:45 p.m.

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger
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Parochial Vicar

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Parish Assistant

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Office Hours

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

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

Mass Schedule

Happy Feast of the Transfiguration!

Today's readings bring us face to face with the glory of God. Are we ready? Do we allow ourselves to enter into the awe of that mountaintop experience? Truth be told...I sometimes worry about "us" when it comes to things like this. Are we so overexposed to the many high-tech things of this world that nothing "wows" us anymore...even the Transfiguration? Are we too reserved to fall on our knees and praise our God? Do these familiar scriptures become just that...all too familiar? Perhaps a minute to revisit the wonder and awe of children might help.

Two weeks ago we had our Vacation Bible Camp. Our theme was "Stellar...Shining Jesus' Light." To that end we created an outer space environment in the auditorium. Use your imaginations and picture this.... With a 60ft. x 30ft. black tarp suspended from the ceiling on a cable and a variety of pink and blue fairy lights taped to the inside of the tarp, the children entered through a silver balloon arch, and were transported into the "universe". It was pretty dark under the tarp, but the fairy lights, carefully strung to look like constellations, provided just enough light to make everything curiously inviting. The stage was transformed into the surface of the moon complete with craters, a lunar rover, a rocket ship, aliens and a huge astronaut who was taking a momentous step onto the moon. Planets and stars were suspended from the stage ceiling and the neon green floodlights provided the finishing touch. As the children entered the auditorium their jaws dropped. With eyes opened wide they feverishly scanned the "universe". Their precious little eyes darted back and forth and up and down from the star-laden "night sky" to the lunar extravaganza on the stage. Immediately we could hear the buzz of excited comments like, "Look over there!" "There's a rocket!" "This is so cool!" reassuring our dedicated VBC crew that our hard work had truly launched our little campers out of this world. With smiles as wide as their eyes, the wonder of Vacation Bible Camp had begun. It was awesome!

Children are just amazing! They allow themselves to truly enter into the situation. They embrace their environment and allow themselves to be awestruck. They are all in. They are beacons of hope and genuine examples for us to follow. It's no wonder that Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3).

So on this Feast of the Transfiguration perhaps the challenge for all of us is to become like the children at VBC and enter into that majesty of our Great and Glorious God. Please bear with this invitation to become part of the scripture. Take some quiet time this week to revisit today's readings. They are filled with brilliant descriptions, that when read deliberately can plunge us right into the scripture.

Close your eyes and imagine what Daniel describes as The Ancient One sits on the throne. Do you see the dazzling white clothing and the burning flames? Allow yourself to go there and stand in awe. Become one of the thousands who were ministering to Him. Shake in your boots a little as the books are opened and the judgment begins. Watch as the Son of Man receives His kinship and dominion. Unbelievable!

But it doesn't end there. Peter's letter reminds us that there were eyewitnesses who saw the transfigured Christ and heard the voice from heaven. Let's go there. It is humbling...but much needed.

Climb the mountain with James and John and Peter. Do you feel the air thinning? Perhaps it's a little harder to breathe. Finally, you are at the top, you bend down to catch your breath and when you lift your eyes you see Jesus totally transformed. His clothes are dazzling white- almost blinding. His face is shining like nothing you have ever seen before. And then Moses and Elijah are there. You rub your eyes to make sure you aren't dreaming. And then you hear the voice from heaven. It is loud....booming, but gentle; confirming that Jesus is the Son of God. And there is no question of what we are to do...nothing to figure out. The message is clear, "Listen to Him." Allow yourself to be awestruck...even frightened. Picture yourself, head down, eyes closed, cowering in fear; yet somehow curiously amazed and wanting to look up again. Hear Jesus' compassionate voice. Feel His reassuring hand on your shoulder. "Rise and do not be afraid." Rest in that message for a few minutes. What a gift!

This is such a powerful gospel. In many ways it captures our mission as followers of Christ.

We need to remember that God is God...DIVINE...the Most High ...all powerful...all loving...all forgiving...eternal. We need to fall on our knees. Praise Him. Marvel at His goodness and glory.

Listen to Jesus, the Son of God. It's not just a suggestion... it's a loving directive accompanied by free will.

Do not be afraid...allow Jesus to reassure us, guide us, carry us and to raise us up.

We too, are the beloved sons and daughters of God, called by name to be with Him, for all eternity.

Today, let's pray that we have the willingness, courage and humility to surrender and answer that heavenly call with joyful anticipation of the awesome, blessings that await!

With hope for the grace to enter in,



-Carolyn Lapham

SJE Coordinator of Family Ministry

Preparing for the Week

Saturday, August 5th

5:00 p.m. Angelo Sordilli and Clemente Paglia
 7:30 p.m. *Spanish* Marianne Giardini

Sunday, August 6th

8:00 a.m. Antoinetti Oliveri
 10:00 a.m. Special Intention-
 Michael Probeyahn
 12:00 p.m. Geraldine, George and
 Robert Norton
 6:00 p.m. Gregory Hammond

Monday, August 7th Weekday

7:00 a.m. Lt. Col. Robert Maldonado Jr.
 12:00 p.m. Frank Bitonti

Tuesday, August 8th Saint Dominic, Priest

7:00 a.m. Rev. William Vigliotta
 12 Noon Anthony Profeta
 7:30 p.m. *Spanish* No Mass

Wednesday, August 9th Weekday

7:00 a.m. Christopher Keesee
 12 Noon Anne Mintel

Thursday, August 10th Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

7:00 a.m. Thomas O'Brien
 12 Noon Kristin Bigora

Friday, August 11th Saint Clare, Virgin

7:00 a.m. Donna Eriksen
 12 Noon Charles and Margaret Peters

Saturday, August 12th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Daniel Tariol
 5:00 p.m. Thomas Dinngan
 7:30 p.m. *Spanish* People of the Parish

Sunday, August 13th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Anthony V. Ponzio
 10:00 a.m. Special Intention-Michael and
 Arlene Probeyahn
 12 Noon Cecilia Trentmann
 6:00 p.m. Katy Dyer

Feast of the Assumption
 Holy Day of Obligation



Masses
 Monday, August 14th
 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, August 15th
 7:00 a.m.,
 12 Noon and 7:30 p.m.


PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Week January 1, 2023 to July 25, 2023

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2023	\$513,935	30	\$17,131
2022	\$451,993	30	\$15,066


2023
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
OFFICE OF PARISH LIFE CENTER

One Family - Journeying together in
 Compassion, Participation and Mission



	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	217	257
Total Pledged to date	\$86,375	\$99,225
Avg. Gift	\$398	\$386
Percent of Goal	75%	86%

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



Please join Fr. Patrick, and our Eagle Scouts at the...

Blessing of the Statues

Monday, August 14th

6:30 pm

(After the 5 pm Vigil Mass)

Recently,

Riley Keller and *Patrick Wrenn*

completed Eagle Scout projects here at St John's, which included

the construction of pedestals for new statues as well as plantings and benches. Each Scout worked very hard to complete these projects and both did an outstanding jobs!



St. Sebastian

Located on the
Playground



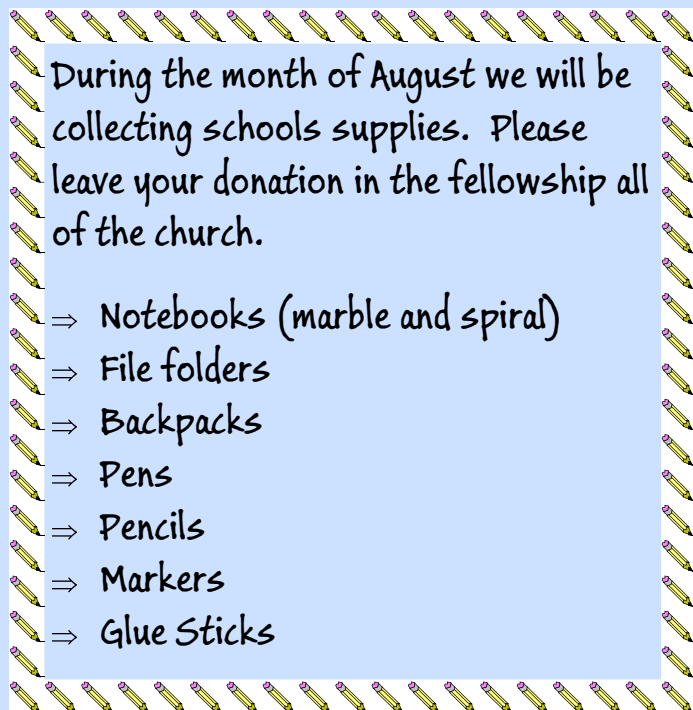
St. Maximilian Kolbe

Located at the Barn



Parish Social Ministry...

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION



WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!
631.878.0009 AND THEN PRESS #4.
Email: kspellman@sjecm.org

Katie Spellman – Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry
Christian DiConsiglio – Case Manager

- **Blood Drive:** Kevin Both
- **Chicken Ministry:** Mike & Lynn Walsh
- **Community Meal:** Aimee Mattiolo
- **Communion to the Homebound:** Kevin Both
- **Garden Ministry:** Rosemary Dean & Maureen Riordan
- **Ministry of Consolation:** Lorraine Hickey
- **Thrift Shop:** Debbie Satriano
- **Ernie's Place /Food Pantry:** Katie Spellman & Antonia Flaherty
- **Street Ministry:** Victoria Papparatto, Carolyn Lapham & Colleen Nizza

If you are interested in learning more about how you can become an active member of any of our Parish Social Ministries, please contact Katie Spellman.

Ernie's Place

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

Pantry Shopping List

- Ramen noodles
- Canned peas
- Jelly
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- spaghetti
- Chili
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayo

Street Ministry

Street Ministry Needs/Requests

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

Knights of Columbus

LOBSTER

Fest

Hosted by Queen of All Hearts Council

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th

3 pm

313 Frowein Road
Center Moriches, NY 11934

Enjoy

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

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

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

**Bring Your Own
Adult Beverage.**

Grab and Go Available!

Call for tickets:

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

August 6, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | 2 Pt 1:16-19 | Mt 17:1-9

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

According to the dictionary definition, to be transfigured is to “transform into something more beautiful or elevated.” This is what we see happening in Matthew’s Gospel today: Jesus takes his closest disciples up the mountain and there he is transformed – he is *transfigured* – before them: “His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” He is also joined by Moses and Elijah as a sign that he is the fulfillment of God’s promises of old. Jesus completes the old covenant that God made with his people and brings us the new covenant of salvation. The Transfiguration parallels the Baptism of the Lord in that we once again hear God speaking from the heavens to say, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” But during the Transfiguration, God adds the words, “Listen to him.” That’s a command not just for his disciples there on the mountain but for us today as well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In elementary school, we were often reminded to listen. I remember one teacher who made a point to impress upon our class that listening is different from hearing. It is easy to hear, but to listen, you need to take the time to understand what is being said. In his letter today, Peter is urging us to listen to the prophetic message of Jesus. He says, “You will do well to be attentive to it” and then compares doing so to being “a lamp shining in a dark place.” The world today can be a very dark place, but we don’t have to be content to live in the shadows. By following Jesus’ example and commands, we can bring light – along with hope and joy – to our corner of the world. Sometimes that takes courage, though. It might involve making uncomfortable or unpopular choices, but Peter promises that the “day will dawn.” When that happens, we will undoubtedly see the fruits of our good works in our efforts to build God’s kingdom.

PRAY This week, let us pray in both words and actions as Jesus taught us. If the Lord’s Prayer is not already part of your daily prayer routine, try incorporating it this week. Then, look for ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by reaching out to someone who may appreciate a phone call or a visit.



Praying for and With One Another...

We Remember...

Mary Lebold + John Allocca +
Joseph Sergio + Edward Thomas Duignan +
Liboria Mezzapelle + Cecilia Cellucci +
Louise A. Lettieri

*"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died."*

-1 Thessalonians 4:14

We Pray...

Marilyn Tennant - Siena Montalbano
- George Skau

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

-1 Peter 1:6

Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.

Praying for Our Military

US Army

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

US Air Force

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

US Marine Corps

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

US Navy

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

US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar bread and wine for the month August has been donated:

In Memory of Richard Paschke

This week, the Altar Candles have been lit:

In Memory of Peter Kwiatkoski

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

Mass Intentions

Remembering one who has passed away at Mass is a most noble practice calling us to pray for one who has died at the most powerful prayer we know—the celebration of the Eucharist.

Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.

For the month an offering of \$150 is requested

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

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

Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week

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



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

2023-24

ADMISSION

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- ✓ Smaller Classes
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Visit our Website:
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Family Ministry...

MOMS ON THE JOURNEY



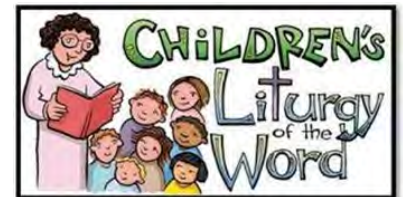
This month at Moms on the Journey, we continued our exploration of “sisters” in the Holy Scriptures. Delving into a heartfelt discussion about the Leah and Rachel aspects of our own journeys we concluded that our ultimate surrendering of everything to the Lord is the only way to make it through. Easier said than done! Join us later this month for more faith, fellowship and fun. Our next gathering is

Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Upper Meeting Room of the Barn. Bring a friend and come enjoy. Hope to see you on the 23rd!

WE NEED HELP!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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. 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.



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 Blessings of our pets to Collections for our military men and women, the Fall of 2023 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.

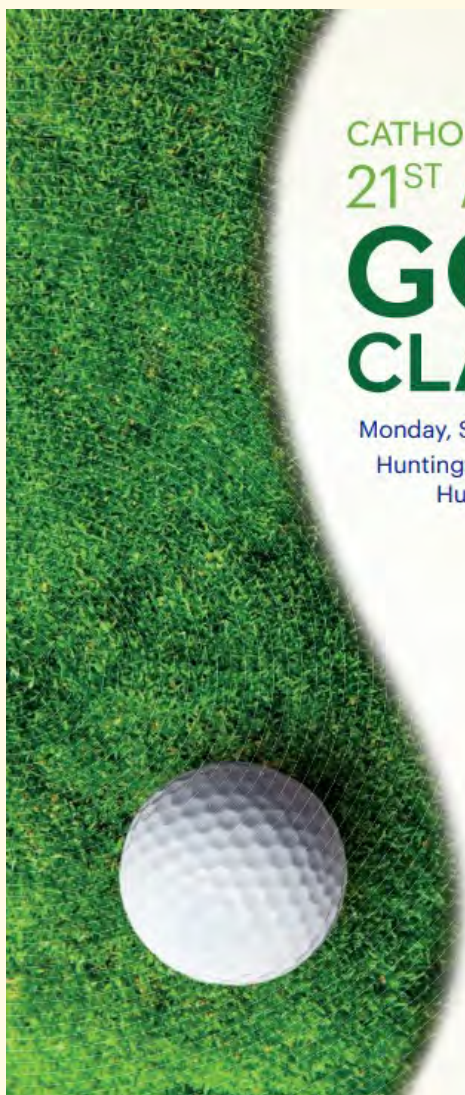
Our next meeting is **Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00** in the Upper Meeting Room of the Barn. For more information email us at familylife@sjecm.org



Thank you for your support!

If you haven't made your donation yet, please do so today!

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
21ST ANNUAL
GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, September 25, 2023
Huntington Crescent Club
Huntington, NY



Your Support Of The Golf Classic Helps Provide
CARE WITH DIGNITY... LIFE WITH HOPE
Across Long Island

ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES

Talbot House Residential Stabilization Program/Outpatient Clinic

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

Nutrition Outreach Education Project/Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)

HOUSING

Affordable Apartments for Seniors and People with Physical Disabilities/HIV/AIDS Housing

IMMIGRANT SERVICES

Legal Counseling/Citizenship & Voter Registration/Refugee Resettlement/Advocacy and Organizing/Services to At-Risk-Youth

MENTAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Community-based Clinics

MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Siena Residence for Adults with Psychiatric Disabilities/Project Independence and Project Veterans Independence

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Parish Outreach/Support for Local Programs/Central Information & Referral (CIR)

REGINA MATERNITY SERVICES

Community Case Management Program

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Community Integration/Skills Development/Community Residences

SENIOR SERVICES

Case Management/Meals-On-Wheels/Senior Community Service Centers/Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) Center

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Online Registration Open! Incoming 1st Graders / New Students & Returning Students:

St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Those entering Grade 1, children who have not been in religious education for awhile, & returning students **register online** via our parish website—[sjecm.org](http://www.sjecm.org)—thru 8/23.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS:
Visit the Faith Formation page on our parish website and follow the instructions for New and Returning Students:

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

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



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 31). If you have a child

who is in 7th grade or older but has not begun on Confirmation program, please email us at faithformation@sjecm.org





Every Friday Night

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

In the Parish Auditorium

\$3000 IN PRIZES



August 13, 2023 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Unlike with our other important relationships, God isn't exactly someone we can meet for coffee and look into his eyes while having a conversation. Whether we talk to God in our mind or out loud, we recognize that even with a good prayer life it can sometimes be difficult to cultivate and maintain a relationship with God. Doubters and unbelievers are quick to remind us how impossible it is to believe what we cannot see or hear, but today's readings also remind us that God doesn't speak to us as another human being would. Maybe he doesn't speak with the booming voice of a preacher or a politician, and maybe he doesn't write direct messages for us in the sky or sand, but God does speak. Perhaps, like Elijah, we tend to expect God to communicate with huge gestures, such as strong wind that crushes rocks, or earthquakes or fires; but we hear today that God spoke to Elijah in a "tiny whispering sound." It's not unlike a very good teacher who doesn't need to raise her voice to get her students' attention when they lose focus – she has their respect and simply needs to speak normally and calmly and the students quiet down, pay attention, and listen. When we still our hearts and minds and listen, in prayer, let us be confident we will hear God's voice.

INVITATION Ignatian spirituality – meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices – may help us recognize and truly hear the still small voice of God in our lives. The Daily Examen is a prayerful reflection on the events of the day which might help us identify the movement of the Holy Spirit in those moments. Give it a try.

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Perhaps in order to hear God's voice in our lives we need to fine-tune our "hearing." First, how can we hear if we do not have faith? Jesus called Peter out of the boat and into stormy waters, and though he was able to walk on water for a time, Peter began to sink because he became afraid. Doubt or fear can hamper our ability to listen to the Lord clearly; don't let it cloud your love for Christ! Second, we must keep in mind the many ways God speaks to us: his Word (the Bible), the writings of the saints and Church Fathers, our Catholic Tradition, other people God has placed in our lives, and the "tiny whispering sound" we might hear only within our heart. Stay attuned to God's voice; the rewards are heavenly.



Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is the devotion which surpasses all others (Saint Pope Pius X)

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

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you can be present for a specific hour, email rectory@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.



CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 9am** in the Convent. Join as us as we learn to follow the example of St. Joseph and grow in our faith, reflect on the Gospel and have coffee. For more information call the rectory office. 631-878-0009

Safe Environment Updates...

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

**SJE will be offering a Class.....
Thursday, August 10th @ 11am
in the upper meeting room of the Barn.**

REMINDERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

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

PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

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



Important DRVC Information....

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

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

Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

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

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

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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

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

Requisitos:

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

Matrimonios:

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

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

espanol@sjecm.org

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

Permítanos ayudarlo!

DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ERNIE

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

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Barn

Miércoles de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.

COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6 p.m.

Auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE LA CALLE

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

Comidas sencillas y ropa disponible.

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

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



¡Te necesitamos a ti y a tu plantación! ¡Ayuda!

¿Puede ayudar a cuidar un área de la enorme propiedad de nuestra parroquia?

Una vez más, le pedimos a cada familia, ministerio, individuo o grupo de amigos que comience a cuidar una parte de nuestros terrenos plantando y manteniendo esa área para nuestra parroquia y escuela.

Si tiene un lugar del año pasado o está buscando un lugar para este año... Envíe un correo electrónico a garden@sjecm.org o llame a la rectoría.

Oficina 631-878-0009

**2023
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

*Be Holy, Be Generous, Be
Catholic. Be a Ministry of Hope.*



*"God, who cannot be outdone in generosity,
still uses you and me to help our brothers and sisters."* -Pope Francis

STEP 1: Suggested Gift Plan – Every Gift Counts!

Use the table below as a guide but feel free to adjust the payments to your means.

Pledge	Down Payment	5 Monthly Payments (billed by Diocese)	Here's what your Pledge can do to fuel Dramatic Missionary Growth
\$60	\$ 10	\$10 per month	\$60 may pay for gas for a Meals on Wheels van to deliver food.
\$100	\$25	\$15 per month	\$100 may help pay a utility bill for a family in need.
\$125	\$25	\$20 per month	\$125 may help provide services and care for a mom and newborn from Catholic Charities Regina Maternity Community Case Management Program.
\$175	\$35	\$28 per month	\$175 may help fund a Youth minister, inspiring vocations and evangelization.
\$300	\$ 50	\$50 per month	\$300 may help subsidize a home for an adult who is developmentally disabled.
\$600	\$100	\$100 per month	\$600 may help support a Deacon's formation.
\$750	\$150	\$120 per month	\$750 may help support a Seminarian's education.

STEP 2: Pledge & Payment Information – To make a payment on line, go to <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/>

Please check the appropriate boxes below. Checks should be made payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Amount of Pledge: \$ _____

Payment Plan: (Please Check One)

Full Payment Today of \$ _____

Down Payment Today of \$ _____

STEP 3: Name and Address

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your support!

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/>

or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

Fall 2023 Course Offerings Announced



JOIN US AT ST. JOSEPH'S THIS FALL

for online and in-person degree and certificate programs in **Catholic Theology!**

Exciting and innovative course offerings for the fall include:

- *Life and Theology of St. John Henry Newman*
- *Adolescents, Evangelization, and Faith: Theory and Practice*
- *Pastoral Issues in Contemporary Moral Theology*

See our fall courses at: dunwoodie.edu/fall2023schedule

NEW 50% TUITION DISCOUNT

for Parish, Catholic School, and Diocesan Employees!

St. Joseph's Seminary has announced an exciting new discount policy for eligible full-time employees of the Archdiocese of New York, the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre, including full-time employees at parishes and Catholic schools in these (arch)dioceses. These employees are now eligible for a 50% tuition remission!

To learn more, go to dunwoodie.edu/tuition-and-fees



GRADUATE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IN THEOLOGY

Registration for the fall begins **June 1** | Classes begin **August 30**

- Open to qualified lay men and women, clergy, and consecrated religious
- Zoom in from any location to join a class
- Tuition: \$1,500 for three credits, \$500 to audit
- 50% off for new students and alumni auditors



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- Go to www.dunwoodie.edu
- Email us at SJS.Academics@archny.org
- Call us at 914-367-8280

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!

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For more information on how to
advertise in our bulletin, call
The Church Bulletin Company
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Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 7th, 2023

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

Tuesday, August 8th, 2023

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

Wednesday, August 9th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon | Thrift Shop Open-Thrift Shop
- 10-11:30 a.m. | Bereavement Group-IHM Room-SC
- 3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— SC
- 6:00 p.m. | Choirs— Church
- 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR

Thursday, August 10th, 2023

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

Friday, August 11th, 2023

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

Saturday, August 12th, 2023

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

Sunday, August 13th, 2023

- 6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous— BMR
- 10:30 a.m. | English RCIA— IHM Chapel Room
- 12:15 p.m. | CYO Games— Auditorium
- BMR—Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room
- BUR—Barn Upper Room
- SC—Seton Chapel