

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



September 14, 2025

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Do not forget the works of the Lord. ~Psalm 78



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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 20<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Jerry

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Charlinec

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

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 Charlinec Vendredy**  
Parochial Vicar

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

**Reverend Francis Lasrado**  
Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**  
Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**  
Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**

Deacon

**Michael Hoonhout**

Deacon

**Ed Grieb**

Deacon

**Carolyn Lapham**

Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**

Director of Faith Formation

**Heather Crayne**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Katie Waller**

Director of Operations

**Angela Werner**

Director of Music Ministry

## Mass Schedule

## OLQA

### Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

(on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033 (ext. 201)

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

**Dawn Waller**, Principal

[dwall@olqany.org](mailto: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 Deacon Michael Hoonhout...

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept 14, 2025



**Looking at a crucifix**, a non-Catholic Christian once asked me, “Why do you Catholics keep Jesus hanging on the cross? He’s not on it anymore. He rose from the dead!” I was rather shocked by his question, having never looked at a crucifix with that perspective before. His view was reflective of that tendency in Protestantism to reject statues. Maybe you’ve noticed that they hang only bare wooden crosses in their churches, while we Catholics prefer cross and *corpus*—a crucifix.

**Today’s Gospel** for the beautiful feast of the Exaltation of the Cross provides the reason why the Catholic Church still venerates crucifixes and images of Jesus Christ being crucified, even though we firmly believe that he rose bodily from the grave and reigns in glory. At every Sunday Mass, the first reading from the Old Testament is chosen because it points to and is fulfilled in the Gospel account. In her Tradition, the Church has drawn out these parallels between both Testaments, but the one in this reading from the Gospel of John is made by Jesus himself. “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” (John 3:15). Nicholas the Pharisee, to whom Jesus is speaking, would have known the passage from the Book of Numbers to which Jesus is referring, as it was a very unusual and unforgettable event in Israel’s desert journey.

**As is typical** of these biblical pairings of prefigurement and fulfillment, the parallel has multiple dimensions. Jesus links Moses’ mounting a serpent on a pole to his impending crucifixion because like the serpent, Jesus will be “lifted up” on the cross. The effect of each action is also similar, for the people who had been bitten by the serpent and then looked at the elevated bronze serpent were healed from the snake poison and saved from death, while those of us who look with faith upon the crucified Jesus lifted up on the cross are healed from sin and saved from death. This parallel is even stronger when you can consider that human sin and death began because of the serpent in the garden of Eden. The human race was ‘snake bit’ by Satan and ever since the venom of sin has infected our nature, dooming it to end in death.

**Another parallel** is that Moses mounts the serpent on the pole in obedience to God’s command in order to remove the punishment of Israel’s sinful disobedience. Likewise, Jesus

willingly allows himself to be lifted up on the cross in obedience to his Father’s will to redeem us from the punishment of our sinful disobedience: death and damnation. At the time, Jesus’ disciples could not grasp why God would have his Messiah be crucified, and there are those today who shake their heads at the idea that God would ordain that salvation come through the unjust crucifixion of an innocent man. Having a man lifted up on a cross is a strange way to save the world. Yet Moses too may have wondered at God’s proposed solution to the poisonous snakes, for in the second commandment, God had explicitly forbidden Israel from making an idolatrous representation of any creature: “You shall not make for yourself an idol or a likeness of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth.” (Ex 20:4). God was furious when Moses’ brother Aaron made a golden calf for the Israelites to worship (Ex 32), and yet here He tells Moses to make a bronze serpent for them to look at and be healed. To be clear, God did *not* command Moses to make an idol, but what He does tell him to do could easily have been misunderstood in that sense, especially since the bronze representation of the snake was God’s instrument for healing the people.

**God chose this** strange way of healing His chosen people through a serpent mounted on a pole precisely because it would foreshadow healing of the world from sin and death through the cross of Christ. For that healing to take place, we need to look upon Jesus Christ crucified and believe that through his death and Resurrection we have eternal life. So the Church is wise to keep Jesus hanging on the cross in her many symbol representations. There is healing in gazing upon Christ crucified, meditating upon the great love that drove Jesus to suffer and die on the cross.

**We rejoice** in Christ’s Resurrection because of its promise that one day we will be free from all suffering and death. Yet, while on our journey to the promised land, we need to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus mounted on a tree. Looking at a crucifix can console us in our sufferings and strengthen us to carry our crosses. There is no greater image of the depth of God’s love and mercy for us than Jesus lifted up on the cross.

# Masses for the Week...

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

5:00 PM Patricia Lake

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00 AM Regina Mannese

10:00 AM Kristen Bigora

12:00 Noon Crescenzo Vigliotta

6:00 PM Jeanette LaRock

**Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Sorrows**

7:00 AM Fr. Kenneth Grooms

12:00 Noon John Edward Cullin

**Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

7:00 AM Goncalo Rego

12:00 PM Jane Ann Sherry

**Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

7:00 AM Patricia Cuff

12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer

**Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

7:00 AM Patrick J. Ronayne

12:00 Noon Adrian D. Gilmore

**Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

7:00 AM Lynn Margosian

12:00 Noon Christopher Bowman

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 AM William and Joan O'Brien

5:00 PM Barbara Mulholland

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Diane Horsford

10:00 AM Patrick Finn

12:00 Noon Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

6:00 PM Kenneth and Diane Horsford

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	\$40,094	As of 9/8/25
2024	\$42,168	FINAL

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$641,155	36	\$17,810
2024	\$648,893	36	\$18,025

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

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission



As of 9/9/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	190	209
Total Pledged to date	\$79,790	\$87,723
Avg. Gift	\$420	\$420
Percent of Goal	69.3%	76%

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

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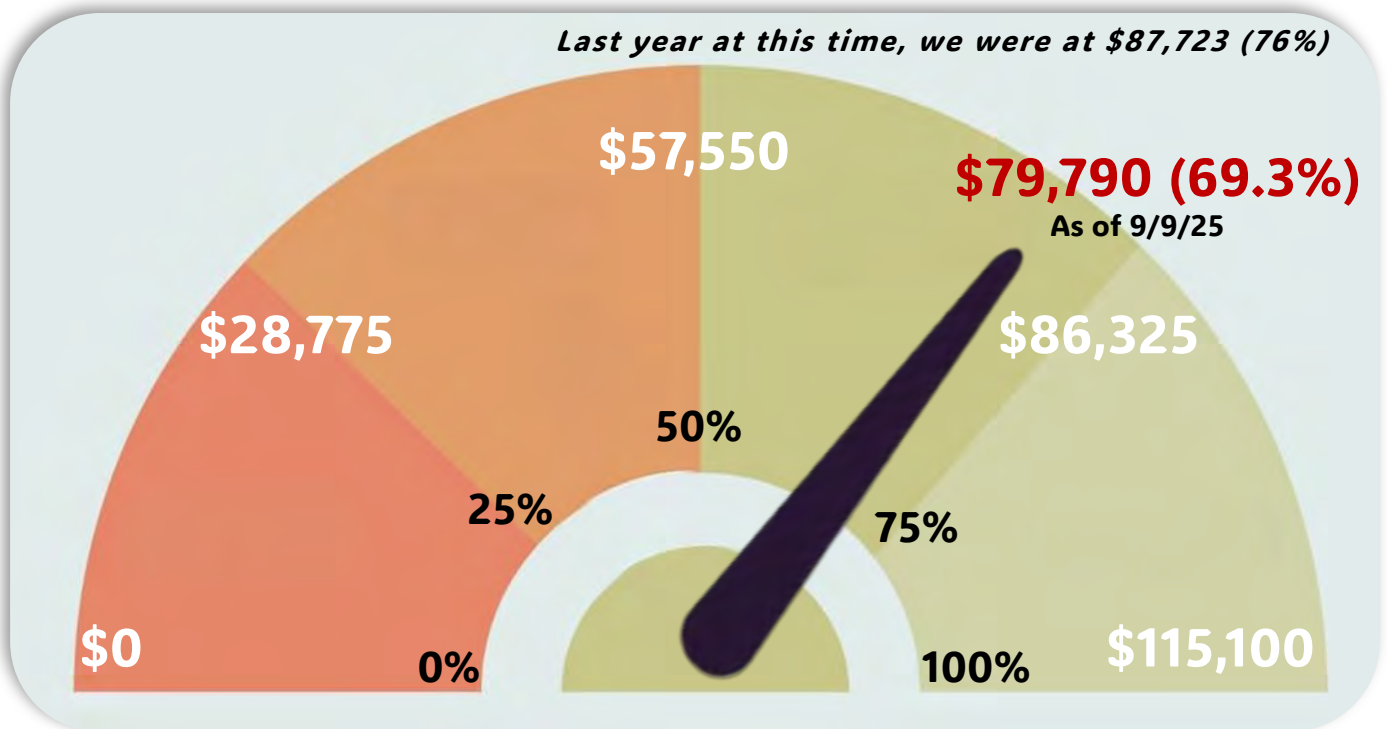
**WE GIVE *because*  
HE GAVE FIRST**

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

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

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!







# Praying For and With One Another

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## Remember

**Joanna “Jody” Corrente  
Delores A. Hughes + Michael J. McKeon**

“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  
Bill Hasper, Baby Isabelle Reyes  
Alessandra Veloso Valentim**

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

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



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

***Michael Stachnik Jr.***

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

## US Marine Corps

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

## US Air Force

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

## US Navy

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

## US Army

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

## US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

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

## 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.**





# Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

**Contact Us!**

631-878-1033

olqany.org

Scan QR Code



We recently celebrated our first School Mass and 8th grade pinning, as well as our parent/teacher night! Special thanks to the SCPD School Resource Officers who were present for our first days of school!





## Men's Prayer Group...



### CALLING ALL MEN!

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

## Bereavement Support...

Grieving is a natural process each of us goes through after the death of a loved one. While no one can take away our sadness, others can help by listening and caring. Sharing our feelings with others who have experienced the death of a loved one help many people begin the healing process.

*Grief never ends but it changes.  
It is a passage, not a place to stay.  
It is not a sign of weakness,  
nor a lack of faith.  
Grief is the price of love.*

**Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon**

First floor meeting room in the Barn.

**REGISTRATION:** Contact the **Rectory** at

631.878.0009 or via email at

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

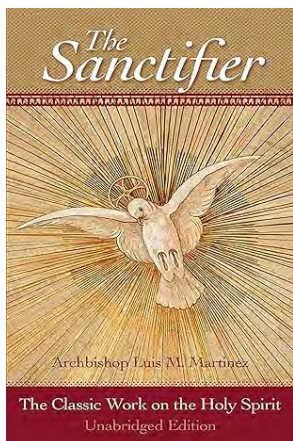
**\$10 donation** for the workbook.

## Women's Group...

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

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

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



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

God Bless you, Carol & Anita (Moderators)

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

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

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

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

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

(Summer break July, August, back in September)





# Reinforcing Our Magnificent Catholic Faith in Word and Song!

presented by Catholic Recording Artist/Lay Franciscan Al Barbarino



*Wednesday, October 15th at 7 PM*

Al Barbarino is a Lay Franciscan and Catholic recording artist who shares the Gospel through music and evangelization. He has traveled internationally offering concerts, parish missions, and retreats, and has also ministered in the New York City prison system to incarcerated youth. Through his recordings and missions, he has supported many charitable causes, including the Franciscan Friars and the Croatian Relief Fund. His ministry emphasizes God's love, Divine Mercy, and the joy of living the Catholic faith.

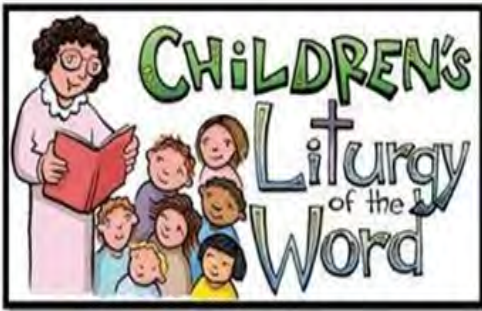
We are pleased to welcome Al Barbarino to St. John the Evangelist on Wednesday, October 15, where he will present an evening of reinforcing our magnificent Catholic Faith in Word and Song.

# 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

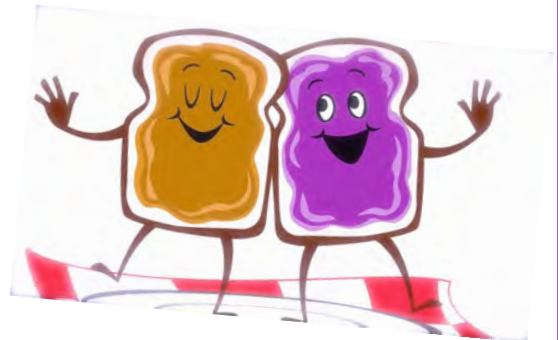
more volunteers. Would YOU consider joining us? There are so many easy ways to help...you can even stay in the church for the 10:00 mass and be a part of our team! Schedules are flexible - you sign up when you're available. For more information email [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org).

### **Sandwich Sundays are back!**

This Sunday 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)  
Office Hours: By Appointment Only

Our 2025 Confirmation Candidates formalized their commitment the weekend of September 6-7 and have begun the final weeks of preparation through our “Fearless” program. Let us continue to keep them and their families in our prayers!



## 2025 Confirmation Candidates

### 2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website.  
([sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org), click on “Faith Formation”)

#### LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Opening Prayer Service/Bible Distribution  
PARENT/STUDENT EVENT

Thursday, September 25 at 7:15 PM, Church

#### LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Opening Prayer Service  
PARENT/STUDENT EVENT

Tuesday, September 30 at 7:15 PM, Church

#### “Family of Faith”

Opening Prayer Services/Book Pickup ~ PARENT/STUDENT EVENT (Attend 1)

Tuesday, 9/16 at 5 PM or 7 PM, Church


Thursday, 9/18 at 5 PM OR 7 PM, Church

#### “FEARLESS” - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Prep

\*For students who have completed our Level 7 & 8 preparation and will be confirmed this Fall (2025)

- Sessions: Mondays, 7:15-8:30 PM in the Church on 9/15, 9/22 & 9/29
- Parent/Student Reconciliation Night: 10/6, 7:15PM, Church
- Weekend of November 1 & 2 - MASS OF SENDING FORTH





# Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday from  
3:00 - 7:00 PM

+ Seton Chapel + In the Convent of  
St. John the Evangelist

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

If you can be present for a specific hour, email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.



## Deacon Ministry

### Are You Being Called ?

#### ***LISTEN!-PRAY!-REFLECT!-DISCERN!***

***Attend ONE of the following dates:***

7:00PM, Tuesday September 30th  
*St. Elizabeth Melville, 175 Wolf Hill Rd (Hospitality Rm)*

7:00PM, Thursday, October 2nd  
*St. Brigid Westbury, 85 Post Ave (St. Anthony Center)*

1:00PM, Saturday, October 18th  
*Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington*

**RSVP by Friday, September 26th,**  
TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 178  
OR by email to  
[diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)



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.



Meet Al-Sahouri Family



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.





# Parish Social Ministry

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

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

**THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus** for gifting Parish Social Ministry Outreach with 24 new backpacks to give to children in need attending our local schools. There were many smiling faces, what a great way for them to start the new school year! We greatly appreciate their ongoing support of our outreach programs here at St. John's!



## 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.

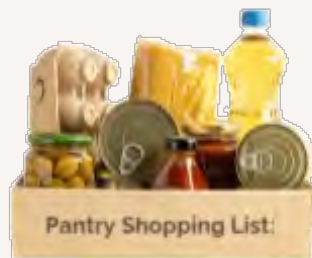
Donations are greatly appreciated in the green bins in the school parking lot in front of our shop anytime but especially on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9-11 AM!



## 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



Knights of Columbus  
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

**FRIDAY NIGHT'S**

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

**\$3000 IN PRIZES**

For more information  
[kofc4126.com](http://kofc4126.com)

## The Catholic University of America Collection



This weekend, September 13 & 14, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives

that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Support the collection at:

[futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org](http://futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org)



## *A Message from Msgr. Walden...*



What is truly important and gives life to myself and others is sharing who I am and what I have and can do through, with, for, and in others. How much is enough? How much is too little? Today we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. In spite of the fact that Jesus did not come to condemn, reject, punish, or judge us, He was condemned, rejected, punished and judged so unjustly. At times we start to think that we have reached our limit in love and concern and either walk away or seethe in anger. We feel we don't deserve rejection or what we consider to be demands that are below us or too far above us. What Jesus humbled and lowered Himself to do for us is summed up in these words from the second reading at Mass today (Philippians 2:6-11): "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." Through, with, and in Him we see and experience God's merciful love as a pure gift.

In Jesus we see the height and depth of God's love for us. We calculate the price of material things and think about what we get out of all we do for the people in our lives. We do learn how to deal with one another in a simple way,

but how much depth is there in our gratitude and desire to extend ourselves. The depth of God's love is seen so clearly in Jesus embracing the cross out of pure love and mercy. He does not demand or threaten us if we do not respond. But choosing to reject or ignore Him and His life-giving love leaves us inwardly restless and we fruitlessly seek peace and life from power, pleasure, money, things or mindless screen time.

"To err is human; to forgive is divine!" Can I give without counting the cost? Where do my mind, heart, hopes, and love shut down and turn to restless anger and frustration? The Exaltation of the Cross shows us that at the place where all seemed lost and the power of evil prevailed was but a brief moment of victory, not the end. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we remind ourselves of God's presence, life, and love in our lives. The key is to embrace the sign of the cross and make that a simple yet powerful reminder of the power of the love that not only overcomes evil but, even more enriches, sustains, and fills us with gratitude, courage, and divine wisdom.

When I finished writing this column, I went on the internet and found two simple songs that Exalt the Cross and the power of Jesus' love on it. I invite you to listen to them: "Lay Your Burden Down" by Chuck Girard and "Lay Your Burdens Down" by Amanda Joy Powell.

# Entering Canaan



**A Woman's Weekend Retreat of Prayer & Healing**

**Friday, September 26th - Sunday, September 28th**

For those suffering from a past abortion.

Come begin your healing journey!

His mercy and peace are waiting for you!

**For confidential reservations call**

**Lorraine c: 516-798-9100**

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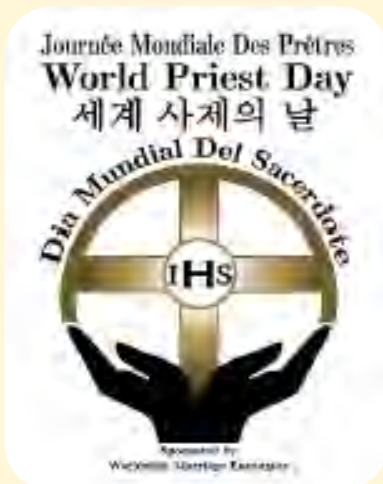
**Lorraine Gariboldi, Director of Post Abortion &**

**Pregnancy Loss Ministry**

**Theresa Bonapartis, Co-developer of Entering Canaan &**

**Director of Lumina/Hope & Healing after Abortion**

## World Priest Day Celebrated the Last Sunday in September



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

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

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



## Comunidad Hispano...

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

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

### MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

#### BAUTISMO:

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

#### Requisitos:

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

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia.

Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

#### CASAMIENTO:

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

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

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

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

### ¡Dejanos ayudarte!

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

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Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

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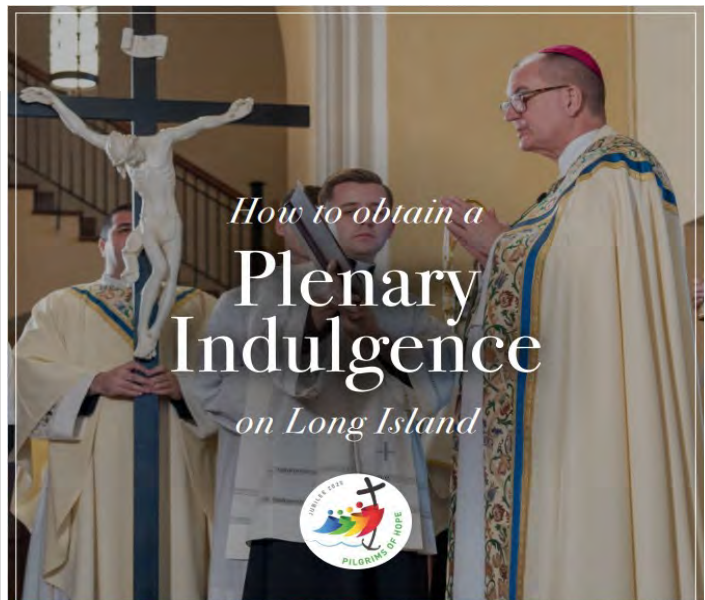
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auditorio de la escuela

#### MINISTERIO DE CALLE

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

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

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



## How to obtain a Plenary Indulgence on Long Island



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The faithful of Long Island can  
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by making a pilgrimage to

## THE CATHEDRAL of ST. AGNES

and praying at the

### 2025 JUBILEE YEAR CROSS

enshrined at the Cathedral and installed  
by Bishop John O. Barres.



## Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope

- 1 Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- 2 Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- 3 Be spiritually detached from sin
- 4 Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- 5 Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

"This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord."

POPE FRANCIS



## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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