

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

September 17, 2023

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

"Christ is Lord of the Living and the Dead"

Romans 14:7-9

St. John  
the Evangelist

AN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Whoever has done, so you should also do" - John 13:15*



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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

### Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**  
Pastor

**Reverend Felix Akpabio**  
Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**  
Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**  
Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**  
Deacon

**Michael Hoonhout**  
Deacon

**Carolyn Lapham**  
Director of Family Ministries

**Andrew McKeon**  
Director of Music Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Katie Spellman**  
Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

**Katie Waller**  
Director of Operations

### OLQA

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School**  
*(on the campus of SJE)*  
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Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033  
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**Dawn Waller**  
Principal  
dwaller@olqany.org (ext. 201)

### Office Hours

**Parish Office - Blue House**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Tuesdays -  
6-8pm Spanish speaking support.

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

### Mass Schedule

## 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, September 23rd

5:00 pm - Fr. Jerry

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, September 24th

8:00 am - Fr. Felix

10:00 am - Fr. Felix

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 pm - Fr. Patrick

\*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.



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# A Message from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick...

## Gospel Reflection

"The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant" (Mt 18:21-35)

It is clear in today's gospel that **God's ways are not always our ways**. They are radically different, especially when it comes to extending mercy towards others. Our first reaction after hearing today's gospel parable on forgiveness, might be how could the first servant not forgive his own fellow servant, after his master had just forgiven him of his entire debt. This debt was estimated to be 10,000 talents. Back in ancient times, this number of talents was worth about a half of a lifetime of wages, a huge amount. So, it was no small debt.

We see in today's parable how **merciful the master was towards his own servant** who begged him to delay the time he needed to repay his entire debt. Not only did he listen to him, but he also responded radically. He decided to cancel his entire debt, which was unheard of back then, even as it would be today. Yet after this servant was completely forgiven of his debt, we quickly see how **ruthless he was towards his own fellow servant** who owed him so much less. The amount owed was equivalent to hundred-day wages in ancient times. Instead of forgiving his fellow servant in the same way in which he was quickly forgiven, he began beating him and choking him and had him thrown into prison until his entire debt was paid.

How can we not be disturbed or disappointed with the **unforgiving servant**, who was shown great respect and mercy when he begged for an extension to pay his debt. Maybe we think the master was crazy for forgiving his entire debt instead of making him pay his debt at least in the long-term. We wonder why the master did not see through him. But the point of today's parable is to remind us how radically different God's ways are compared to ours. How patient He is with us in giving us another opportunity to reform our lives.

It is **mind-boggling to comprehend how shameful and evil his actions** were after being freed of his entire debt. How could he not be as understanding and forgiving knowing how much bigger his debt was and what he would have lost if his master was not compassionate towards him. In addition to losing all of his property; his family, including his wife and children, would have been sold into slavery. This is what was at stake, his entire family and his livelihood. And yet, he responded totally differently than his master. How could he not forgive his own servant in exactly the same way in which he was forgiven is beyond our understanding? How could he not be touched by his master's goodness towards him with all that was at stake?



**But the purpose of a parable is to draw our attention;** to collect our thoughts. It is to wake us up and get us thinking as God thinks and how we can cooperate with His graces. The purpose of a parable is to bring us closer to God and to teach us the ways of God. It is to inspire us to live our lives differently.

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**No question there is a direct parallel between today's gospel and the Lord's Prayer.** We hear over and over again, each time we recite this ancient prayer, how important it is for us to forgive, if we want to be forgiven by God. "Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those." In actuality, what we are saying here is, only forgive us, God, as we forgive others. Therefore, if we fail to forgive others in the same way in which we want to be forgiven, then what we are saying each time we recite this ancient church prayer, then heavenly Father do not forgive us of our trespasses.

**We heard Peter say from the beginning of today's gospel,** "Lord, how often must I forgive? Seven times?" Jesus answered, "not seven times, but seventy-seven times." Seven times may seem to be a lot. But it is still limited. Seventy-seven times was Jesus' way of saying an unlimited number of times. Jesus wants us to forgive always. He wants us to forgive unconditionally, like our heavenly Father. The purpose of today's parable on forgiveness and the importance behind forgiveness is to instill in us how essential it is for us to forgive. It is important because forgiveness leads to reconciliation. It allows us to be reconciled with God and with one another. Forgiveness brings us closer to God and closer to one another. Forgiveness leads us to peace of mind and to a greater understanding of our faith because forgiveness is the heart of the Christian life. We are no further away from the gospel than when we fail to forgive because forgiveness is at the heart of the gospel. It is what ultimately unites us to God and one another. It leads us to a life of blessings!

**It is always sad to hear how families and friendships are torn apart for much less offences** than found in today's gospel. Why are so many of us failing to forgive at times when we know the freedom it brings into our lives when we forgive others from the heart? The truth is, Jesus would not ask us to do anything He would not do or did not do. "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing. If they knew that I was the Son of God, they never would have crucified me in the first place." Not only did Jesus forgive others who crucified Him, but He made excuses for them too. That is how great and reassuring His love is for humanity! And all the Lord wants of us, as the master wanted of his servant in today's gospel, is to extend this kind of mercy in the same way. To be generous in our love and understanding for others, as God is towards us. To see where others may be coming from and to be touched by His goodness and His complete love and concern for us all.

**Even though it is hard to fathom how ruthless this first servant was towards his own servant,** how many times have we failed to extend the same level of mercy we have received from God towards others who may have offended us in one way or another. We know from our prayers and from the teachings of the Church how God continues to free us from our sins; how He wipes away our tears and brings us to new life. It is clear from the Scriptures, that there is no sin greater than His love for us, and no sin He did not die for.

**It is clear that the criteria for happiness is through forgiveness,** in sharing in the same level of compassion that the Lord has for us all. To be humble and grateful before God and to respond to others who have hurt us with compassion and understanding knowing of our own shortcomings and failings. If we really think about it, if we fail to forgive others, we only hurt ourselves. We only remain imprisoned in our own hearts. We only remain bitter, resentful and unhappy in the long run. We become very hostile and restless. It is clear from today's parable that the path to happiness is letting go! It is through forgiveness, in forgiving others in the same way in which we want to be forgiven, that makes all the difference in living a joyful Christian life!



# Preparing for the Week

## Saturday, September 16th

5:00 p.m. Noel Faria Sr.  
 7:30 p.m. *Spanish* Mary Anne Capasso

## Sunday, September 17th

8:00 a.m. Adilia Franco  
 10:00 a.m. Thomas Tebbens Sr.  
 12:00 p.m. Thomas Tebbens Sr.  
 6:00 p.m. Carmela Gasperoni and  
 Raffaella Gaeta

## Monday, September 18th, Weekday

7:00 a.m. Peter Kwiatkoski  
 12:00 p.m. John Klaus IV

## Tuesday, September 19th Weekday

7:00 a.m. Special Intention-  
 Harry Heberd Sr.  
 12 Noon Janet Herbert

## Wednesday, September 20th Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. Deceased Members-DeFelippi  
 Family  
 12 Noon Christopher Bowman

## Thursday, September 21st Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 a.m. Joseph Carr  
 12 Noon James Paulsen

## Friday, September 22nd Weekday

7:00 a.m. Timothy Ross  
 12 Noon Anne Mintel

## Saturday, September 23rd Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 a.m. Catherine Hogan  
 5:00 p.m. Katy Dyer  
 7:30 p.m. *Spanish* Ana Maria Villalobos

## Sunday, September 24th Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Margaret and Charles Peters  
 10:00 a.m. Glenn and Roy Probeyahn Jr.  
 12 Noon Jim Krug  
 6:00 p.m. John Robert Klaus IV



If you haven't made your donation for the **SUMMER APPEAL** yet, please do so today!

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




To Date:  
 Summer Appeal 2023... \$36,908  
 Summer Appeal 2022... \$51,229

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS


Average Week January 1, 2023 to August 13, 2023

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
<b>2023</b>	\$597,908	35	\$17,083
2022	\$527,076	35	\$15,059




**2023**  
CATHOLIC  
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OFFICE OF PARISH LIFE

One Family - Journeying together in  
Compassion, Participation and Mission



	2023	2022
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100.00
Number of Donors	219	258
Total Pledged to date	\$86,575	\$100,150
Avg. Gift	\$395	\$382
Percent of Goal	75%	87%

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!



# Holy Thursday...Washing of the Feet...A New Commandment...

## *The Call to Serve*

Why am I writing about Holy Thursday in September? Let me share with you the story of how I recognized that Holy Thursday was not a single day that falls during Holy Week each year, but rather, a day that reminds us of our daily call to serve.

A while back, I was asked to participate in the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday by having my feet washed. I was extremely uncomfortable with the idea, but not wanting to say no, I "just did it." Two years ago, I was asked once again, and this time, I did not want to "just do it." I wanted to know more...to understand it more completely, and so I took a deeper dive into the significance of Holy Thursday, and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples.

I turned to the gospel of John (13: 14-17).

**Jesus instructs them, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."**

It was not necessary for Jesus to clean the disciple's feet because in accordance with the customs of the time, they would have already been washed by a servant when they entered the Upper Room. Jesus' choice to wash the feet exemplifies humble service toward others. Assuming the role of servant, Jesus, makes it clear that he came not to **be served**, but to **serve**. Equally as clear, is our responsibility to follow his example.

I also learned that Holy Thursday is sometimes called "Maundy Thursday". The word "Maundy" is from the Latin word *man datum*, or "mandate". At the end of the Last Supper, Jesus gave a new commandment; a simple, yet challenging mandate.

**"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."**

(John 14: 34-35)

Like so many of you, I had heard this "new" commandment many times. I try to live it every day; some days, living it better than others. But two years ago, as I dove deeper, this commandment took on a new meaning for me; the connection between service to others and serving with love became clear. I reflected on our parish mission statement.

"Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist, we seek 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."

My "aha moment" two years ago, connected Holy Thursday to Eucharist to loving one another to humble service to the "mission" of our parish. Thank you, Holy Spirit!

St. John's offers many opportunities to serve God and neighbor...to live out our parish mission. In my role as Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry, I have been blessed with many opportunities to deepen my faith through service to others. One such opportunity to serve is through our **Street Ministry**. St. John's Street Ministry was formed in 2018, with a mission to find and serve those marginalized in our local community. Many are homeless, and unable to receive other supportive services. Our volunteers serve with great love, compassion, and respect; using their many God-given talents to serve those in need and to see the face of Jesus in every person they encounter. In practical, clearcut ways the Street Ministry follows Jesus' example of humble service and his mandate to love one another. We live the gospel by feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty and clothing the naked. But every Thursday evening, the most valuable way we love our neighbors is through the gift of our time and attention, as we connect with those we serve through heartfelt conversation and compassionate, patient listening. **It truly is a beautiful ministry.**

**Our Street Ministry needs new disciples, willing to wash the feet of their neighbors and to share their love for others.** I invite each of you to consider the many gifts that God has given you. Think about how you can use and share your talents with others. Perhaps becoming part of the Street Ministry is a possibility. There are so many diverse ways to participate. We will be hosting an information session on **Tuesday, September 26 at 7pm** in the school auditorium. You will have the opportunity to learn about what we do, meet our ministry leaders, ask questions, and see how you can share your talents and love.

It is my hope, that in the words of St. Mother Teresa, we will all be inspired to, **"do small things with great love."**

With gratitude always,  
Katie Spellman

# Parish Social Ministry...

- **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.*

*Love ought to be put more in deeds  
than in words...*

-St. Ignatius of Loyola

## 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

- Pancake mix/bisquick
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Red kidney beans
- Ramen noodles
- Oatmeal
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayo

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

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

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## OPEN HOUSE JOB FAIRS

Tues., September 12, 2023 from 11AM – 2:00PM  
Tues., October 10, 2023 from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
**At 147 Schlegel Blvd., Amityville, NY 11701**  
Call 516.733.7000 to schedule an interview  
Walk-ins Welcome!

*Catholic Charities of Long Island (CCLI) shares the love of Jesus by offering dignified and compassionate care to poor and vulnerable neighbors of every faith and background. Our work is inspired by the Gospel message that every human*

## 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

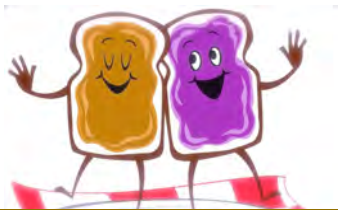


# Family Ministry...

Family Life Ministry at St. John's is gearing up for an amazing season of fun, faith-building family events and service projects beginning in September. Come to our next planning meeting **Wed. 9/17/, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**– Upper Room in the Barn. To help out with these events please email us at [familylife@sjecm.org](mailto:familylife@sjecm.org).

## This SUNDAY -Sandwich Sundays September 17, 2023

Come to the school cafeteria on Sunday 9/17 after the 10:00 Mass and make sandwiches for the hungry in our local area. Bring your family and a friend (and a loaf of bread if you can) and join the fun!



## Wednesday, October 4th

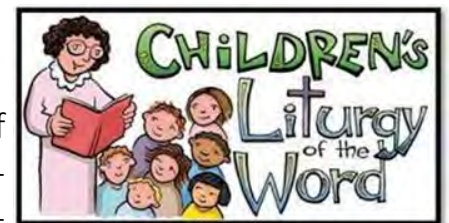
The Feast of St. Francis

Bring your four legged, feathered or scaled family members to St. John's for a special blessing. Family Life Ministry will provide treats for all after the blessing. Keep checking the bulletin for more details.



## WE 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. 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).



## Moms on the Journey

Come be renewed and refreshed and enjoy the company of other moms who are walking the journey of faith amidst the hectic demands of motherhood. Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, September 28rd at 7:00pm** in the Upper Room of The Barn. All moms are welcome. Hope to see you there! For more info. please email Carolyn Lapham @ [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org).

# Faith Formation...

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



## 2023 Confirmation Candidates

Our 2023 Confirmation Candidates formalized their commitment the weekend of September 9-10 and have begun the final weeks of preparation through our “Fearless” program. Let us continue to keep them and their families in our prayers!



## 2023 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website, or by visiting the link below:

<https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/p/calendars-2023-24.html>



### “FAMILY OF FAITH” (GRADES 1-6):

OPENING PRAYER SERVICES/BOOK PICKUP

PARENT/STUDENT EVENT (ATTEND 1)

Tuesday, 9/19 @ 5PM or 7PM, Church  
Thursday 9/21 @ 5PM OR 7PM, Church

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

OPENING PRAYER SERVICE/BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

PARENT/STUDENT EVENT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 @ 7:15PM, CHURCH

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

OPENING PRAYER SERVICE/BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

PARENT/STUDENT EVENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 @ 7:15PM, CHURCH

### “FEARLESS” - 9th-Grade Confirmation Prep

\*For students who have completed our Level 7 & 8 preparation and will be confirmed this Fall (2023)



- Sessions: Mondays, 7:15-8:30PM in the Church on 9/18 & 9/25.
- Parent/student Reconciliation Night: 10/2, 7:15PM, Church
- Weekend of November 4-5—MASS OF SENDING FORTH

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter...

Romans 13:8: "Brothers and Sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to LOVE one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." God can transform your marriage. Want to make your good marriage even better? Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The dates to sign up are:

**September 22-24, 2023, in Huntington, NY (Immaculate Conception Seminary)**

**October 16-November 6, 2023, Virtual 3RE (M/W evenings)**

**October 20-22, 2023 in Barre, Vermont (St. Monica/St. Michael)**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 631-486-8607 or <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

### Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Worldwide Marriage Encounter está patrocinando una variedad de experiencias matrimoniales en persona y virtuales, algunas los fines de semana y otras los siete días de la semana. Las parejas explorarán su relación entre ellos, Dios y la Iglesia. El registro es limitado y se requiere una tarifa de solicitud de \$100. Para más información o para aplicar, llame al Felipe y Rosa Ruano Teléfono 203-979-6109 o [renuevatumatrimonio.org](http://renuevatumatrimonio.org).

## Women's Group...

Our first meeting back is on **Monday, September 11, 2023, 10-11:30am** in the Convent IHM room. We'll continue reading Fr. Timothy Gallagher's book on Discernment of Spirits, An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living. In Matthew's gospel about Jesus walking on the water what always stands out to me is that Peter was actually using discernment. "Lord, IF it's You," Peter questioned it because Jesus was coming to him in a different way. If Peter who was Jesus' disciple, needed to discern if it was Jesus, so do we.

Ignatius gives us the 14 rules of discernment to help us be more aware & understand the consolations & desolations we feel within us which will deepen, strengthen & enrich our spiritual life.

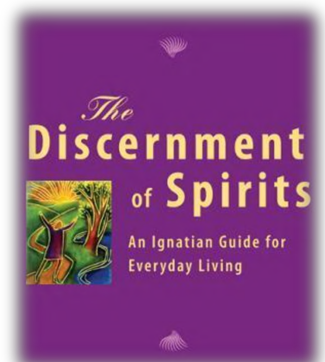
Meetings are open, come when you can, all you need is desire. Is Jesus calling you?

Facilitators: Carol Ketcham and Anita Luccari.

### The dates we'll meet are:

9-11, 9-25, 10-23, 11-6, 11-20, 12-4, 12-18, 1-8, 1-22, 2-5, 3-4, 3-18, 4-15, 4-29, 5-13, 6-10, 6-24 Last meeting.

For additional information please call the rectory office 631-878-0009





## St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests

*Caring for those who cared for us*



*Embracing the Legacy of Service*

The mission of St. Pius X Residence is to provide a nurturing environment that respects and cherishes the lifelong commitment of our beloved priests. The Residence strives to create a warm and supportive community where they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity, surrounded by like-minded individuals who share their dedication to faith.

As our elderly priests enter this stage of their life, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St Pius X Residence is there for them. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. When they are able, they celebrate Mass in area parishes, visit the sick and homebound, and bring God's Word to those in prison.

***Embrace the Legacy of Service by supporting our beloved priests in their retirement years.***

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence will take place next weekend. **September 16th & 17th.**

Please be as generous as possible!

Thank You! [www.drvc.org/st-pius-x-residence/](http://www.drvc.org/st-pius-x-residence/)



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 Saturday and Sunday masses, the group represented by the Alshouri 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.

## This Weekend!



# Praying for and With One Another...

## We Remember...

John "Jack" Lilly +  
Mary Ellen DeChellis +  
Anthony Richard Stinson

"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...

Christopher McCormack - Gina Hil -  
Jennifer Lynn Jankesh - Joseph Stillitano

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

# Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar bread and wine for the month of September has been donated:

## In Memory of Michael Stachnik Jr.

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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)

# 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](mailto: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!**

# LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



### Bible Study Verses

**JOSEPH**  
**The Man of God**  
**Gospel of Matthew 1: 18-25**

The Birth of Jesus

Join Bishop Andrzej  
For Scripture Reflection Series  
on St. JOSEPH - Part I

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

[westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.

# Knights of Columbus—Queen of All Hearts Council #4126



**Every  
Friday Night**

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

In the Parish Auditorium

**\$3000 IN PRIZES**

**BINGO**

11	35	4	48	
8	23	65	5	13
45	12	7	28	27
39	16	33		
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## *Bereavement Support Group...*

*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.*

**WHEN:** Saturday mornings, beginning September 30, 2023, through January 6, 2024

**TIME:** 10:30am to 12 noon

**WHERE:** First floor meeting room in the Barn.

The Barn is the blue building located in the back of the school parking lot.

**FACILITATORS:** Maureen Harney and Loretta Gallagher

**REGISTRATION:** Contact the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or via email at Rectory@sjecm.org

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

*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.*



*" You can come to me in Eucharistic Adoration, at any moment, at any time, I want to speak to you, and I desire to grant you grace! ( Jesus to Saint Faustina)*

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](mailto: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](http://www.drvc.org) or clicking here: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>

### REMINDERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

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

### PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

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



# 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2023-2024

*Our Family - Journeying Together in  
Communion, Participation and Mission*



**"ONLY BY LOVING, SERVING OTHERS, CAN PEOPLE COME TO KNOW GOD."**

- Pope Francis



Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities Programs serve people in our community by providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling and care. And most importantly, it lets those we serve know that God loves them and is with them during the difficult times in their lives.

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.**

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Down Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School



**2023  
GOLF CLASSIC**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**  
*Bethpage State Park Golf Course*

**Scan here for more information!**  
**Golf Packages & Sponsorships Available**



*If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jessica Vespa @ 631-587-8000 x162*

### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission.

So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

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

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

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 18th, 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, September 19th, 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, September 20th, 2023

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR

9:00 a.m.-Noon | Thrift Shop Open—Thrift Shop

3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC

7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR

Thursday, September 21st, 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

7:30 p.m. | Al-Anon—BMR

Friday, September 22nd, 2023

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR

3-7 p.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—SC

7:30 p.m. | Knights of Columbus—Bingo Night—Auditorium

7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous—BMR

7:00 p.m. | Spanish Prayer Group—SC

Saturday, September 23rd, 2023

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR

9:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group—SC

Sunday, September 24th, 2023

6:45 a.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous—BMR

BMR—Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room

BUR—Barn Upper Room

SC—Seton Chapel