

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



September 21, 2025

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. ~Psalm 113





September 14, 2025

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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 27<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Francis

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Patrick

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

### Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Charline

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

6:00 PM - Fr. Francis

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

## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**

Pastor

**Reverend Charline Vendredy**

Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden**

Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Francis Lasrado**

Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**

Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**

Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**

Deacon

**Michael Hoonhout**

Deacon

**Ed Grieb**

Deacon

**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

### 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**

[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller@olqany.org)

## OLQA

### 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.

## Office Hours

## 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 our Pastor, Fr. Patrick Riegger...

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *The Parable of the Dishonest Steward ~ Luke 16:1-13*

Today's parable of the dishonest steward is so complex. Most scholars would agree that it raises more questions than answers. There are multiple interpretations when it comes to this passage from Luke. For example, why would Jesus refer positively towards a dishonest steward who used his master's wealth and his master's power to satisfy his own interests at the cost of others when trying to illustrate an important point. One can only imagine. Regardless of His intentions, Jesus is not by any means praising his dishonesty in preparing for his own future with dishonest tactics. He is not justifying the way the steward mismanaged his master's property. Instead, what Jesus is saying to His disciples is that if we are as wise and strategic as this disingenuous steward was in seeking out his own interests, in securing a good spiritual life and a better future with God, we would be on the right path to happiness, something that money cannot buy. We would be ready to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven!

**In other words**, Jesus wants us to be serious in having a deep spiritual life and a real connection with God in securing a future forever in heaven as this dishonest steward was in securing for his own future surrounded by worldly assets and status. Jesus is asking us to have the same kind of attitude and perseverance that this steward had but in Godly concerns, not earthly gains. We, like this dishonest steward, have to act quickly and wisely with heavenly matters as he was with earthly matters. The difference is, one approach is doomed for destruction, while the other approach prepares us for eternal happiness.

**In the end**, the dishonest steward had to do what he had to do to survive in this world to ensure a future apart from poverty and shame. The big question for us is what do we need to do to prepare ourselves for something greater? What do we have to do to prepare ourselves for heaven, God's greatest gift to humanity? What kind of strategic planning do we need to put into play in securing a future with God? How eager and motivated are we in securing a future with the Lord forever in heaven as we go about living out our Christian faith?

**The truth is**, like with this dishonest steward, time is always of essence. The urgency in moving forward is real and essential. With an uncertain future, he had to act decisively and quickly. He had to do what he had to do before it was too late. He had to be prepared to give a full account of his actions when the master returned. What do we have to do to prepare ourselves before our Master requires a full account of our own lives and actions? Perhaps the questions for us to reflect on this week is what do we need to do in securing our future with God forever? What changes do we need to make in our lives now so that we can make more room for God in our hearts? What do

we need to surrender that gets in the way of living a life centered around God?

**Again, our Lord** is by no means justifying the wrongful behavior or actions of the dishonest steward. Instead, He is just trying to illustrate an important point by drawing our attention. He is making it clear that the urgency is real when it comes to securing a future in heaven with God because we do not know the day nor the hour when the Lord will suddenly return in all of His glory. But what we do know is that He will come again in a time unknown to us. Therefore, we need to be prepared. We need to act wisely and prudently in doing what we need to do before it is too late, as this steward did in providing for his own well-being and satisfaction according to worldly standards. We need to rely more on God, not material matters, and seek first the Kingdom of God.

**Being ruthless, greedy or dishonest** will not help us inherit the Kingdom of God. But being kind, wise and respectful of one another will help us grow in our own spirituality and prepare us for a more secure life in heaven. We need to make wise decisions in complex and dire situations. We need to look beyond worldly standards and status and look to God more often. We need to be prudent and respectful with one another when it comes to living the Christian life, especially with all the recent violence and chaos in our country. We need to act more wisely and carefully. We need to relate better. We need to pray more often. We need to pray for peace in our world and for the salvation of souls. We need to be more respectful of one another, even if we have differences of opinions. We need to love more and leave judgment up to God. We need to rejoice more in the Lord who is kind and merciful!

**I hope you all had a nice summer** with your families. Thank you again for your generosity in supporting this year's Summer Appeal. Thank you for all you do throughout the year in support of our parish ministries. St. John's parish is so richly blessed. There are always so many activities going on here each week. I hope you get to take home a bulletin every week or visit our website to see all that is going on in our parish. Hopefully you can join one of our ministries if you're not already involved. I am so happy to be here with my brother priests and deacons. It is so much fun working alongside my staff in serving you and your families. I hope you and your families have a wonderful autumn. Please be assured of my continued prayers for you and your loved ones! God's blessings always!



# Masses for the Week...

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

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

Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> *Weekday*

7:00 AM Robert G. McCrystal

12:00 Noon Kathleen Needles

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

7:00 AM Jennifer Steinhilb

12:00 PM Louis D'Amara

Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*

7:00 AM Arthur Rotter

12:00 Noon Louis D'Amara

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*

7:00 AM Carol Winkler Young

12:00 Noon Maureen D'Alessandro

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*

7:00 AM George William Husing

12:00 Noon Connie and Frank Vasques

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> *Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*

8:00 AM Donald DiPaola

5:00 PM Sister Eileen Martin

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Liz Della Ratta

10:00 AM Glenn and Roy Probeyahn

12:00 Noon Brian Blomberg

6:00 PM People of the Parish

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	\$41,816	As of 9/15/25
2024	\$42,168	FINAL

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$657,624	37	\$17,774
2024	\$665,135	37	\$17,977

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

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission



As of 9/16/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	195	209
Total Pledged to date	\$82,199	\$87,723
Avg. Gift	\$421	\$420
Percent of Goal	71.3%	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

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
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## Please help us reach our goal!

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

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

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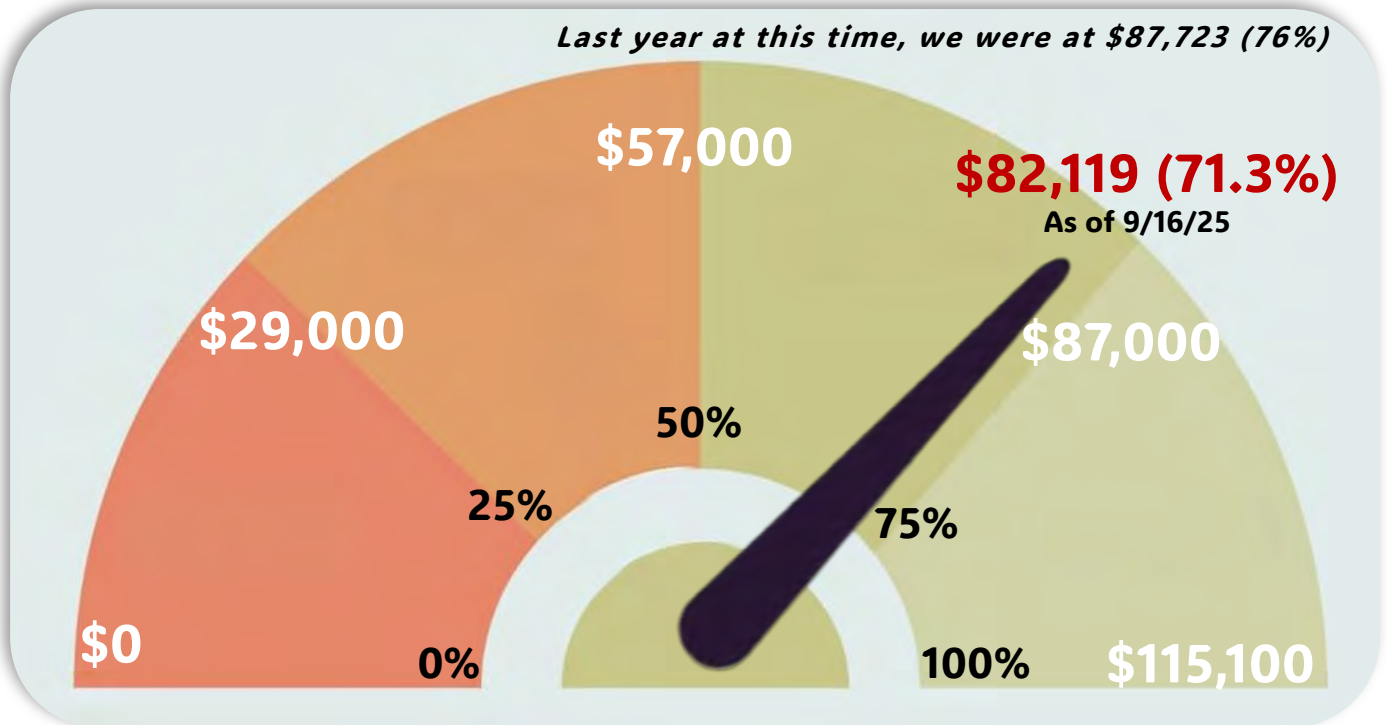
*We are more than two-thirds of the way there!*

**There will be a special collection for the CMA campaign on the weekend of September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Many thanks to those who have made their pledge to the CMA! If you haven't made your pledge yet, please prayerfully consider how your generosity can make a world of difference!



*Last year at this time, we were at \$87,723 (76%)*







# Praying For and With One Another

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## Remember

**Rita Jacino + Glen Hansen**  
**Christina A. McGarrigle**

*"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**  
**Miguel Rivera**

*"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. Amalfitano

## US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

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





On Sunday, September 7, 2025, Fr. Jerry Kaywell, who led us in this past year's Lenten mission, was at the mass with Pope Leo at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome for the canonization of **Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati**.

Fr. Jerry was so happy to lead our parish in this past year's Lenten mission in preparation of celebrating the Easter Mysteries. As promised, he brought with him and offered up all the intentions that he received from each of us.



Bishop Barres visited St. John's on Saturday, September 6, 2025 and celebrated the 7:30 PM mass with the Spanish community.





# Reinforcing Our Magnificent Catholic Faith in Word and Song!

presented by Catholic Recording Artist/Lay Franciscan Al Barbarino

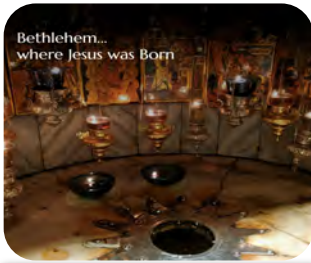


*Wednesday, October 15th at 7 PM*

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.





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.

This weekend, **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.



**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)



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.

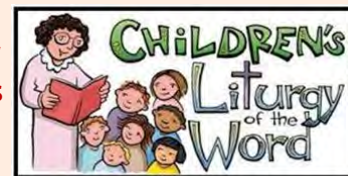


# OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY



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!

**For the last few weeks, we have been inviting volunteers to join our ministry. We thought you might want to take a look at what Children's Liturgy of the Word is all about!**



On September 14, 2025, we celebrated the Exaltation of the Cross!

We learned about the Israelites crossing the desert and complaining about EVERYTHING to Moses. We had snakes crawling among us as we talked about complaining instead of being grateful. We learned about Moses creating the bronze serpent on the pole and how both that image, and the cross are reminders to trust in God for all things. We looked at the big crucifix and learned that even though we are sad that Jesus suffered, when we look at the cross, we also see the immense love of God for us and the promise of salvation! We took some quiet time to kneel before the cross and thank Jesus for loving us so much!

If you would like to learn more about Children's Liturgy of the Word, please contact Carolyn Lapham via email at [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org) or call the Office of Family Ministry at 631-878-0009 x 124 and leave a message and Carolyn will get back to you.



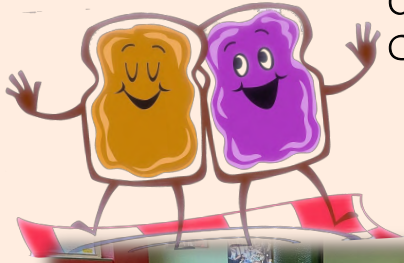
**God bless our parish children!**

*(and maybe you can help!)*



## Sandwich Sundays are back!

Family Life Ministry hosted our first Sandwich Sunday of the new school year on Sunday, September 14, 2025 after the 10:00 Mass. Check out who made over 350 sandwiches! GO SJE!



Our next Sandwich Sunday is scheduled for **October 19, 2025**. Grab your family and a loaf of bread and come on down!



### *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!





# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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[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, 10/8 at 5 PM or 7 PM, Church

Thursday, 10/10 at 5 PM OR 7 PM, Church

#### “FEARLESS” - 9th 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 9/22 & 9/29
- Parent/Student Reconciliation Night: 10/6, 7:15 PM, Church
- Weekend of November 1 & 2 - MASS OF SENDING FORTH



# Parish Social Ministry

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

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



Our Community Meal will be held this month on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Do you know of an individual or family in need that would like to join us? Please invite them to a beautiful night of food and fellowship here on campus where amazing volunteers serve a hot, sit-down meal to those in need. Call the PSM office at the number above or email [Meal@SJECm.org](mailto:Meal@SJECm.org) for more information.

*A very happy 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday to John, our faithful Ernie's Place Food Pantry volunteer who spent his birthday week serving others!*



## 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
- \* Cereal
- \* Ketchup
- \* Hot Sauce
- \* Drink Boxes
- \* 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





# Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

**Contact Us!**

☎ 631-878-1033

📶 olqany.org

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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!







# Knights of Columbus®

Queen of All Hearts Council 4128

The new officers for the Knights of Columbus Queen of All Hearts Council were installed on Sunday, September 7th, led by Grand Knight, TJ McCann.



New Grand Knight TJ McCann and his family.

## 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)

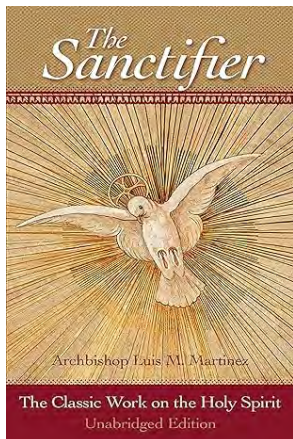
**\$10 donation** for the workbook.

## 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)





# Blood Drive

## Show up for those fighting cancer

Share your strength. Give blood.



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Please include full name, date of blood drive and donor ID # (or phone #)



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## St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests

*"...at the root of every vocation, God is present, in his mercy and his goodness..." ~Pope Leo XIV*

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.



**Fr. Steve Pietrowski, Rector**

*"I am so proud to be able to serve all the wonderful priests residing at St Pius. This house provides a place for our priests who have a need for care and help for daily activities. It's a safe place to age gracefully. Here at St. Pius, we provide for one another. We call this place home," shared Fr. Pietrowski*

**The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence will take place this weekend. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You!**

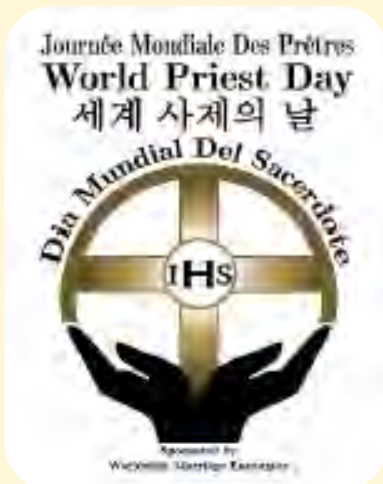
**Msgr. Ron Richardson:**

*"When I was living on my own for a number of years, I felt a sense of isolation, especially during Covid but here I am with many of my fellow priests who I served with at times throughout the years. I've always been a walker, most of my life I've walked and jogged. I love the outdoors and I am so grateful to be here at this gorgeous campus."*



<https://www.stpiusresidence.org>

## 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).



## A Message from Msgr. Walden...



Everyday we have our routines, expectations, and plans. That does not mean everything will happen or work out the way we want or think they should. The key is to keep our focus on who and what is important in our lives. At the end of today's Gospel (Luke 16:1-13), Jesus says: "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." Who of us really likes to think of himself or herself being under the control of a master and answerable to him or her. While people do have expectations of who we are and how we are involved in their lives, we do not readily think of being answerable to them as a master.

Obviously Jesus is opening our minds with those words to see how He is hopeful that we will take Him seriously and, even more than that, to invite Him to be the center and core of our thoughts, words, and actions. He is not an overseeing master looking down and monitoring our every thought, word, and deed. What He is doing is telling us that He is the master. The focus is not on consequences that will occur if we do not listen to Him, take Him seriously, or put Him out of the picture, but on how truly energizing, empowering, and life giving we become when we open our minds and hearts to Him. There is no doubt about His love for us and what He believes we are truly capable of. He is the rock who refused to crumble in the face of rejection and injustice, and the fire of love that refused to be extinguished. In His final words to His disciples in St. Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 28:19-20), Jesus says: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Everyday we nurture our faith and one another when we allow Jesus to be the background and foundation of our plans, thoughts, words, and actions. The more we work on that and put our trust in Him and His presence, the more loving our words and actions, the more hopeful our presence, love and concern, and the more powerful His Church and presence are in the world. He is not the overbearing master looking to keep us in line, but our God who created us in His very own image and rejoices when we become His presence to, with, and for each other.

I close with these words from the Last Supper (John 15:10-17) where Jesus assures us that He is far more than an overseeing master, He is our Way, Truth, and Life:

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."



## 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.

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

#### TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

#### COMIDA COMUNITARIA

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

#### MINISTERIO DE CALLE

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

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!



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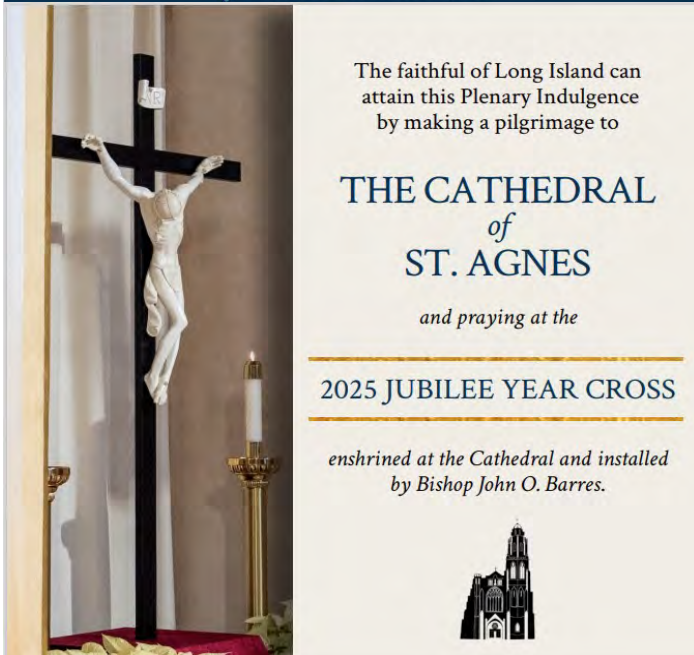
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- 1 Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- 2 Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- 3 Be spiritually detached from sin
- 4 Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- 5 Pray for the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

## PILGRIMS OF HOPE



2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The

concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into  
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen







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

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

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# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

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

## Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</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 24<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
- 7 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, September 25<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 26<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 27<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 28<sup>th</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