

# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



September 22, 2024

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The Lord upholds my life.  
Psalm 54



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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 28<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - Fr. Abin

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

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

### Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

10:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

\*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 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.

## Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**

Pastor

**Reverend Abin Panicker**

Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden**

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

## 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

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

**Dawn Waller**

Principal

[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller@olqany.org) (ext. 201)

## Office Hours

**Parish Office - Blue House**

**Monday - Thursday:**

9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

**Friday - Saturday**

9 AM - 2 PM

We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.

## Confession Schedule



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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION ~ Mark 9:30-37

### The Pathway to Happiness

Even though St. Peter did not fully understand what the Messiah would endure in bringing the world redemption, he still knew enough that the Messiah would save humanity from their sins and would accomplish all that God has promised for His people. For Peter, and many at the time, thought the Messiah, the first king of Israel in over six centuries, would liberate Israel from Roman occupation and restore Israel to its former independence. The Jewish people believed that the Messiah would take up His throne in Jerusalem and overthrow the Roman Empire with great force, not by way of the cross and crucifixion. They thought Jesus would restore Israel to its former glory by military, not by humility and service.

It was Peter's confession of faith that we heard about in last week's Gospel that changed everything! It was his profession of faith that was central to Mark's Gospel. His confession of faith was the beginning of the end for Jesus. It was the turning point in Mark's Gospel and the turning point in salvation history. It was a moment of great revelation that Jesus was the answer to God's promise. It began "The Way"- the way to deliverance! This great revelation affirmed to the world that Jesus was on the right side of salvation history. It marked the journey towards Jerusalem where Jesus would deliver us from our sins and reconcile us back to God, that Jerusalem is where all of our hopes and longings would be fulfilled, not by horse and chariot, but by way of the cross and crucifixion.

Jesus says to us today that it is the cross, and our service and love for one another, that saves us. It is the cross and our genuine love for others that leads us to salvation. In today's Gospel, Jesus is addressing those who have some measure of power, privilege and status, and invites all to join Him in a new lifestyle - a lifestyle centered around service, patience and understanding, not greed, envy or power. He clearly states that if we want to be first in His Kingdom, we must be the last of all and servant of all. We must be "child-like," as Jesus says to us elsewhere. We have to be more dependent on God. We need to be open to God and more trusting in God, like a child is. We have to be open to God's ways and place more of our trust in Him, knowing that He shows us the way to new life! Like a child who loves unconditionally, we too must love others the same way.

**It is love** that frees us!

It is in loving that we are transformed! Love unites and love restores. Love brings us closer to God. It is complete and everlasting. Love frees the soul. It is reassuring and embracing and guarantees us a place in heaven. When we love others in the same way in which Christ shows

His love for us, we experience joy and peace in our hearts. Our hearts are free, and our lives are more fulfilling in the Lord.

If we spend more time taking Jesus' teachings seriously, our lives will better. We will be happier and less anxious in life. Love frees us and refreshes the soul. It is the pathway to freedom and our ticket to Paradise. When we fail to love, we fail to remain in God because God is love. And if we want to remain one with God, we have to remain in His love. Love prevails! It is our joy in life and our pathway to happiness, happiness without end!

### PARISH UPDATE

I would like to thank you all again for your continued support and generosity towards St. John's. It is such a beautiful parish filled with love and spirit. Thank you for supporting our many ministries and annual appeals throughout the year. It is a joy to serve you and your families along with my brother priests, deacons, and pastoral staff. Please know that you and your families are in our daily prayers. Many thanks to our **Knights of Columbus** for their service to our community. They truly represent the heart of our parish along with the many different ministries that St. John's has to offer.

If you would like to get more involved in our parish, please read the bulletin. Each week, the bulletin reminds us of the many different ministries in which we can participate. For me personally, it is wonderful to be a part of the different ministries that we have in place, including our **Parish Social Ministry** and the many different prayer groups. Our Parish events and activities are a wonderful way getting to know so many of you. Please pray for our **confirmation candidates** who are preparing to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Barres on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to our Faith Formation Team and Family Life Ministry for their assistance in preparing these candidates for this special day. Thank you again for everything you do! I hope you and your families have a blessed Autumn season.



## Masses for the Week...

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

5:00 PM Kenneth Horbal

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Paul John Loguercio Sr.

10:00 AM Glenn Probeyahn

12:00 Noon Theresa Clauberg

6:00 PM Carol Hernandez

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

7:00 AM Francis Czarnomski

12:00 Noon Beverly J. Grace

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

7:00 AM Kevin O'Brien

12:00 Noon Kathy Passwater

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

7:00 AM Michael Zingarino

12:00 PM Anne Mintel

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

7:00 AM Diane Albano

12:00 Noon Joan and Clayton Huey

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

7:00 AM John Towers

12:00 Noon Robert Salomone

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

8:00 AM John Zlatniski

5:00 PM Jerri Eten

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Rosemary Conn

10:00 AM Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

12:00 Noon James Rocco

6:00 PM Christine Castanzo

## Annual Summer Appeal...

*Thank you for supporting  
our annual Summer Appeal!*

Summer Appeal Thank you for your generosity!	
Year	Total
2024 ~ To Date	\$42,638
2023 ~ Final	\$42,286

You can still make a donation by using the QR code below or using the envelopes at the rear of the church.



## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$665,135	37	\$17,977
2023	\$619,272	37	\$16,737

**2024**  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL  
OFFICE OF HOLY FAMILY CENTER

*Revitalizing our Faith -  
Renewed by the Eucharist*



As of 9/17/2024	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	211	220
Total Pledged to date	\$88,993	\$86,645
Avg. Gift	\$422	\$394
Percent of Goal	77.3%	75.3%

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!

**2024**  
**CATHOLIC**  
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**APPEAL**  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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### **September! It's Back to School and Religious Formation**



September is an exciting time for kids and parents. In academia, students and teachers are starting anew with each other and there is an opportunity to start fresh, regardless of what happened in the past year.

Perhaps your child is starting a new sport or honing skills and advancing to the next level of play. It's also a wonderful time to deepen a youngster's faith.

Effectively engaging in religious formation classes involves both parents and children actively participating and collaborating with the intention

of deepening their understanding of faith and fostering spiritual growth.

*Below are some suggestions to help parents ensure their children can get the most out of their religious formation classes:*

- ◊ **Be Actively Involved:** Attend parent-teacher meetings, workshops, and events related to the religious formation program. This shows your commitment to your child's spiritual development and allows you to stay informed about their progress.
- ◊ **Attend Worship Services:** Regularly attend Mass and even add a special prayer service, such as Eucharistic Adoration as a family. This reinforces the connection between what is learned in formation classes and the practice of faith in a community setting.
- ◊ **Open Communication:** Maintain regular communication with your child's religious education teacher or coordinator. Share any concerns, questions, or suggestions you might have. This partnership can enhance your child's formation experience.
- ◊ **Supplement Learning at Home:** Reinforce the lessons learned in class by discussing them at home. Incorporate religious activities, such as reading from scripture, praying together, and participating in family devotions. You do not need all the answers. The pastoral staff at your parish would be happy to meet with you to discuss any thoughts, or questions you may have in understanding Church teachings.
- ◊ **Model Faith:** Children often learn through observation. Demonstrate your faith through your own actions, prayers, and participation in parish ministry.

Religious formation is a lifelong journey. Both parents and children can benefit from ongoing engagement in their parish with an openness to learning, and a commitment to growing in their faith.

Thanks to your support, the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports The Office Evangelization and Catechesis programs that evangelize our youth including Faith Formation, Young Adult and Youth Ministry, and Camp Quo Vadis.





September 22, 2024

# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Michael Donohue

*"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

Beth Schupp + Barbara Lefkowitz  
Ryan deBlasi + Frank Macchia + Annie Albanese  
Kathleen Fontaine + Vincent Diaz  
David Daniel Vigliotta + Barbara Mullholland  
Logan Coyle + Freddy Aleaga + Carol DeSomma  
Vassula Rydon

*"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

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 \$150 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)

## Our Military

### US Marine Corps

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

### US Army

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

### US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello  
STGCS Brian Holzmacher  
MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr  
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera  
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr  
ENS Ralph J. Ruggiero

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

### US Air Force

SrA Anthony Auciello  
SSGT David Giese  
SSGT Jason M Hermes  
PFC Kyle Kerstiens  
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens  
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens  
A1C Jared T. Rosato  
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

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

# Fall Dinner Dance

OCTOBER 26, 2024  
6-9 PM

Buffet Style Dinner Catered by  
LaVolpe of Center Moriches

\$30.00 per person

*FOOD • DJ/DANCING • MUSIC • RAFFLES*

*BEER/WINE (CASH ONLY)*

*HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ENCOURAGED*

*21 AND OVER ONLY*

Call 631-878-1033 to purchase your tickets by  
October 11th

Pre-purchased tickets required



2 St. John's Place Center Moriches  
School Auditorium





Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School

**Contact Us!**

631-878-1033

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## Bishop Barres Visits OLQA!



Bishop John O. Barres, bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, celebrated Mass with our OLQA students, faculty, staff and families on Tuesday, September 17! Also visiting were Fr. Matt Brown, director of Evangelization and Catechesis, and Fr. John Crozier, vocations director and chaplain at St. Anthony High School. Fr. Patrick Riegger, pastor of SJE, welcomed them and joined in the liturgy

Bishop Barres, Fr. Brown and Fr. Crozier all spoke about vocations and the importance of bringing the Light of Christ into the world. Principal Dawn Waller greeted and thanked the Bishop and visiting priests for all they do in our diocese

Students presented the Bishop with a Spiritual Bouquet, which was organized by theology teacher Ms. Maggio.

*I would like to thank our school principal, Mrs. Dawn Waller, and the entire faculty of Our Lady Queen of Apostles for building a strong catholic foundation for our children. This past Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Barres came to celebrate Mass with the entire school. He spoke about the importance of staying close to Jesus and remaining strong in our faith. We are so blessed here at St. John's to have a vibrant, Catholic School on our premises! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education.*

*God's blessings to all, Fr. Patrick*





*God bless America!*

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# PATRIOTIC ROSARY

*Come Pray the Rosary*

Wednesday

## October 16 ~ 7 PM

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**SJE Convent Chapel**  
**FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION**

**HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS COUNCIL #4126**



Once a month, we will pray the rosary for our country and sing patriotic hymns before the Blessed Sacrament. Please see the next date for each month leading up to Election Day... Please mark your calendar and join our parish family as we pray together for the future of our country.

**Next Date:**  
⇒ **Monday, November 4**



**Please join us for our parish  
Blessing of the Animals  
on  
Friday, October 4th at 5:00 pm  
on the Convent Lawn**

Bring your four legged, furry, feathered or scaled family members to St. John's for a special blessing on the Convent Lawn.

Family Life Ministry will provide treats for all pets and parishioners after the blessing.

We will also be collecting donations for Kent Animal Shelter at the pet blessing and throughout the weekend of 10/4-10/6. Donation bins will be at the blessing on Friday and in the fellowship area of the church Saturday and Sunday. **Here's the Wishlist from Kent:** Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, any kind of canned dog food, canned cat food, canned kitten food, Clorox wipes, paper towels, detergent, dish soap, bleach, garbage bags (13 gallon and 45 gallon) and gently used towels and blankets.

Thank you from all our furry friends at Kent!



## 2024 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Our 2024 Confirmation Candidates formalized their commitment the weekend of September 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and have begun the final weeks of preparation through our “Fearless” program.  
Let us continue to keep them and their families in our prayers!

## 2024 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”)

### **“FAMILY OF FAITH” (GRADES 1-6):**

OPENING PRAYER SERVICES/BOOK PICKUP, PARENT/STUDENT EVENT (ATTEND 1)

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM or 7 PM, Church

Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM OR 7 PM, Church

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

Next Session:

Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:15 PM in the Church

*\*\*Small Group Numbers to be emailed to families in October.*

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

Opening Prayer Service / Bible Distribution

Parent / Student Event

Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:15 PM in the 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 (2024)*

- Sessions: Tuesday, 7:15-8:30 PM in the Church on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Parent/Student Reconciliation Night: October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM in the Church
- Weekend of November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ MASS OF SENDING FORTH



# The Office of 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. Come to our next planning meeting **Wednesday, October 2, 2024 @ 7:00 PM** in the Upper Room in the Barn. To help out with these events, please email us at [clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:clapham@sjecm.org).

## Sandwich Sunday

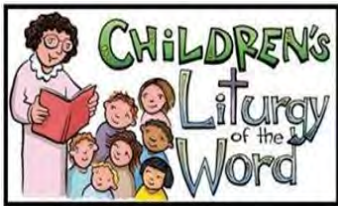


Last Sunday we made over 200 sandwiches to support Lighthouse Mission's efforts to feed the hungry in our local area! So many sandwiches... so much fun! Our next Sandwich Sunday will be October 20, 2024! **Please plan to come!**



## Moms on the Journey

Have you started for Fall cleaning yet? Don't procrastinate! Come get started as the Moms on the Journey begin a "spiritual fall clean up" on **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** in The Barn. All moms are welcome. Hope to see you there!



Then Jesus had a child stand near him. He put his arm around the child and said, "When you welcome even a child because of me, you welcome me. And when you welcome me, you welcome the one who sent me." (Mark 9: 36-37 ) Every Sunday during the 10:00 Mass.

**The children love it!**



# Parish Social Ministry

## Ernie's Place

Here is a list of items needed for our pantry. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

- Instant or can potatoes
- Cereal
- Flour
- Sugar
- Granola Bars
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Mac & Cheese



## Street Ministry Shopping List

- ♦ Men's & Women's Shorts Sizes S, M, L
- ♦ Men's & Women's T-Shirts Sizes S, M, L
- ♦ Men's Jeans Sizes 32, 34, 36
- ♦ Blankets
- ♦ White Socks
- ♦ Toilet Paper
- ♦ Feminine products
- ♦ Travel Size Shaving Cream and Razors
- ♦ Men's & Women's Underwear (new) Sizes S, M, L, XL

## Street Ministry

Are you a great cook? Or perhaps a social butterfly who enjoys engaging with others in the community?

Maybe you prefer to work behind the scenes? Do you love to fold clothes and organize things? *Come use the awesome gifts that God gave you to serve those in need in our local community!*



Our Street Ministry is an amazing community of volunteers who provide hot meals and clothing to individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless or unable to receive other supporting services. Whether you are interested in working in our donation room, cooking hot meals, making PB&J sandwiches, or participating in our van runs, Street Ministry has a place and a job for everyone! To get started or for more information contact Victoria Paparatto at [streetministry@sjecm.org](mailto:streetministry@sjecm.org)

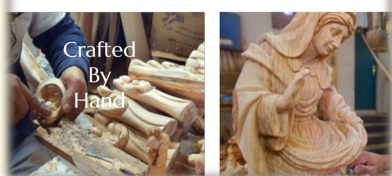


## NEXT WEEKEND!

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



Wood Carvers. After all masses on the weekend of **September 28 & 29**, 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.





Breast Cancer Awareness Month

# BLOOD DRIVE

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SPONSORED BY THE SAINT JANUARIUS MINISTRY

2 ST. JOHN'S PLACE, CENTER MORICHES

PARISH AUDITORIUM

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 3:00pm



TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

- [CLICK HERE](#)
  - SCAN QR CODE
- CONTACT MELISSA AT  
(917)566-8537/ [MGATTO@NYBC.ORG](mailto:MGATTO@NYBC.ORG)



Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.  
Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

For medical eligibility questions, please call 800.688.0900 or visit [nybc/can-i-donate](https://nybc/can-i-donate)



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# A Message from Msgr. Walden...



It is not so much the question of, "Who can I trust?", as much as, "Who do I trust every single day of my life?" To drive on the highway is to trust that everyone, including myself, will be attentive and obey the traffic laws. When we buy food in the supermarket, we trust the food we buy is fresh and will nourish us. Our innate ability to trust begins in childhood: we know mom and dad will always be there and take care of us. When we start school we trust the teachers we have. As we get older, we become trustworthy and do things that are good and loving on our own initiative. This Sunday and last Sunday, we see Jesus challenging His disciples to trust Him and put their faith in Him. In last Sunday's Gospel (Mark 8:27-35), we saw Jesus asking His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" St. Peter gives the right answer, but does not know what it means that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of the world. When Jesus responds to Peter and tells him that he will be rejected, killed, and rise on the third day, Peter rebuked Him. That led Jesus to say to Him, "Get behind me Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." In this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 9:30-37), Jesus says, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill Him, and three days after His death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question Him."

What does it mean for us as individuals and as the Church to have faith in Jesus? Who do I, in the depths of my mind and heart, say Jesus is for me and for everyone else? In so many ways, we need the innate, absolute trust that children have in their parents in our trust in Jesus. How far do we let Him into our minds and hearts? How much time and attention do we give Him in prayer, coming to Mass, experiencing His presence in the other Sacraments? St. Peter came to see how much Jesus truly loved him and was patient with him. How do we get to that point? Personal

prayer and Mass are essential. In last week's column, I had this quote from Karl Rahner: "So often I consider my prayer just a job, a duty to be performed. I "get it out of the way" and then relax, glad to have it behind me. When I'm at prayer, I'm at my "duty", instead of being with you." Faith and trust come over time and when we are faithful to God and He is there with us, we find inner peace, hope, courage, and gratitude. We do not have all the answers, but we remain open and committed to being guided by the light only our faith in Jesus brings.

As we read the Gospels, we see Jesus time and again going off to a quiet place to pray. How powerful was His faith in the Father as He prayed with all His heart in the agony in the garden: "He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will'." (Matthew 26:39).

I close with this quote from Pope Benedict XVI that sheds light on Jesus' description of who He is and what He came to do for us:

*"The capacity to accept suffering for the sake of goodness, truth, and justice is an essential criterion of humanity, because if my own well-being and safety are ultimately more important than truth and justice, then the power of the stronger prevails, then violence and untruth reign supreme. Truth and justice must stand above my comfort and physical well-being or else my life becomes a lie... To suffer with the other and for others; to suffer for the sake of truth and justice; to suffer out of love and in order to become a person who truly loves - these are the fundamental elements of humanity, and to abandon them would destroy men and woman themselves."*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN!





**Knights of  
Columbus®**

Queen of Hearts Council #4126

The Installation of the  
Knights of Columbus  
Queen of Hearts Council  
officers was held on  
Sunday, September 8, 2024.  
Many thanks to Grand  
Knight James O'Connor  
for his leadership and  
dedication!



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  
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## Women's Group...

Our Women's Group will be starting again on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM.



We welcome back our Members & invite New Members to join us as we read together, learn & share our feelings & life's experiences. It's an open group, come when you want or can. You can join throughout the year. There's no commitment. You don't have to share or read out loud, no homework. Everything we share is kept confidential. We respect each other's sharing. No judgement. All you need is desire to draw nearer to Jesus & to have fellowship with like-minded women who know we're not perfect & it's ok. **BRING A FRIEND!!!**

The book we'll read together is "The Sanctifier" by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, explaining in detail how the workings of the gifts of The Holy Spirit bring us into holiness. It's usually in the sharing part of what we're reading that gives us clearer understanding

of the subject especially because it relates to our lives at the present moment. We're living the lessons which is comforting when we're in pain, we have a lot of laughs too. We're there for each other! The book will be provided, and a free will offering can be made for the book.

We meet in the white house between the school & rectory every other Monday, unless noted with an asterisk \*, at 10:00 -11:30 AM, ending in time to go to 12:00 Mass if you want.

**Dates:** September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>\*, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Ketcham and Anita Luccari, Group Moderators ~ For info: 631-878-0009



## 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.

## Safe Environment...



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).



# Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

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 p.m. 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!

### DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

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

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

### TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

### COMIDA COMUNITARIA

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM

auditorio de la escuela

### MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

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!

Join **BISHOP ANDRZEJ** this Fall  
for the monthly times of prayer and reflection called

## EUCCHARISTIC HORIZONS

exploring the deeper understanding of our mysteries of life  
in the light of perpetual gift of grace and real presence of Jesus  
in His Sacrament of Love

**September 24, 2024**

**October 29, 2024**

**November 26, 2024**

**December 17, 2024**

At 7:00 pm

**Church of St. Paul the Apostle**

**2534 Cedar Swamp Rd., Brookville**



For further information

Call - 516.744.6850

Email - [worship@drvc.org](mailto:worship@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>

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Men only) - BMR

## Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Divine Will

## Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 4 PM Legion of Mary - BMR
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

## Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

## Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

## Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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