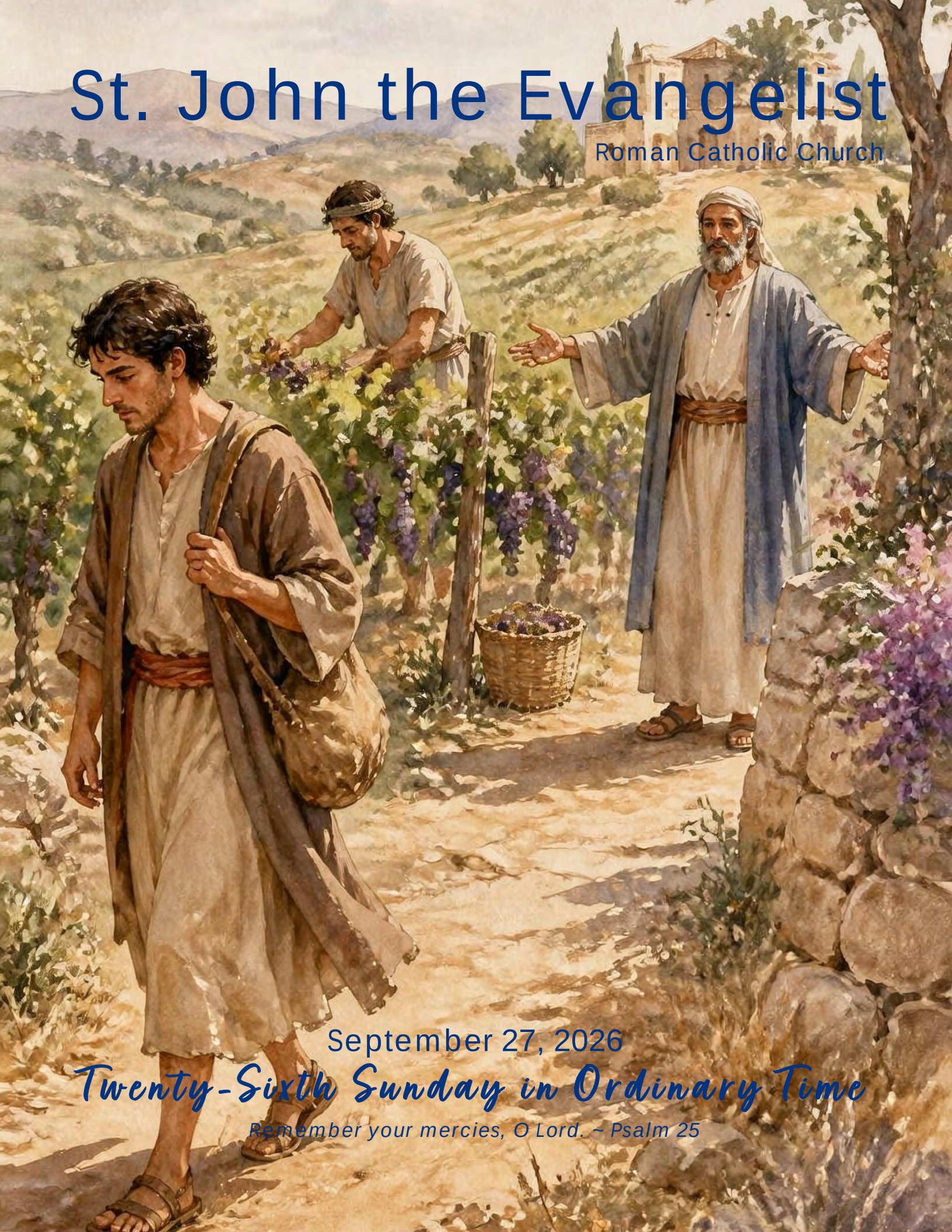


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



September 27, 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remember your mercies, O Lord. ~ Psalm 25



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25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, New York, 11934-3968

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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, October 3rd

5:00 PM - Fr. Francis

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charline

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, October 4th

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Patrick

6:00 PM - Fr. Charline

*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

Katie Waller

Director of Operations

Heather Crayne

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

Angela Werner

Director of Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

OLQA

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Regional Catholic School (on the campus of SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY 631.878.1033 (ext. 201)

www.olqany.org

Dawn Waller, Principal

dwaller@olqany.org

Office Hours

Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM - 3:00 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Please take note of the summer hours.
Please call before visiting any parish offices.

Confession Schedule

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM & 7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

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

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Gospel Reflection ~ Matthew 21:28-32

The Parable of the Two Sons

What comes to mind in today's gospel parable is this quote found in Luke's Gospel, "from everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." (Lk 12:48) I firmly believe that this quote from Luke's Gospel sums up well the true meaning behind today's parable. Here Jesus makes a comparison between those who are from the Jewish faith and those who are not.

During this new era of renewal of faith, the era of Redemption, Jesus teaches the crowds by way of parables. He is using images and situations that the people of the time can easily identify with and relate to, no different than for us today. The purpose of any parable is to invoke a response upon the listener, one who is engaged in the teachings of Christ to draw one's attention away from the world into the presence of God to get us thinking again about our faith and relationship with God. He is drawing them into a conversation with Him. He is making a distinction between those who are faithful to God's Word and those who are not.

In other words, He is getting them to think wisely and correctly. The first son, who told his father that He would not work in the vineyard, later had a change of heart and was obedient. He represents all of those who reject God's Word at first, but later accept the Lord and His teachings. Whereas, the second son who said yes in going forth and was obedient at first, represents those in Israel that eventually did not follow through on their promise. To insult your father in ancient Israel in this way was unacceptable. To say yes and not remain faithful to your word was disrespectful. In the end, the second son did not practice what he preached. He was not obedient. He was being hypocritical. He said one thing and did another.

The point that Jesus was making in today's parable is that the second son was representing many in Israel who were fulfilling all of their religious obligations from an external perspective but not following through in their love and service to others. They were self-righteous and arrogant. Their hearts were hardened, and they refused to take the Lord's teachings in its entirety. They were not being respectful to God and His commands. They were more concerned about their own well-being and not concerned about others. They wanted to live a life of convenience and not of service to others. Their faith was incomplete because of their lack of concern and charity in the end.

How true of us today, those of us doing our best in living out the Christian faith. We profess we are Catholics and we hear God's Word being proclaimed each week. But at times, we fall short. We fail to put into action what we preach or adhere to be true. We tend to be Christians in name only. We hear about the importance of loving and forgiving, and yet we fail to love and forgive in return. Our hearts are hardened. They are not open to the joy that God's Word brings us. We fail to forgive those who have trespassed against us. We fail to be reconciled with one another. We fail to be an extension of our Lord's endless mercy and love for others. We are no different than the people who failed to accept Christ and His teachings as word and truth. At times, we are hypocritical. Our faith is incomplete when we fail to practice what we agree and believe to be true! It is lacking in wholeness.

Does not St. James say in the New Testament, "faith without good works is lifeless. It is empty." (James 2:17) In other words, actions speak louder than words. If the love of God does not flow from our faith, then it is dead. It is insincere and not capable of helping others. Faith requires an open heart in obedience to

God's Word by living and remaining in His love. If we ever want to measure how big our faith is in God, then how big is our love for others? If we want to live in peace and freedom, then we need to adhere to God's Word in its entirety. We need to soften our hearts more. We need to be less critical and more loving and forgiving. We need to take our faith more seriously and know the saving power behind God's Word that is reassuring and understanding.

In reality, what was taking place here is that those who knew the right answer to the question that Jesus proposed but were not practicing it within their own lives were merely passing judgment on themselves whether they realized it or not. Let's not do the same today. Let's not be hypocritical. We know so much more than they did back then. We know how important and wonderful Jesus is and all that He has done for us in bringing the world redemption. We know from our experience the joy He brings into our lives when we are obedient to His commands. The bottom line is that we have the choice to say yes or no to God. The decision is ours whether or not we want to live lives that are joyful and fulfilling in the Lord. The choice is ours whether or not we want to make the necessary changes we need to make in order to grow in our appreciation and understanding of God. It is clear from today's parable that there must be a connection to what we say and do in order to reflect the love of God within our own lives and to grow in our faith.

Parish Update

Back on Saturday, September 12th, at the 5 PM Mass, it was wonderful to see so many of you come out to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Catholic school. Bishop Robert Guglielmone, retired bishop of Charleston, South Carolina, and a graduate of St. John's Catholic School in 1959, led us in liturgy. He spoke about how our Catholic school had a big impact on his faith and life and how it was the foundation of him becoming a priest. It was great to be part of this parish celebration. We have a wonderful Catholic school on premise with a great principal, Mrs. Dawn Waller, along with the entire school faculty. It is always wonderful to visit the school and spend time with the students and teachers. The school offers a great Catholic education in a safe and healthy environment. Throughout this Centennial year, the school will host several events in promoting Catholic education here at St. John's. We hope to see you at some of the events. If you think you might be interested in enrolling your children in our school and would like more information, please call the main office. Thank you all for always supporting our school.

Last Sunday, September 20th, we hosted the installation of all the new officers of our Knights of Columbus, Queen of All Hearts Council. It is so wonderful to be the Chaplain of our council. They do so much for our parish and community here in the Moriches and surrounding areas. I would like to personally thank our Grand Knight, TJ McCann and our Deputy Grand Knight, Francis Ferrara, for their outstanding leadership and hard work along with all the members of our council. Each Friday evening, they host bingo in our parish auditorium. It is an amazing evening of fun and fellowship. All the money raised goes to help with the upkeep of our parish and the Knights in their many charities. In addition, \$3000.00 is awarded in prizes. If you love to play bingo, please come and join us. And if you're interested in becoming a Knight, please let me know!



Masses for the Week...

Saturday, September 26th Weekday

8:00 AM Michael O'Brien
 5:00 PM Diane Albano
 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, September 27th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Robert Salomone
 10:00 AM Glenn Probeyahn
 12:00 Noon Maria Petosa
 6:00 PM Lou Angotti

Monday, September 28th Weekday

7:00 AM Liz Della Ratta
 12:00 Noon Patricia Melillo

Tuesday, September 29th Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

7:00 AM Kathleen Fallon
 12:00 Noon John Immel

Wednesday, September 30th St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Peter Torres Sr.
 12:00 Noon Patricia Melillo

Thursday, October 1st St. Therese of the Child of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Annie Falek-Mora
 12:00 Noon Helen & Felice Terracino

Friday, October 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 AM Verna Sikora
 12:00 Noon Special Intention—Joe C.

Saturday, October 3rd Weekday

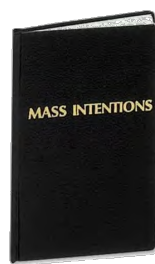
8:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro
 5:00 PM Clara Hoffmeier
 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 4th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Helen Gallagher
 10:00 AM Arlene & Special Intention-Roy Probeyahn
 12:00 Noon Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
 6:00 PM Rosanne Laura

2027 Mass Book Now Open

The 2027 Mass Book is now open. Parishioners wishing to arrange a Mass intention for a loved one are welcome to stop by the Parish Office during regular office hours.



If you are unable to come into the Parish Office, Mass intentions may also be requested and paid for through our parish website.

Offering a Mass for a loved one — living or deceased — is a beautiful way to remember them in prayer and entrust them to God's loving care.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$700,407	38	\$18,432
2025	\$675,425	38	\$17,774



As of 9/21/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	218	195
Total Pledged to date	\$95,483	\$82,199
Percent of Goal	79%	71%

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!



Please help us reach our goal!



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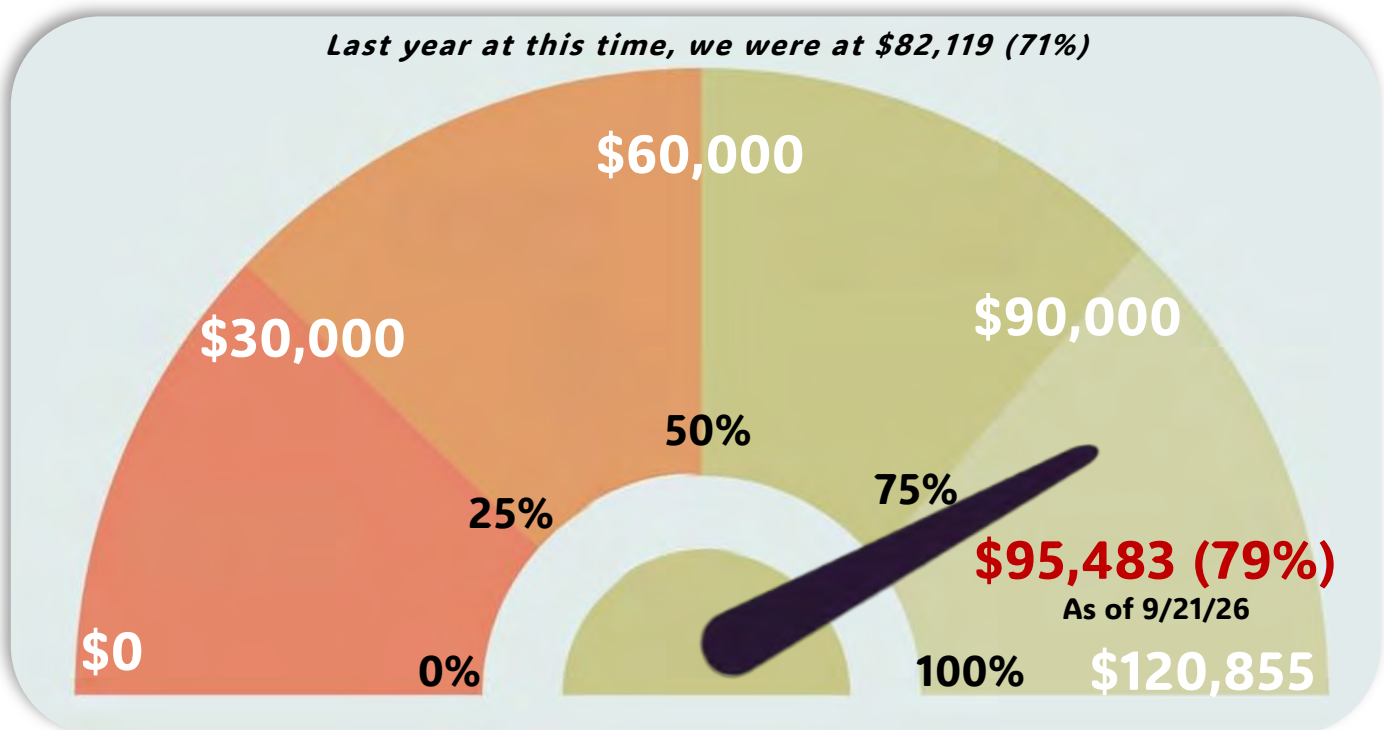
We are more than three quarters of the way there!

There will be a special collection for the CMA campaign this weekend, September 26th & 27th.

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 \$82,119 (71%)



We pray for our Service Members

We honor and remember the following men and women for their service, dedication, and sacrifice. Lord, hold our troops in Your loving care. Protect and bless them and their families for their selfless service. We give thanks for all veterans and pray for those currently serving at home and abroad.

United States Army

Monaghan, Justin — Private Second Class
O'Neill, Aidan — Second Lieutenant
Smith, David — Private First Class
Valentin, Steven — Private First Class
Williams, Cara — Private

United States Marine Corps

Abbatiello, Michael — Lance Corporal
Berkemeyer, Evan — Lance Corporal
Brady, Sean — Private First Class
Casey, Sean — Sergeant
Cestare, Joseph — Sergeant
Deshler II, Kevin W. — Corporal
Montemarano, Quentin — Sergeant
Toscanini, Kyle — Private First Class
Walther, Christopher — Second Lieutenant

United States Navy

Casey, Andrew R. — Engineman Third Class
Esposito Jr., Christopher J. — Machinist's Mate Nuclear First Class
Montoya Rivera, Angel Gabriel — Electronics Technician Seaman
Nolan Jr., Jeremiah — Electronics Technician Second Class
Paduana, Michael — Seaman
Raeihle, Christian — Seaman
Ruggiero, Ralph J. — Lieutenant
Taylor III, Thomas — Seaman
Walsh, Jack Patrick — Seaman
Racioppi, Dominick — Seabee EO-2

United States Air Force

Auciello, Anthony — Staff Sergeant
Casey, Andrew R. — Technical Sergeant
Giese, David — Technical Sergeant
Hayes, Brenden M. — Airman First Class
Hermes, Jason — Technical Sergeant
Hermes, Sabrina — Technical Sergeant
Kerstiens, Claudia — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Kyle — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Ryan — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Timothy — Technical Sergeant
McCauley II, William E. — Staff Sergeant
McGrath, Claire — First Lieutenant
Pfister, James — Airman First Class
Rosato, Jared T. — Senior Airman
Traina, Peter A. — Airman First Class

United States Coast Guard

Bernath, Brendan J. — Boatswain's Mate Third Class
Donohue, Keith — Captain



If you would like a loved one to be remembered in our **Military Prayer List**, please call the rectory at **631.878.0009** or email rectory@sjecm.org. We will lift their intentions to God, asking for protection, strength, and peace for all who serve and their families.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon our nation. Guide our country in the ways of truth, justice, freedom, and peace.

We entrust to Your loving care all who serve in our Armed Forces. Protect them, strengthen them in times of challenge, and grant them courage, wisdom, and perseverance. Keep them safe wherever they serve and bring them home to their loved ones.

We remember with gratitude those who have given their lives in service to our country. Welcome them into Your eternal Kingdom, and comfort their families with the hope of the Resurrection and the assurance of Your un-failing love.

Help us to be faithful stewards of the freedoms we enjoy. Inspire us to live with integrity, serve one another with charity, uphold the dignity of every human person, and always seek the common good.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace and Patroness of the United States, bless our nation with unity, wisdom, justice, and lasting peace. Guide our leaders, strengthen our communities, and help us always to place our trust in You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Carmelo DiNaro

Neal Hart

Joey Dorr

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

May the Lord grant them comfort, strength, and healing.

Bill Hasper
Mark Havens
James Patrick Lapham
Rachel Tekula
Robert Cantillo Sr.
Robert Cantillo Jr

Jessica King
John Sapienza
Holly Redmond
Rosemary Avitabile
Frank Paterno

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

ALTAR BREAD & WINE INTENTIONS

For the month of **September**, the altar bread and wine are offered for the repose of the soul of:

Michael Stachnik

ALTAR CANDLES

For the month of **September**, the altar candles are offered for the:

Sisters of Charity

Prayer and Remembrance

At SJE, we offer parishioners many ways to remember loved ones or honor someone living through the offering of votive and altar candles, as well as altar bread and wine. These offerings create a visible sign of prayer and devotion while supporting the life of our parish.

Votive candles illuminate the beautiful statues throughout our church, including the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As these candles burn, they bring light to our sacred space and invite quiet reflection, inspiring deeper moments of prayer and trust in God.

Both **votive candles** and **altar candles** may be offered for \$25 per week. **Altar bread and wine** may be offered for \$250 per month. The names of those remembered or honored through these offerings will be listed in the parish bulletin during the month.

To make an offering, please visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email rectory@sjecm.org. May these candles be a sign of hope, remembrance, and prayer for all who gather in our church.

All are invited to join
Lay Franciscan & Catholic Recording Artist

AL BARBARINO

as we gather together to pray

**THE
PATRIOTIC
ROSARY**



★ Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7pm ★

St. John the Evangelist Church

25 Ocean Avenue
Center Moriches, Long Island, NY

This special evening of prayer and song is in honor of
the 250th Anniversary Celebration of America &
continued BLESSINGS & PROTECTION FROM GOD!



SJE
Family Life Ministry

Join us for... **Blessing of the Animals**



#FeastofStFrancisofAssisi

Sunday, October 4th @ 3 PM

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 from the weekend of September 26 through the weekend of October 4. Donation bins will be available in the fellowship area of the church throughout the collection period, as well as at the Pet Blessing..

Here's the Wish list from Kent...

- Clorox wipes
- Paper towels
- Detergent
- Dish soap
- Bleach
- Garbage bags (13 gallon and 45 gallon)
- Gently used towels and blankets
- Purina cat chow
- Purina kitten chow
- any kind of canned dog food
- any kind of canned cat food
- any kind of canned kitten food





Blood Drive

Show up for those fighting cancer

Share your strength. Give blood.



St. John the Evangelist

2 ST. JOHN'S PLACE, CENTER MORICHES

SPONSORED BY THE SAINT JANUARIUS MINISTRY

Saturday, October 10th

9:00am – 3:00pm

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

- SCAN QR CODE
- CONTACT MELISSA AT:

(917) 566-8537 / MGATTO@NYBC.ORG

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



Prepare to donate



Eat well and hydrate



Bring a photo ID



Feel good and symptom free



Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form



Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

Walk-ins are welcome! Appointments help reduce waiting.



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Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Education



On Saturday, September 12, we welcomed Bishop Guglielmone and Sr. Regina Bechtel, SC as we celebrated 100 years of Catholic education in Center Moriches! Special thanks to all the past and current staff, students, alumni and benefactors, as well as clergy, who joined us for the anniversary Mass and groundbreaking/blessing of our St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Centennial Legacy Garden. The garden will be a tribute to the Sisters of Charity, who founded the school, with a special remembrance of Sr. Eileen Martin, former principal of OLQA. Visit olqany.org for more info on how to become a part of the Legacy Garden.

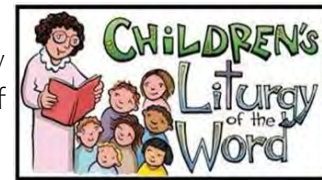
OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY



Our Family Ministries are looking for enthusiastic adult volunteers who would like to share their gifts and help build a vibrant parish community. Whether you enjoy working with children, planning events, or simply lending a helping hand, there is a place for you!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Help our youngest parishioners grow in their faith during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed as **Readers, Homilists, Shepherds, and Heralds**. If you're curious about the ministry, come visit a session and see what it's all about!



Family Life Ministry

If you enjoy bringing people together, this is the ministry for you! From seasonal celebrations to family activities and special parish events, our Family Life Ministry helps create meaningful experiences for all ages. We meet on the **first Wednesday of each month**, and there's always room for new ideas and helping hands.

If you would like more information or are ready to get involved, please email familylife@SJECm.org. We'd love to welcome you to the team!

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This past Sunday, September 20th, the members of the **Knights of Columbus** held their annual installation in our Church. We congratulate the newly installed officers and thank all of the Knights for their continued dedication and service to our parish and community. We are grateful for the many ways the Knights support the life and mission of St. John the Evangelist throughout the year. May God bless them as they begin another year of service, fellowship, and faith.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>
faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org
Office Hours: By Appointment Only

LEVEL 7 BIBLE BLESSING ~ Our Level 7 students, who are entering their first year of Confirmation preparation, and their families recently came together for our opening prayer service and Bible Blessing. Fr. Francis presided at the service, where students received their "Breakthrough" Youth Bibles, which they will be using throughout their two-and-a-half years of Confirmation preparation.



2026-27 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website. sjecm.org

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

NEXT SESSION

Tuesday, October 20 at 7:15 PM in the Church

**Please check your email in mid-October for your child's small group number*

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

Parent/Student Event

Monday, 9/28 at 7:15 PM in the Church



"FAMILY OF FAITH"

(Grades 1-6)

NEXT SESSIONS

Parent/Student Event

Attend ONE of the following sessions with your child/children

Tuesday, 10/6 OR Thursday, 10/8
at 5 PM OR 7 PM in the Church

"FEARLESS" 2026 CONFIRMATION PREP

Next Session

Tuesday, 9/29 at 7:15 PM in the Church

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: socialministry@SJECm.org

THRIFT SHOP

Open to the public Wednesdays 9 AM—12 PM. Proceeds from our sales support St. John's outreach programs. Please visit the shop to support our efforts and pick up a gift or something special for yourself!

Are you looking to donate jewelry? If so, donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought directly into the shop on Monday or Tuesday mornings. Costume jewelry is most welcome too!



ERNIE'S PLACE

Our food pantry is open to serve families in need every week on Monday nights and Thursday afternoons. Non-perishable donations can be placed in the brown bin outside of Ernie's or in the wagon inside Church near the main entrance. All donations are greatly appreciated, here's a few suggestions of items we're currently low on:



⇒ Jelly, Syrup, Bar soap, Ketchup, Hot sauce, Small bags of flour, Jarred tomato sauce, Baby wipes, Canned & small bags of red beans



Many thanks to local Girl Scout Troop 308 for donating food to Ernie's Place! They collected canned goods, children's snacks, bottled water, toilet paper and so much more. Thank you for your generosity!

STREET MINISTRY

Every Thursday our Street Ministry van goes out, serving the poor in our community with a hot meal, basic essentials and more. Volunteers also gather on Wednesday mornings to organize all the clothing, shoes and toiletry donations that are given out with the food.



Street Ministry donations requested:

- ♥ Deodorant
- ♥ Washcloths
- ♥ Men's Jeans sizes 32-36 gently used
- ♥ Men's and Women's new underwear
- ♥ Men's and Women's new socks
- ♥ Single razors and small shaving cream
- ♥ Men's and Women's Sneakers gently used

COMMUNITY MEAL

Our sit-down meal will be served this month on Monday, September 28 at 6 PM. It is a beautiful gathering, nourishing the less fortunate in our community. Please call the PSM office if you can drop off a hot meal, a side dish or would like to make anything special for this month's meal!



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

Parishes Praying for Priests

UNITED IN ADORATION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

3PM - 7PM



Answering Our Lady's call to pray for our Priests and for the increase of Vocations.

Without our priests we have
NO Eucharist and NO Sacraments

SETON CHAPEL
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CONVENT

Please offer any amount of time during these hours to be in unified prayer within our Diocese.

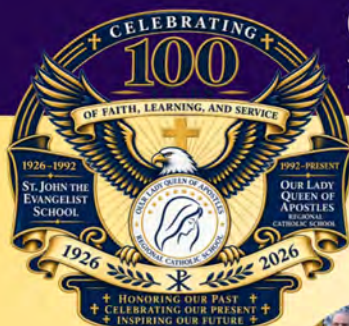


Little Bethlehem Christians is a group that represents over 300 Christian and Catholic families who live in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Shepherd's Field, and the Holy Land area, and make their livings as Olive Wood Carvers.

This weekend, **September 26 & 27**, the group will be represented by the Al-Sahouri family displaying 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 to view this beautiful collection of items.



Meet Al-Sahouri Family



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Calling All Alumni !



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Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Education

Our Centennial Celebration Needs You!



Were you a student, graduate, parent, faculty member, staff member, or part of the St. John the Evangelist School or Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School community? We would love to reconnect with you!

Please scan the QR code above or visit the Parish website to share your photos, memorabilia, and memories. Your stories will help preserve and celebrate a century of Catholic education and ensure that the rich history and legacy of St. John the Evangelist School and Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School continue to be shared with future generations.

You may also contact us at celebrateolqa100th@olqany.org.



Women's Group...

Our Women's Group meets every other Monday from 10:00–11:30 AM, September through June, in the Convent on Ocean Avenue.

Newcomers are always welcome at any time. All that is needed is a desire to grow in our faith and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Our books for this year are:

- **Beautiful Holiness** by Kathleen Beckmann
- **Back to Virtue** by Peter Kreeft

These books complement each other, helping us recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the importance of praying for virtue.

A suggested offering of \$25 is appreciated to help offset the cost of the books. However, no one should ever feel unable to participate because of the offering. Sharing is always optional—we're simply happy you've chosen to be with us.

2026 Meeting Dates

September 28, October 5, 19,

November 9, 23, December 7, 21

God bless you, **Carol & Anita** (Moderators)

For more information, please call 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.

Queen of All Heart 4126

FRIDAY Bingo



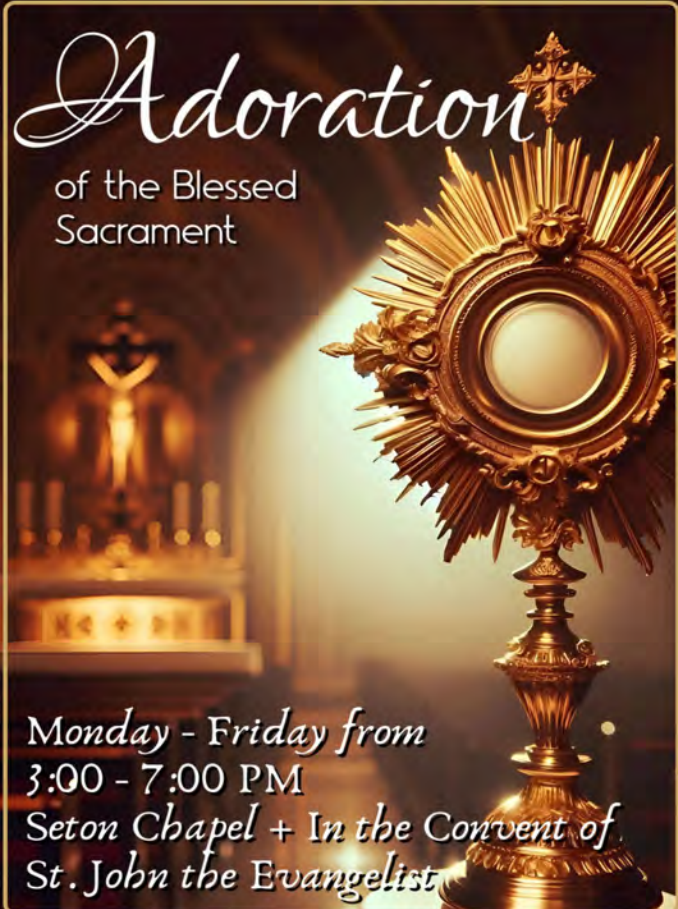
Every Friday - SJE Parish Auditorium
\$3000 in PRIZES
Doors Open at 6:30 PM
Games Begin at 7:30 PM



**Knights of
Columbus**
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Adoration

of the Blessed
Sacrament



**Monday - Friday from
3:00 - 7:00 PM**
**Seton Chapel + In the Convent of
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A Message from Monsignor Walden...



"I meant what I said and said what I meant, an elephant's faithful one hundred percent!" I read those words many times when my nieces and nephew were young children. The words are from "Horton Hatches the Egg" by Doctor Seuss. Amazingly, Horton the elephant got talked into tending the egg of the lazy bird until it hatched. Once he made the commitment, he was the one who got the egg to hatch. That line: meaning what we say and saying what we mean, came to mind as I read the Gospel for today's Mass (Matthew 21:28-32). The father asked each of his sons individually to go and work in his vineyard. The first said no but then changed his mind and did what his father asked. The second son told his father yes but never went into the vineyard and had no intention of doing so.

We all make commitments in life. As a priest, I have been the official witness of the Church as a man and woman come to receive the Sacrament of Marriage: "I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." What beautiful words to speak and to hear. How seriously and joyfully our words in marriage and in all the commitments we make in life set us on a very challenging and life-fulfilling journey. None of us is perfect. Differences and disappointments can all too easily put tension in our lives together and divide us. The key is always to look beyond ourselves personally and seek reconciliation and gratitude.

Jesus called His twelve apostles to follow him. As we read the Gospels, we see their fears, disappointment in themselves, and their lack of understanding. All the negative feelings we experience at times were part of their being human. How did they get to total trust? They recognized Jesus' love, hopes, and trust in them. Jesus was totally committed to bringing the apostles into His life. His death on the cross and His return to them in the resurrection appearances made that so clear. The more we can trust in Jesus' total and complete love for us, the stronger our faith becomes, the more life giving his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance, and the more powerful the Holy Spirit in our minds and hearts.

As we are responsible for the things we say and do, consistency, peace, hope, inspiration, and purpose only come when we take Jesus' commitment to us seriously. He opened the gates of heaven and wants to accompany us at every step in our life journey in this world to the fullness of His presence in heaven. The stronger our faith, the more life-giving our hope, and the more joyful and powerful our love.

I invite you to take some quality time to reflect on the second reading for Mass today (Philippians 2:1-11).

Brothers and sisters:

*If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any solace in love,
any participation in the Spirit,
any compassion and mercy,
complete my joy by being of the same mind,
with the same love,
united in heart, thinking one thing.
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others as more important
than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests,
but also for those of others.*

*Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under
the earth, and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
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Antes de hacer arreglos para la recepción u otros preparativos, las familias deben reunirse primero con un sacerdote o un miembro del Equipo Pastoral para conversar sobre la preparación y reservar una fecha con la Iglesia.

Para obtener más información o comenzar el proceso, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 631-878-0009 o por correo electrónico a rectory@sjecm.org.



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,
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También estaremos recolectando donaciones para Kent Animal Shelter desde el fin de semana del 26 de septiembre hasta el fin de semana del 4 de octubre. Habrá recipientes para las donaciones en el área de convivencia de la Iglesia durante todo el período de recolección, así como durante la Bendición de los Animales.



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Monday, September 28th, 2026

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

Tuesday, September 29th, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 30th, 2026

- 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, October 1st, 2026

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

Friday, October 2nd, 2026

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

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

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

Sunday, October 4th, 2026

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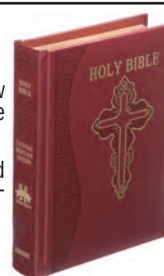
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