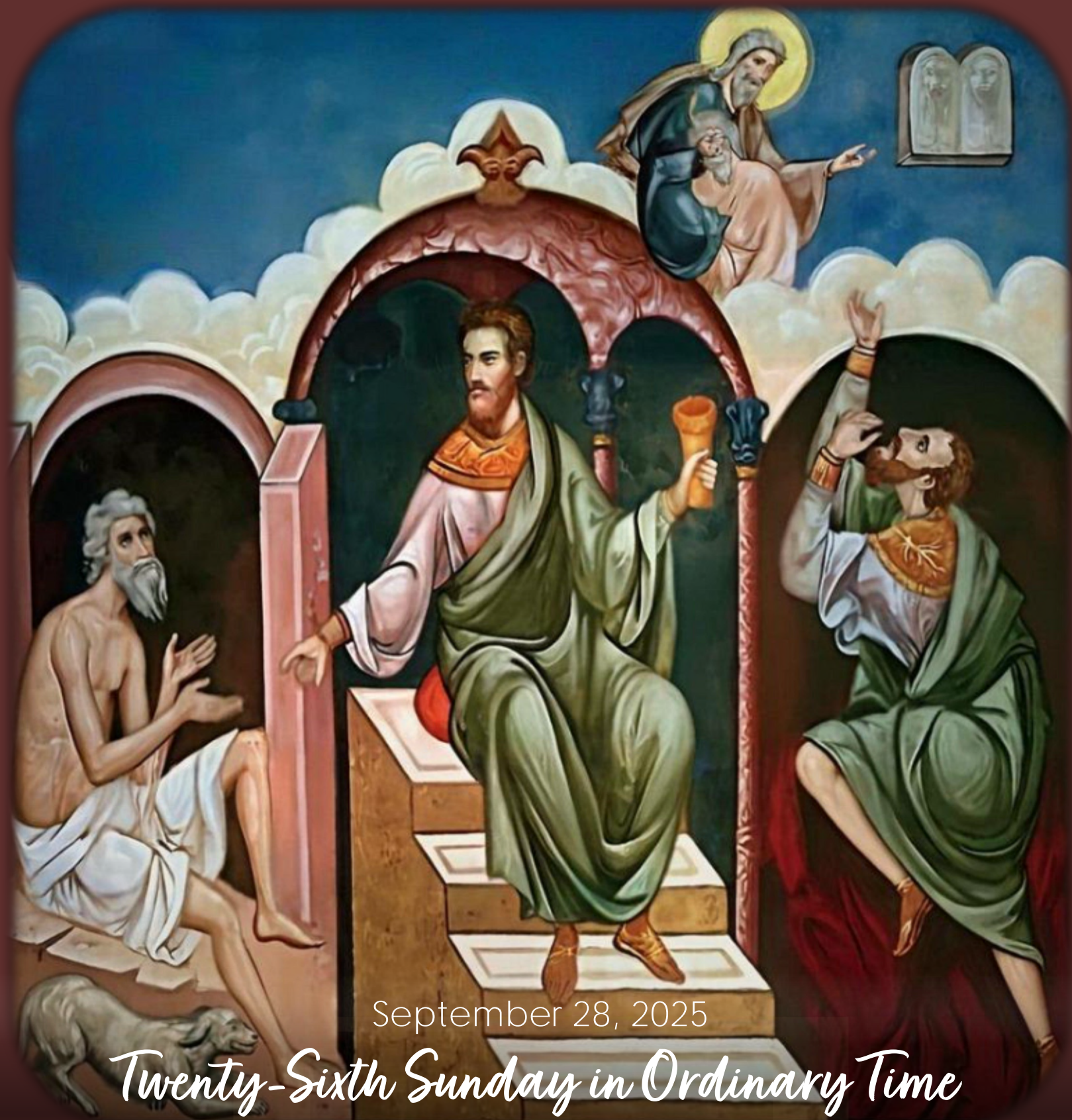


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



September 28, 2025

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord. ~Psalm 146



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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 4th

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Peter

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass

will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Sunday, October 5th

8:00 AM - Fr. Francis

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Charlince

6:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor

Reverend Charlince 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

Dawn Waller, Principal

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 Fr. Francis Lasrado...

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The words of Scripture are often words of love and compassion; they are also words of encouragement, joy, and kindness; words of persuasion, egging us on in the right direction, and often coaxing us to a change of heart. Occasionally, they are very challenging. The Scripture readings for this weekend are not gentle nudges; they sound like a divine alarm, and invite us to confront a stark reality: the chasm that separates the rich from the poor, and the even greater chasm we create in our hearts when we ignore the cries of those in need.

The prophet Amos, in our first reading (Amos 6:1a, 4-7), paints a vivid picture of complacency among the wealthy elite of Israel: lounging on ivory beds, feasting on veal and wine, singing idle songs while the poor suffer and the nation crumbles. “Woe to the complacent in Zion!” Amos thunders. Their luxury isn’t the sin—it’s their indifference. They sing and revel, oblivious to the ruin at their gates. This isn’t ancient history; it’s what we see today, with billionaires launching rockets while families sleep in the streets, Amos asks: ‘Are we the complacent ones, scrolling past the homeless on our way to the next indulgence?’

The responsorial psalm (Psalm 146) offers a counterpoint—a song of praise to the God who “secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, and sets captives free.” This is the God who lifts up the lowly, protects the widow and orphan, and sustains the stranger. It’s a reminder that true power isn’t in wealth or status, but in God’s faithful love.

In the Gospel (Luke 16:19-31), Jesus, through a haunting parable, presents a powerful and challenging message about

wealth, poverty, and our ultimate destiny. It’s the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. This story is a direct call to examine our hearts and our relationship with the material things of this world. The rich man, unnamed in the parable, is described as living in luxury every single day. He completely overlooks Lazarus, the poor man covered in sores, who lies at his gate, longing for scraps. The rich man’s spiritual blindness prevents him from seeing the suffering right outside his door. He lived behind closed doors of wealth and comfort, while Lazarus lay right outside in need. He was indifferent and simply ignored him. He saw Lazarus suffering right in front of him and chose to do nothing; he saw him hungry and he didn’t feed him, he saw him naked and didn’t clothe him. That was his sin.

The Word of God reminds us: the measure of our faith is not only in prayer and worship, but in how we respond to those in need. This parable asks us: Who is the Lazarus at our gate today? It may be the poor on the street, the lonely neighbor, the sick relative, the migrant, or even someone in our own family who longs for love and attention. To ignore them is to risk losing our way before God.

Saint Paul in our second reading urges us to “pursue righteousness, faith, love, and gentleness.” These are the virtues that make us truly rich in God’s eyes.

We ought to resolve today to open our eyes and soften our hearts—to see Lazarus, to respond with compassion, and to live as people who reflect the love and mercy of Christ.

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, September 27th Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

5:00 PM Sister Eileen Martin

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, September 28th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Liz DellaRatta

10:00 AM Glenn and Roy Probeyahn

12:00 Noon Brian Blomberg

6:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, September 29th Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

7:00 AM Kathleen Fallon

12:00 Noon John Immel

Tuesday, September 30th Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Florence Dennis

12:00 PM Louis and Marie D'Amara

Wednesday, October 1st Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Alfonsina "Volpe" Cresimanni

12:00 Noon Helen and Felice Terracino

Thursday, October 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 AM Dennis Murray

12:00 Noon Verna Sikora

Friday, October 3rd Weekday

7:00 AM Helen Gallagher

12:00 Noon Special Intention-Adelaide Rego

Saturday, October 4th Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro

5:00 PM Deborah Moschello

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 5th Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joseph Mazzarella

10:00 AM Arleen and Roy Probeyahn Jr.

12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

6:00 PM Yvette Saar



PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2025 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2025	\$675,425	38	\$17,774
2024	\$681,154	38	\$17,925

2025

Please help us reach our goal!

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE-CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*



As of 9/23/2025	2025	2024
Parish Goal	\$115,100	\$115,100
Number of Donors	195	209
Total Pledged to date	\$82,119	\$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!

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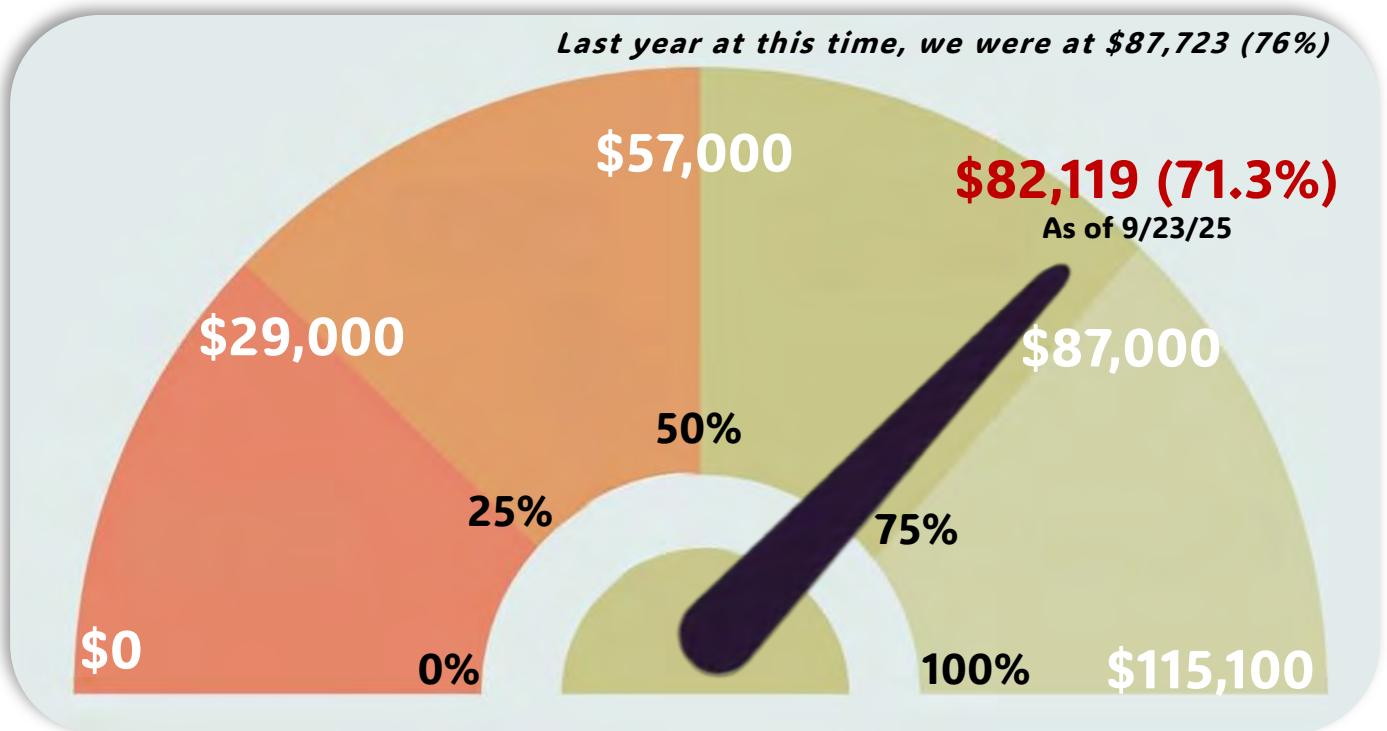
**WE GIVE *because*
HE GAVE FIRST**

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

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We are close to 75% of our goal, with about 3 months left! Please help if you can!

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





Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Our Military

Patricia Ann Hollenstein
Antonia Migliore + Cornelius McNulty
John Enright + Susan Hanratty

"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, Christine Shay,
Rev. Matthew Considine, Daniel
Treadwell, Elizabeth Kiernan

"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.

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
2nd 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.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Michael Stachnik Jr.

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

Ann and Harry Holland

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

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.**

Join us for...

Blessing of the Animals

#FeastofStFrancisofAssisi

Saturday, October 4th @ 10 a.m.

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 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Here's the Wishlist from Kent...

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





Dear Friends:

As we continue to embrace our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, let us continue to be *Renewed by the Eucharist and Sent out on Mission* to strengthen our commitment to our Faith, and bring hope to those in need. This is a time of grace and joy—a call to come together as one community, united in purpose and love for Christ and His Church.

Individually, we may feel limited in what we can do, but together, we can achieve extraordinary things! The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) allows us to extend Christ's love throughout Long Island, ensuring that those who are struggling find support, encouragement, and a renewed sense of hope.

The CMA is more than just a fundraiser—it is an opportunity for us to unite in mission, strengthen the Church, and continue the incredible work of Christ in our communities.

Your gifts support the education of our seminarians, deacons, and lay leaders as they prepare to serve in our diocese. Your gifts also help keep that fire burning in our young people in religious education classes and those participating in Youth, Young Adult, Campus Ministry, and programs such as Camp Quo Vadis. Our Respect Life initiatives, our Catholic Charities and parish social ministry programs, and our food pantries, all can work tirelessly and passionately because of your support.

Every gift, no matter the size, has a profound impact, and 100% of all monies raised go to support the Appeal and its ministries.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and your willingness to walk this journey of faith with us. Together, let us build a stronger, more vibrant Church for all.

Thank you for your continued dedication and generosity. May God bless you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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 11th
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



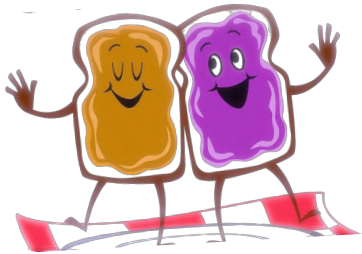
Meet minimum weight requirements

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

Walk-ins are welcome! Appointments help reduce waiting.

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

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. Over 350 sandwiches were made!

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 4th 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, October 22nd**! Grab a friend and come! All moms are welcome!

HOW DO YOU PRAY THE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

The Eucharistic Adoration is a prayer (it normally lasts an hour, called Holy Hour) that is made before the Blessed Sacrament.

Steps to pray:

1. REALIZE WHO IS PRESENT

Place yourself in the presence of Christ.

2. GIVE THANKS

Be thankful for this moment of prayer and for all the blessings the Lord has given you.

3. ASK

Present Him all your intentions and the intentions of those around you.

4. MEDITATE

In a moment of silence, try to listen to the voice of God.

5. ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

Express your sorrow for the world's sins and your own.

How to pray? 10 ways of praying

Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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

If you can be present for a specific hour, email rectory@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

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Reinforcing Our Magnificent Catholic Faith in Word and Song!

presented by Catholic Recording Artist/Lay Franciscan Al Barbarino



Wednesday, October 15th at 7 PM

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

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>
faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org
Office Hours: By Appointment Only



We are grateful to all our families in Levels 1-6 who came out for our "Family of Faith" opening prayer service in September as we kicked off our year about the Sacraments and God's grace! The summer projects - "God's Masterpiece" banners - will remain in the church through our next session - thank you to all who participated! Special thanks to our volunteers and staff, our music ministry and Fr. Patrick, who presided at all four prayer services!



2025 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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

(sjecm.org, click on "Faith Formation")

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Next Class Session:

Monday, October 20 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

**Check your email later in October for your child's small group number!*

**Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles!*

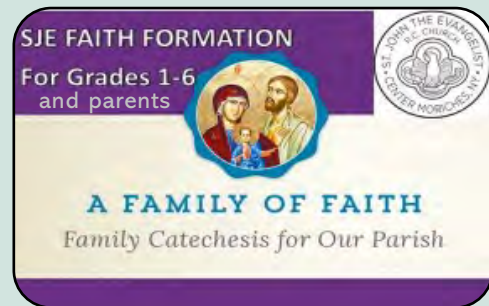
LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Class Session:

Tuesday, October 21 at 7:15 PM in the Church.

**Students are in the same small groups as last year.*

**Don't forget to bring your "Breakthrough" Bibles!*



Next Sessions:

Tuesday, October 7 & Thursday, October 9
at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church (attend one).

Grade Level 1 Mass - Sunday, 10/5 at 10 AM.

Please bring your completed activity sheet that was given out at our opening prayer service and hand it in at the Main Lobby when you enter the 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 9/29
- Parent/Student Reconciliation Night: 10/6, 7:15 PM, Church
- Weekend of November 1 & 2 - MASS OF SENDING FORTH



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

Contact Us!

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📶 olqany.org

Scan QR Code



Retreat Day!



Our students in The Mission - our middle school academy for Grades 6, 7, 8 - recently enjoyed their annual retreat to The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville. Students made academic, social & spiritual goals for the new school year, took part in team building activities, and attended Mass and Stations of the Cross outside. Special thanks to Fr. Bernard from the Shrine and Mr. Toby Hoonhout, who is studying at the seminary in Rome, for speaking with our young people and leading them in prayer.



Did you know that our new Baptism Program is up and running?

Here at St. John's we redesigned our Baptism Preparation program in January 2025. We wanted our program to be warm and welcoming, so we have included more interpersonal communication and multiple opportunities for families to come to St. John's prior to the day of Baptism. Our mission is to make St. John's every family's home away from home, where we come together to worship our Almighty God, to learn about our amazing Catholic faith, to dive deeper in our personal relationship with Jesus and grow together as a parish family accepting, loving, supporting and serving each other, our local community and beyond. Our Baptism preparation program now includes the following components:

- * Registration into the parish as a family
- * Complete the online Baptism registration for the child who is to be Baptized
- * Attend an in-person Baptism Preparation class
- * Complete the online Baptism Belonging video course
- * Submit all required paperwork

When all requirements have been met, meet with a member of the Baptism Ministry to schedule a date for Baptism.



Do you know the requirements for Godparents ?

To be a godparent (or a sponsor for someone who is receiving Confirmation) a Catholic must meet the following requirements. These are not "guidelines" here at St. John's. These are the requirements of the universal Catholic Church and are the same all over the world. Different parishes may choose to document these requirements differently. The role of sponsor is an important one! The godparent (sponsor) must be a fully initiated Catholic who supports the person receiving the sacrament through their own example of Catholic living and a desire to help the person learn more about the Catholic faith through prayer, discussion and instruction. The Catholic Church has the following requirements for godparents/sponsors:

- The sponsor must be a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church which means he or she has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist (Communion) and Confirmation.
- The godparent/sponsor must be at least 16 years of age (a person younger than 16 must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church)
- The godparent/sponsor must have an active life of faith in the Catholic Church and provide good example of Catholic Living.
- If the godparent/sponsor is married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church
- The godparent/sponsor cannot be either parent of the person being Baptized or Confirmed.

Now that you know a little more about Baptism... spread the word! We have a wonderful parish at St. John's and we are growing every day !

Parish Social Ministry

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: socialministry@SJECm.org



Our Community Meal will be held this month on Monday, September 30th 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 for more information.

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

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



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!

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



September 24 - November 2, 2025

40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

***Sign up to save lives in the Patchogue area.
Join the 2025 Fall Campaign.***

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **20,000 babies** saved
- Over **200 abortion workers** converted
- Over **100 abortion centers** closed

Here's how to take part in ***40 Days for Life*** in our community:

Vigil Location:

Sidewalk near Planned Parenthood
(450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue)

Vigil Hours:

Mondays: 10 AM - 12 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM - 12 PM / 3 PM - 5 PM
Saturdays: 10 AM - 12 PM

Local Contact:

Gail at 631-819-8885

Learn more...get involved...sign up for prayer times
by visiting our campaign at:

40daysforlife.com/Patchogue

Walk-ins welcome!

Come and spend an hour in prayer for these precious lives!



OPERATION ANDREW

An evening of discernment for high school men, with adoration and evening prayer. Dinner and fellowship to follow.

OCTOBER 7, 2025

BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

LOCATION:
St. Anthony's High School
SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY



TO REGISTER
Please visit:
drvcvocations.com/andrew

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY



Sunday, October 5 is Respect Life Sunday, a day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. On this day, we are reminded that threats to life and human dignity take many forms in our world. The Diocese works tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of life through advocacy, education, and parish outreach. Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this essential mission. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Open Houses



October 2025

SAT, OCT. 4 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Kellenberg Memorial High School

SAT, OCT. 4 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Chaminade High School

SAT, OCT. 4 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Academy

SUN, OCT. 5 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Dominic High School

SAT, OCT. 18 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School

SAT, OCT. 25 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School



Stay connected with us
and take the first step
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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

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!



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A Message from Msgr. Walden...



How good it feels to be successful in what we undertake. We seek success financially, socially, and in our relationships with one another. In a meditation I read from Pope Benedict XVI last week, I found this thought to contemplate: "Success is definitely not one of the names of God and it is not Christian to have an eye to outward success or numbers." Seeking and enjoying comfort, as we see in today's Gospel (Luke 16:9-31) where the rich man dines in comfort and ignores poor Lazarus at his door, can all too easily distract us from being alive and life-giving to one another. In Matthew 8:20 Jesus said: "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." That is because we are constantly in His heart, hoping we will allow Him to enrich, welcome, and walk with us at every step in our life's journey. He wants to envelope us with His presence and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Success is not one of the names of God. Does the cross look like a place of victory? But it is because Jesus remained focused on saving us from life without Him, not on the injustice He suffered and endured on that cross. His purpose was to open our hearts to the merciful, life-giving love of God. In a world that tempts us to seek instant success and satisfaction, there is no greater example of hope than Jesus on the cross. We are all a combination of poor Lazarus and the rich man who ignored him in today's Gospel. As much as we seek to satisfy our needs physically, emotionally, and mentally, peace and hope are only realized when we see and experience the undeniable love, mercy, and hope of Jesus on the cross and humbly open our hearts in gratitude for them.

Jesus said, "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28) Jesus makes it clear that He has come to do what needs to be done out of pure faith, hope, and love. There is no other way we can find the

truth of who we are and all we can be without walking with Him in our lives everyday. He carries us in His heart, it is up to us to really believe that and to live everyday with purpose, hope, love, and mercy. Faith is not just giving God some time every day in prayer and coming to Sunday Mass. It is giving ourselves to Him wholeheartedly as He gives Himself to us and giving ourselves wholeheartedly to one another. There is no such thing as the comfort zone that the rich man in today's Gospel was trying to protect and enjoy. While he knew momentary pleasure, he had no vision or experience of pure gratitude, joy, or love.

I close with the Benedictus prayer I pray every morning from the Breviary.

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous
in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the
Most High, for you will go before the Lord to
prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of
salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the
tender compassion of our God the dawn from on
high shall break upon us, To shine on those who
dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to
guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.
Amen.*



Deacon Ministry

Are You Being Called ?
LISTEN!–PRAY!–REFLECT!–DISCERN!

Attend ONE of the following dates:

7:00PM, Tuesday September 30th

St. Elizabeth Melville, 175 Wolf Hill Rd (Hospitality Rm)

7:00PM, Thursday, October 2nd

St. Brigid Westbury, 85 Post Ave (St. Anthony Center)

1:00PM, Saturday, October 18th

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

RSVP by Friday, September 26th,

TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 178

OR by email to

diaconateformation@drvc.org

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

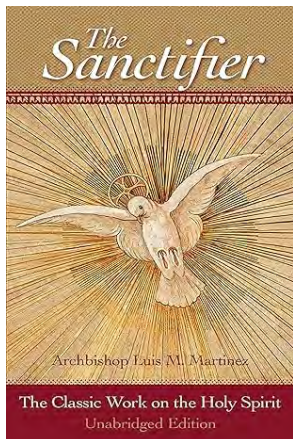
\$10 donation for the workbook.

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: 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)



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 29th, 2025

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

Tuesday, September 30th, 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, October 1st, 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, October 2nd, 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, October 3rd, 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, October 4th, 2025

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

Sunday, October 5th, 2025

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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