

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



September 29, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Psalm 19



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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 5th

5:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

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, October 6th

8:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Jerry

6:00 PM - Fr. Abin

*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

Dawn Waller

Principal

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 Deacon Ed Grieb...

"WHOEVER IS NOT AGAINST US, IS FOR US!"

Our readings this Sunday remind us that God's Spirit is unlimited and can't be constrained, and we can see His Spirit at work whenever we encounter others, see the mutual 'good' in each of us and begin to foster relationships. Moses shares his wisdom with a young Joshua, and with us, in our first reading today, as he instructs us "...would that all the people of the Lord be prophets; would that the Lord might bestow His Spirit on them all." (NM 11:29).

We are all called to be good, all called to be Saints - a holiness that leads us on our journey back to God, a journey we are all destined for. Saints are our holy brothers and sisters in Heaven, canonized or not. The Saints' lives aren't meant to make us feel small or make us think sainthood is unattainable. Rather, we can look at the Saints as instruments of God's hope - just like you and me. It's often quoted that the greatest saints have also lived lives as great sinners.

By turning away from sin and going down a new path, the Saints show us, INSPIRE US, to persevere in our lives. Jesus uses hyperbole in today's Gospel when He tells us to cut off our arm or foot if it causes us to sin, reminding us we are able to turn from sin and return to a good life. The Saints help reinforce this for us as they show us that we can, in fact, live the lives of holiness as we are destined, while also feeling the comfort of their constant prayers for us.



The Saints are an example for us, showing us how to listen and follow God's Spirit and take the path of love... loving God through our love of one another, of doing good.

During the upcoming month of October we'll celebrate feast days for many of our notable Saints as a lead-in to the celebration of All Saints Day at the beginning of November. First, we finish out September remembering St. Jerome, one of the great defenders of the Church and a Church Doctor. On October 1, we remember the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux, a saint held dear in many people's hearts for the hidden sacrifices she'd make as she put her own life aside through quiet acts of love for others. Her insights led Pope John Paul II to proclaim her a Doctor of the Church also.

October 2 - Holy Guardian Angels

October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

October 15 - St. Theresa of Jesus (Avila)

October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

October 18 - St. Luke

October 22 - St. (Pope) John Paul II

October 28 - St Simon and St Jude

May we remember Jesus' words in the our Gospel today... *"For Whoever is Not Against Us... is For Us! [Mk 9:40],"* in our ever-continuing endeavor to do good. **And may we remain open-minded** to always see God's Spirit at work in others (and ourselves), putting aside our biases, so that we may build the Kingdom of God in our community... together.

Masses for the Week...

Saturday, September 28th Weekday

5:00 PM Jerri Eten

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, September 29th 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

Monday, September 30th Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Dreama Pascuitti

12:00 Noon Teresa E. Slovak

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

7:00 AM Michael Zingarino

12:00 Noon Helen and Felice Terracino

Wednesday, October 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 AM Johanna Schineis

12:00 PM Thomas Nolan

Thursday, October 3rd Weekday

7:00 AM Vivian Cordeiro

12:00 Noon John Henry Kelly Jr.

Friday, October 4th Saint Francis of Assisi

7:00 AM Mary Swicki

12:00 Noon Gregory Hammond

Saturday, October 5th Weekday

8:00 AM Marie Minutillo

5:00 PM Jerri Eten

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 6th Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Marie Minutillo

10:00 AM Arleen and Roy Probeyahn

12:00 Noon Margaret and James Finley

6:00 PM Kristen Bigora

Respect Life Sunday...

Sunday, October 6 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.**



PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$681,154	38	\$17,925
2023	\$638,720	38	\$16,808

2024
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL
OFFICE OF HOLY FELLOWSHIP

*Revitalizing our Faith -
Renewed by the Eucharist*



As of 9/25/2024	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!



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 October 4-7. Donation bins will be at the blessing on Friday and in the fellowship area of the church Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

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!



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



September 29, 2024

Praying For and With One Another

Remember

Bradley Kane

"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 + Tom Taylor + Mary Ann Green

Louis and Marie D'Amara

"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.

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
2nd LT Christopher Walther
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II

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 Army

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

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.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

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

Michael Stachnik Jr.

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

Harry & Ann 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 \$150 is requested.

Votive Candles/Altar Candles

A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful statues in our church. You may have a particular devotion to one of these saints. These candles are next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection. **Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.**

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

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



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this year's general election, New York voters will decide whether to approve a proposed amendment to the State Constitution. Officially known as "Proposal One", the amendment would add new language to the State's version of the "Bill of Rights" that, if approved, could insert gender ideology into child and adult sports, schools, hospitals, and even our churches.

The proponents of Proposal One refer to it as the "Equal Rights Amendment" and claim that the amendment is intended to protect the right to access an abortion. Proposal One, however, does nothing to ensure "equal rights" nor does it have anything to do with the legality of abortion in New York.

Since 1938, the State Constitution has guaranteed the right to the equal protection of the laws and has barred discrimination against any individual by a public or private institution based upon "race, color, creed or religion." Now, eighty-five years after the adoption of the Constitution's prohibition on discrimination, the State Legislature has discovered that we need an "Equal Rights Amendment" that ensures a "right" to an abortion in New York.

New York's abortion laws are already among the most permissive in the nation. Proposal One does nothing to alter the abortion laws or to further liberalize them. In fact, the word "abortion" does not appear anywhere in the proposed amendment. New Yorkers who vote in favor of Proposal One because they believe it will provide additional legal guarantees related to abortion are victims of a misleading campaign that masks the true purpose of the amendment.

Voters need only to read the language set forth in Proposal One to learn its actual purpose and to discern its potential for harm. While they will find no mention of abortion, voters will discover that, if adopted, Proposal One would prohibit discrimination based upon "gender identity" or "gender expression." This language would transform the laudable and longstanding anti-discrimination article in the State Constitution into a legal weapon that would force institutions across the state-public and private, religious, and secular - to accommodate the most radical forms of gender ideology.

Under this language, for example, a CYO girls' basketball team, or a local girls' soccer club, could be forced to allow a biological male to participate on the team if he wishes to do so because of his "gender expression." To bar such a person from the team would constitute an act of illegal discrimination.

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The same language can be employed against health clubs, public and private schools, restaurants, and other public places to mandate that these institutions open their bathrooms and locker rooms to anyone, regardless of biological sex, based upon an individual's "gender identity." To restrict access to a bathroom or locker room according to biological sex would be another form of unconstitutional discrimination.

Furthermore, Proposal One would undermine the bedrock religious liberty protections that the State Constitution is supposed provide for Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, as well as for the religious institutions administered by other faiths. The amendment would expose a church or school to a lawsuit if, for example, it refused to hire a "transgender" catechist or dismissed an employee for the promotion of notions about gender that are antithetical to Church teaching. A teacher could demand to be called by a "preferred pronoun", as could any student, regardless of age. A refusal to adopt this sort of language regime would violate the Constitution.

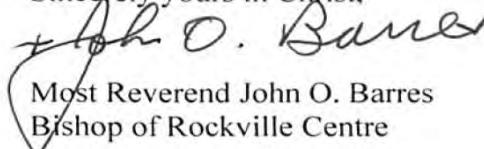
Catholic hospitals that do not perform gender-related surgeries could be sued for illegal discrimination against people who wish to express their gender identity through a medical procedure.

Supporters of Proposal One dismiss these concerns as far-fetched fearmongering. Yet they cannot offer any other plausible application of the language in the amendment. Unlike proposals in other states that were designed to limit the power of a state legislature to regulate access to abortion, Proposal One never mentions abortion, nor does it expressly restrict the power of the State Legislature to pass laws related to abortion. Instead, the amendment adds a "word salad" of terms to the State Constitution that would turn the shield of anti-discrimination protection into a sword that can be used to pierce religious and secular institutions in order to impose, by force of law, a gender ideology that voters have never endorsed.

New York's Constitution has, for nearly a century, expressly prohibited discriminatory practices. Proposal One does nothing to enhance the universally accepted principle of equality before the law. Proposal One is, instead, a deceptive effort to impose an ideological agenda upon the State disguised by popular and inoffensive rhetoric about "equal rights" and by appealing to voters who believe the state's abortion laws are at risk of change. But, to paraphrase the Gospel, by its language you shall know it. The words of Proposal One reveal its true intent and the effects it would have if adopted.

New Yorkers who do not wish to see the State Constitution used to implement a harmful gender ideology that would reach into nearly every facet of every day life, from sports to schools, from bathrooms to gyms, to hospitals - even into churches, synagogues and mosques - must vote "NO" on Proposal One.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Faith Formation

Earlier this month, our catechists and volunteers in our Faith Formation program came together in prayer and fellowship. Everyone enjoyed hospitality while we had orientation and planned for the new academic year. We are so grateful to those who volunteer to work with our students and families throughout the year!



2024 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")

"FAMILY OF FAITH" Parent/Student Events (GRADES 1-6):

Tuesday, October 8th or Thursday, October 10th at 5:00 PM or 7:00 PM in the Church

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

Next Session:

Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:15 PM in the Church

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

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

Next Session:

Monday, October 21st at 7:15 PM in the Church

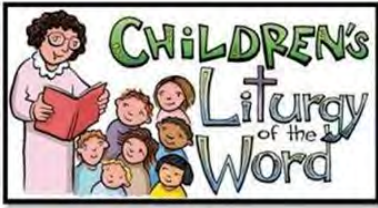
**Same small groups as last year (check your email if you need your child's number)*

"FEARLESS" - 9th 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 1st.
- Parent/Student Reconciliation Night: October 15th at 7:15 PM in the Church
 - Weekend of November 2nd & 3rd ~ MASS OF SENDING FORTH

The Office of Family Ministry



Once or twice a month you see this logo on the Family Ministry page of the bulletin. It is often accompanied by a description of our Children's Liturgy of the Word program and a few photos that capture the children in action. You may also see a plea for help as our volunteer pool is very small. This week we would like to showcase those amazing adults who are behind the scenes at Children's Liturgy of the Word. Perhaps when you see them at Mass, you could thank them for the wonderful job that they do and maybe even take a moment or two to chat with them about why they love this ministry! Their responsibilities are varied, but none more or less important to the ministry than another. Last Sunday, we finally thanked our beautiful team with a long overdue "Gathering of Gratitude". **They** are the reason that this ministry has been able to continue for the past several years. Though our brunch was terrific, it was *a very small* way to thank them for *the very big commitment* that they have made to our parish children and their families. Let us pray for God's finest blessings on these amazing "spreaders" of the faith. They are definitely putting last week's message from the Letter of St. James into action!

With much gratitude and love,
Carolyn Lapham
Coordinator of Family Ministry

Save the Date!
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Open House 10/20/24 after
the 10:00 Mass!

Meet our amazing team:



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

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*



Street Ministry Shopping List

- ♦ Men's & Women's T-Shirts Sizes S, M, L
- ♦ Men's & Women's Socks
- ♦ Men's and Women's Sweatshirts S, M, L, XL
- ♦ **DESPERATELY NEED Men's Jeans All Sizes ———>**
- ♦ Men's and Women's Coats S, M, L, XL
- ♦ Travel Size Shampoo & Conditioner



We need your help in the street ministry sorting room! Our space is overflowing with bags of donations that require sorting, folding, and organizing. If you can spare an hour or two once a week, your assistance would make a tremendous difference. Every bit of help counts! Please call the Parish Social Ministry office to get involved. 631-878-0009 x120



Three bingo cards are shown, each with a different color (green, orange, and red). In front of them are five bingo balls with numbers 15, 25, 45, 37, and 17. The word "BINGO" is written in large, bold, yellow letters at the bottom.

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
kofc4126.com

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 12th

9:00am – 3:00pm



TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

- [CLICK HERE](#)
 - SCAN QR CODE
- CONTACT MELISSA AT
(917)566-8537/ 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.org/can-i-donate)



New York
Blood Center

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A Message from Msgr. Walden...



Humility is not thinking less of oneself but less about oneself and more about others. Is the world a better place because “I” am in it? Are the lives of others enriched by “my” presence? As we all see so clearly when we take the time to pray and reflect, the world can be the best place “I” can make it when I open my heart to receive Jesus Christ and take my faith humbly, joyfully, gratefully, and seriously. The challenges, problems, and disagreements do not go away, but we see the bigger picture through the mind and heart of faith.

One of the amazing things that is coming into the forefront of our world is artificial intelligence. All we have to do is type in a few words and descriptions and very quickly a seemingly well thought out presentation is put together. One of the challenges educators face is seeing if the written assignments are authored by the student or by the program of artificial intelligence. But we have a true gift and blessing in our faith. What seems contradictory is true: “Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:39) Jesus lived His life for us. His concern was always our well-being and fulfillment. Ultimately Jesus “found” life for us by giving His life for us on the cross. The cross was a horrible reality to face and endure but His resurrection and reappearance to His followers is an unbelievable reality that is the Way, Truth, and Life for Himself and all who open their minds and hearts to Him. There is no greater example of thinking less of oneself but more about “others”. Thank God we are included in those “others”.

In the Gospel at Mass last Tuesday (Luke 8:19-21) we have these powerful words of inclusion and love from Jesus: “The mother of

Jesus and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you.” He said to them in reply, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.” How humbly grateful to embrace these words with faith, hope, and love. How can we be so dear to Jesus? But we are! That is the meaning of the cross. That is why He longs to feed us with Himself in Holy Communion and forgive our sins in the Sacrament of Penance. It is not what He suffered that He wants us to repent for, but why He suffered so humbly for us - He loves us more than we could ever be grateful for and wants us to know that love forever in heaven with Him and all those He loves.

*I offer the words of the song
Amazing Grace for your reflection:*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we first begun.

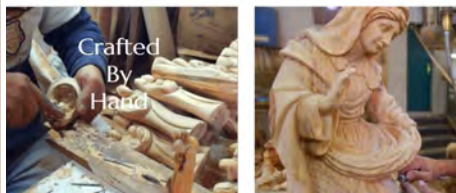


THIS WEEKEND!

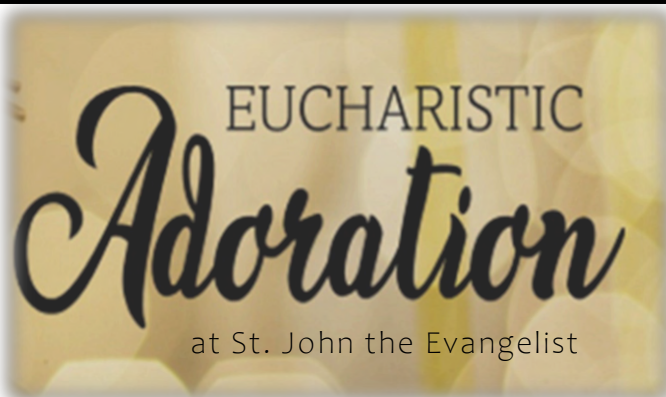
Little Bethlehem Christians is a group that represents over 300 Christian and Catholic families who live in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Shepherd's Field, and the Holy Land area, and make their livings as Olive Wood Carvers. After all masses on the weekend of September 28 & 29, the group represented by 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.



Meet Al-Sahouri Family



Crafted
By
Hand



Monday - Friday from 3:00 - 7:00 PM
in Seton Chapel, in the Convent

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

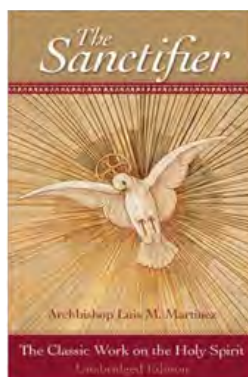
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS
THE PERFECT EXPRESSION
OF THE LOVE
OF JESUS CHRIST FOR MAN.**

— *St. Maria Goretti* —

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.

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

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 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.

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

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

Please join us!!

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



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 30th, 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, October 1st, 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, October 2nd, 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, October 3rd, 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, October 4th, 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, October 5th, 2024

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

Sunday, October 6th, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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