

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



September 6, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." ~ Psalm 95:7-8



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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, September 12th

5:00 PM - Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. John

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, September 13th

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Patrick

12 noon - Fr. Charlince

6:00 PM - Fr. Francis

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

Pastoral Team

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor

Reverend 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

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

dwall@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 ...

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Matthew 18:15-20 Gospel Reflection



St. Augustine once said, “our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.” How true these words are and how relevant they are many centuries later. The truth is we all want to live in peace and harmony. We want to be reconciled with God and one another. We want to live and remain in God’s peace with all of creation. We want God’s peace to reign in our hearts and the hearts of all.

In today’s gospel, Jesus shows us the pathway to peace and prosperity. He outlines the criteria for peace and reconciliation. He gets direct with us. He reminds us that the pathway to peace and forgiveness is through wisdom and strength. Sometimes we have to confront a person who has sinned against us for this desired end. Sometimes we may have to confront a situation that is detrimental to our Church and well-being. In the end, our Lord wants us to seek justice and understanding for the good of the offender and for the good of the community united in faith.

One of the greatest ongoing offense that often takes place in our lives and the lives of so many people all over the world is when we speak unkindly of one another. Instead of seeing the good in others and bringing the best out of one another, we often see one’s faults. We focus more on one’s shortcomings, not on one’s gifts or strengths. If we look into the heart of the scriptures, we see how Jesus always saw the best in others and helped others grow in their faith and understanding of God. We see over and over again how He led others to a greater conversion of heart, like in the Story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). Instead of condemning him as so many others did, He saw his desire for growth and change. The rest is history! This is why the Story of Zacchaeus is one of my favorites because it is all about seeking change and seeing the good in others.

Probably the hardest thing we can do is confront a friend or an individual who speaks ill of us or others, especially someone who is trying to destroy our credibility. In today’s gospel, Jesus wants us to correct these individuals with a spirit of respect and charity knowing of our own faults and shortcomings. He says elsewhere, “before we take the splinter out of our brother’s eye, let us first take the wooden beam out of our own eye.” Confronting someone who has wronged us or someone close to us is never easy. Yet, in the end, the truth sets us free. It sets us all free. Yet if this fails, He says, bring in a third party. Bring in a mediator who can be objective and honest in approaching a difficult situation. It is not to gang up on anybody, but to help come to a genuine and fair conclusion and agreement on both parties involved.

At the same time, we must be prepared to hear about our own faults. But if we are sincere and honest in our approach and desire for reconciliation and confront others with a spirit of respect and charity then it can lead us to greater peace and joy, as long as we do it with forgiveness in sight. If we are not willing to forgive, our desired end in achieving reconciliation will never happen. We have to understand that reconciliation is a process. It does not occur overnight. It takes effort and prayer. It requires humility and forgiveness of heart. It requires that we have genuine love and concern for others.

Jesus goes on to say, “If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax

collector.” We all know people who speak against the Church and the teachings of Christ, and maybe at times, we are at fault ourselves.

Maybe there are teachings we disagree with. Regardless, it is still hard to confront or correct someone who is a member of the faith that blasphemes God’s Word. And yet, Jesus makes clear of the process towards reconciliation. Even if one speaks ill or tries to destroy our credibility or that of the Church’s and does not change their ways, then treat them as a Gentile or tax collector. Although we may think this is harsh to do, in reality it’s all part of the healing process towards peace and reconciliation.

It is clear in the scriptures how Jesus led this process. He sat at table with Gentiles and tax collectors, who were considered outcasts, and invited them to change their ways with truth, love and understanding. He was always respectful and objective in His approach in reaching out to others. He never gave up on the people He encountered along the way regardless of one’s view or status in life. Hopefully, we can do the same in our own lives with reconciliation in sight. Hopefully, we can be part of this process that leads us and others to all truth and understanding. A process that brings us transformation of heart. A process that brings us great peace and joy from within and one that helps us grow in our own spirituality and draws us closer to Christ who brings rest to our souls.

Parish Update

I hope everyone is having a nice Labor Day Weekend. It is still summer until the end of September even though things are starting up again. I hope everyone had some time for relaxation. For me, I always try to take time away with my family during the month of August. My favorite is spending time together at the Jersey Shore.

I would like to take this time to thank so many of you for supporting our **Annual Summer Appeal**. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year that helps us financially. Every gift is greatly appreciated. No gift is too small. If you have not sent in your gift yet and would like to support the Summer Appeal, please send your envelope to the rectory or place in the collection basket. I will be sending thank you letters in the mail shortly.

Finally, in the upcoming week, we will be celebrating two special liturgies. On Thursday, September 10th at 7 PM in the evening, we will commemorate the 25th anniversary of September 11th. We will offer a Mass of Remembrance for all the lives that were lost on that tragic day, and remember those who have died since from related illnesses over the past twenty-five years that assisted in the rescue efforts. Although it seems so long ago, many of us can still remember that tragic day clearly and how it changed the world forever.

Moreover, next Saturday on September 12th at 5 PM in the Church, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Catholic school here at St. John’s. Retired Bishop of Charleston, South Carolina, Robert Guglielmone, who was a graduate here back in 1959, will lead us in a Mass of Thanksgiving and offer Apostolic Blessings. Please join us for this historic celebration. All are welcome!

Masses for the Week...

Annual Summer Appeal

Saturday, September 5th Saint Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 AM James Corbin

5:00 PM Kenneth Horbal

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, September 6th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Eileen DeRicco

10:00 AM Roy Probeyahn Jr.

12:00 Noon John R. Klaus IV

6:00 PM Rita Sciaretta

Monday, September 7th Weekday

7:00 AM Theresa Cartolano

12:00 Noon Rev. Jerome Kaywell

Tuesday, September 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Dora O'Neill

12:00 Noon Martin Gavin

Wednesday, September 9th St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 AM Patricia Puglia

12:00 Noon Lawrence Pasciuti

Thursday, September 10th Weekday

7:00 AM Buddy Hahn

12:00 Noon Jack & his sister, Katy Dyer

Friday, September 11th Weekday

7:00 AM Logan Coyle

12:00 Noon Eric Bennett

Saturday, September 12th Weekday

8:00 AM Liz Della Ratta

5:00 PM Canonization of Bl. Michael McGivney

7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, September 13th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Michael Lankau

10:00 AM Katy & her brother, Jack Dyer

12:00 Noon Patricia Lake

6:00 PM George Casella

Please support
our Annual
Summer Appeal!



Summer Appeal

Year	Total:	As Of:
2026	\$36,850	8/31/26
2025	\$39,604	Final

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$641,409	35	\$18,326
2025	\$619,973	35	\$17,714



As of 8/31/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	209	189
Total Pledged to date	\$88,950	\$79,290
Percent of Goal	74%	69%

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 the parish and school community of St. John the Evangelist
as we gather in thanksgiving to celebrate
100 years of Catholic education in our community.

Centennial Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, September 12, 2026

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

St. John the Evangelist Church

We are especially honored to welcome home **Bishop Robert Guglielmone**,
a 1959 graduate of **St. John the Evangelist School**, who will preside at this historic
Centennial Mass. His return makes this celebration especially meaningful as we
give thanks for 100 years of Catholic education and the many generations of
students whose lives have been shaped by this important ministry.

A Century of Faith, Learning & Service

On September 13, 1926, the doors of St. John the Evangelist School opened for
the first time. Founded by the **Sisters of Charity**, the school began its
mission of forming young people in faith, knowledge, and service.

What began 100 years ago has touched countless generations
of students, families, teachers, and parishioners.

In 1992, the school entered a new chapter as **Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional
Catholic School**, joining with neighboring parishes while continuing the tradition of
Catholic education here on the campus of St. John the Evangelist.

This Centennial is more than a celebration of a school—

It is a celebration of a legacy of faith and
the many lives shaped by Catholic education throughout the past century.

As we begin our **2026–2027 Centennial Year**, we invite alumni, families, parishioners,
former students and teachers, and friends of our parish and school to come together
for this special Mass of Thanksgiving.

**Come celebrate our past, give thanks for our present,
and pray for the future of Catholic education in our community.**

We look forward to celebrating this historic milestone with you!



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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."
- Pope Leo XIV*

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS

Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports vocations to the priesthood and diaconate in our Diocese. It ensures that those who are looking to serve their parish and diocese have the resources and guidance they need to discern their call to service to provide spiritual nourishment to the people of our diocese.

Deacon O'Brien brings God's message of love, mercy, and hope to others.

"As a Deacon, I hope to revitalize the faith of others. I go to nursing homes and the residents hear the Word of God and receive the Eucharist. At wake services, when people have lost a loved one, I hope to revitalize their faith so that people know that they can call on and rely on God to help them through the difficult times. In happy times such as a baptism or a wedding, God is there for them for the rest of their life."

— Deacon O' Brien



**St. John's
has reached
74% of our
CMA goal
with just
4 months
to go!!!**

74%



9/11 Mass of Remembrance

An American flag is shown waving in the foreground, with a city skyline, including the Twin Towers, visible in the background. The entire image has a blue color overlay.

Please join us for a
Mass of Remembrance
honoring the victims of September 11, 2001.
Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 PM
St. John the Evangelist Church

As we remember all those who lost their lives on 9/11, we come together as a community of faith to pray for the repose of their souls, for their families and loved ones, and for all those whose lives were forever changed. May we entrust them to the loving mercy of God and find hope in the promise of eternal life through Christ. All are welcome to join us in prayer and remembrance.

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
Sferrazza, Salvatore — Lieutenant Colonel
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 unfailing 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.

Nancy Mezzullo

Gino Cannavaro

Anthony Vissicchio

James Dinnigan

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Bill Hasper

Robert Cantillo Jr.

Mark Havens

Jessica King

James Patrick Lapham

John Sapienza

James Dinnigan

Neil Hart

Rachel Tekula

Holly Redmond

Robert Cantillo Sr.

Rosemary Avitabile

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.

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



Registration deadline extended !

Incoming 1st Graders / New Students & Returning Students (Levels 1-8):
 St. John the Evangelist's Faith Formation program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Please see sjecm.org for more info.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Scan the QR code above or visit the Faith Formation page on our parish website and follow the instructions for New and Returning Students:

<http://www.stjohntheevangelistcm.com/sjecm/faith-formation>



* NEW STUDENTS *

If you have a first grader/new student, you must also fill out the New Student Registration Form: <http://www.stjohntheevangelistcm.com/FamilyAndEnrollStudentForm.html> If your child is a new student and was not baptized at SJE, please email a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to: faithformation@sjecm.org

INCOMING LEVEL 7 Students - Please contact the office for late registrations...

To parents/guardians of students enrolled in our Level 6 program this past year who will be entering 7th grade in the Fall, please check your email for instructions on how to apply for our Confirmation program! (An email was sent to all Level 6 students in April). If you have a child who is in 7th grade or older but has not started the Confirmation program, please email us at confirmation@sjecm.org

Calling All Alumni



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2026–2027

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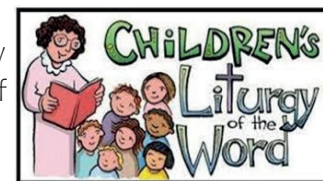


OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

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!

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

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CYO BASKETBALL

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Join us for a fun, faith-filled, and competitive basketball experience where players will grow in their skills, build friendships, and learn the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect both on and off the court.

Whether you are new to the game or an experienced player, everyone is welcome! Come be part of a great team and a wonderful CYO community.

Coaches Needed!

If you have a passion for basketball and enjoy working with young athletes, we would love for you to join our coaching team.



For more information, please contact:
Ross Baldwin, SJE CYO Basketball Director cyo@SJECm.org

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: socialministry@SJEcm.org

THRIFT SHOP

Please visit our shop and see all the great items we have, there is new merchandise every week! We are open every Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon and have fantastic prices on gently used (and some new!) clothing, shoes, housewares and more. The proceeds from our sales support SJE's parish social ministry outreach programs, benefitting those in need.



ERNIE'S PLACE



Our food pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Are you able to help serve? All you need is your volunteer badge, please call the PSM office at the number above to get started!

We are grateful for any non-perishable donations. Please place donations in the brown bin located outside of Ernie's Place or in the wagon inside Church near the main entrance. Thank you for your generosity!

Requested items:

- ⇒ Jelly
- ⇒ Syrup
- ⇒ Bar soap
- ⇒ Baby Wipes
- ⇒ Condiments
- ⇒ Small bags of flour
- ⇒ Jarred tomato sauce
- ⇒ Canned & small bags of red beans

STREET MINISTRY

Our Street Ministry serves the poor in our community every week with a hot meal, clothing, and toiletries. Clothing and toiletry donations can be left in the box inside Fellowship Hall, near the front entrance of Church. Please call the PSM office if you are interested in cooking or volunteering for any of our ministries!

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 tube socks
- ♥ Single razors and small shaving cream
- ♥ Men's and Women's Sneakers gently used



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 James RC Church Parish Event

Scott Hahn & John Bergsma

Study Scripture from the Heart of the Church
with two of today's most respected scholars

Saturday, September 12, 2026 7:30 AM - 3:30PM

St. James Parish Center

429 NY-25A Setauket NY 11733

Price: \$35 per person

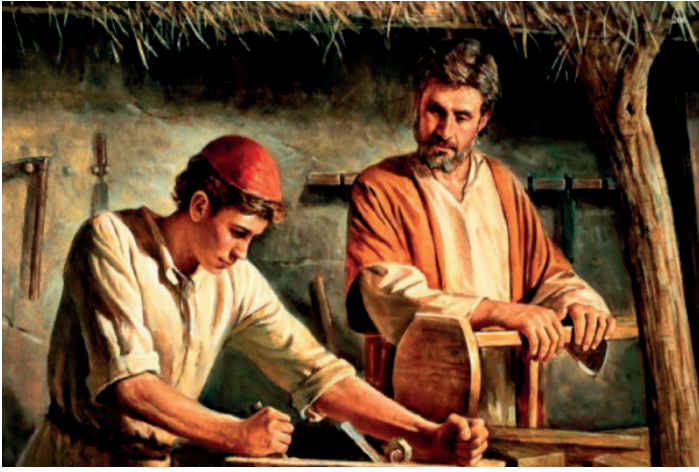
Scan the QR code to register online or
call the St. Paul Center's customer service line
at (740) 264-9535



<https://stpaulcenter.com/events/hbsetauket2026>

Call Tara - 631-877-7322 or Barbara - 516-313-4029 for Parish Information
or go to EVENTS@STPAULCENTER.COM

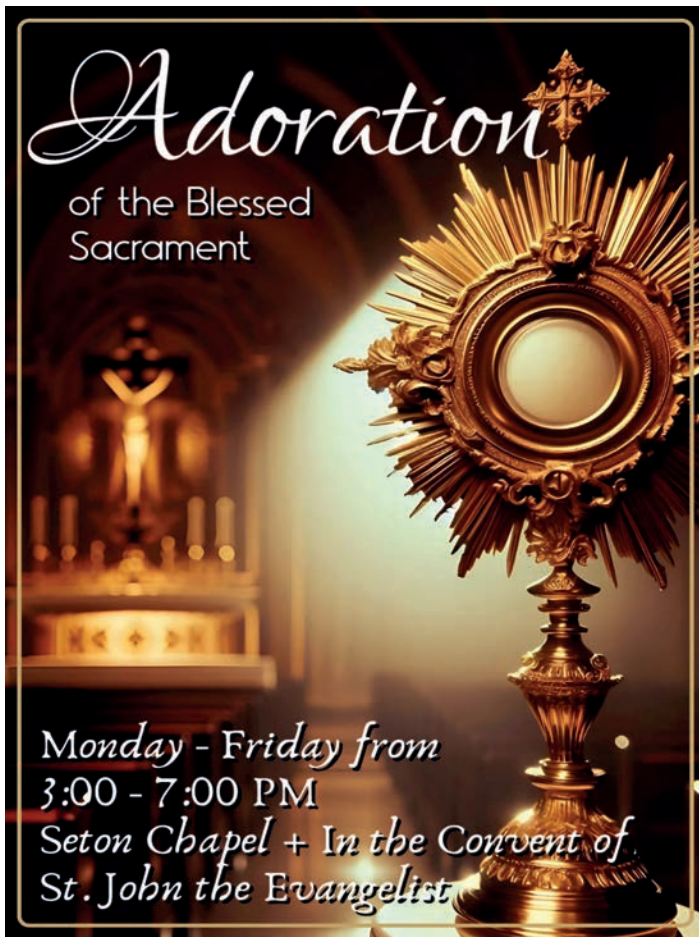




Men's Prayer Group...

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.



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 14, 28, October 5, 19,

November 9, 23, December 7, 21

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

For more information, please call **631-878-0009**.

Parking Reminder...



To help keep our parking lot safe and traffic moving, please **park only in designated, marked parking spaces**, including the marked spaces along St. John's Place.

We also ask everyone to please **follow the directional arrows** in the parking lot. Following the designated traffic flow helps reduce congestion and keeps pedestrians and vehicles safe.

Thank your for your cooperation!

A Message from Monsignor Walden...



"Why did you do that?" "You can't keep doing that?" Those words easily come to mind as we listen to the scripture readings at Mass today. In the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel (33:7-9), God tells Ezekiel, "If I tell the wicked, 'O wicked one, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death." That is a very powerful and clear command. Jesus continues this theme in today's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20): "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

What kind of responsibility do we actually have to seek to correct the faults of others? It is hard enough at times to correct our own personal faults. Deep down inside we know as much as we notice the faults of others that we certainly have our own faults. Jesus' motive was never to put people down but to invite them to find and live the truth. When He confronted the woman at the well in St. John's Gospel (John 4:5-42), He made it clear that he was aware that she was married five times and living with a sixth man. His honest, loving, straightforward words of truth and love turned her heart around and brought her great hope. She was not threatened by His words, but opened her mind and heart to His love and concern.

Our motive in correcting others or pointing out faults or mistakes is a very difficult and delicate task. Like Jesus, our motive should never be, "I told you so!", but, "I love you and care for you". There is no greater example of forgiving the sins and faults of others than these words of Jesus on the cross, "When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots." (Luke 23:33-34) Peace comes not when we win but when we are reconciled with one another in truth and love.

Of course the first person we should always seek to correct is ourselves. We know the inner turmoil and lack of peace that comes from our bad words, attitudes and actions. May we live these words of the Our Father wholeheartedly, especially when we are annoyed by the

words or actions of others:
"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

May we live the words we pray to God in Psalm 51:

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offense.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offenses truly I know them;

my sin is always before me

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;

what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when you judge,

O see, in guilt I was born,

a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me, then I shall be clean;

O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed may revive.

From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favor to Zion:
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
holocausts offered on your altar. Glory...

Psalm Prayer: *Father, he who knew no sin was made sin for us, to save us and restore us to your friendship. Look upon our contrite heart and afflicted spirit and heal our troubled conscience, so that in the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit we may proclaim your praise and glory before all the nations.*

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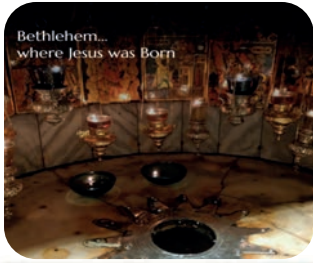
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Monday, September 7th, 2026 (**LABOR DAY- Office Closed**)

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

Tuesday, September 8th, 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 9th, 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, September 10th, 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, September 11th, 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, September 12th, 2026

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

Sunday, September 6th, 2026

6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

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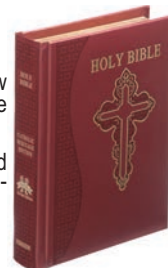
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