

# The Parish Community of St. John the Evangelist

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9AM – 4PM

Friday 9AM – 2PM

(closed between 12:30–1:30 for lunch)



March 17, 2019

## All other times by appointment

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:** St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish is to be a community united in faith with Christ Jesus and one another through our baptism, our worship, and the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. We endeavor to live this out through Worship, Community Life, Spiritual Growth and Development, and Education in the Faith.

**Worship:** Communal worship is the center and the heart of our parish life. We strive for the active participation of all in the celebration of the Eucharist. **Community Life:** We strive to create an integrated, gracious parish community whose members recognize and respect the inherent dignity of every person. We minister to one another and reach out to those with special need. **Spiritual Growth and Development:** We seek to respond in faith and love to the Scriptures and through prayer and reflection throughout the year, allow the Word of God to nourish, sustain, and transform our personal and communal lives. **Education in the Faith:** We encourage lifelong religious education for youth and adults. Drawing upon gifts within and outside the parish, we hope to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the Church and of the challenges we face as Catholics in our own time. May God bless us in our efforts to be faithful to our mission.

**WELCOME:** We joyfully welcome all who have joined our community for worship and praise to God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners who pray with us every week and ask you to consider officially registering to be a part of the parish as well. You, our neighbors and guests are always welcome; and, we hope you find a peaceful home here with us when visiting the area.

## PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Fr. Larry Duncklee, Pastor

*In Residence:* Bishop Emil A. Wcela

Weekend Assistant: Rev. John Cervini

Deacons: Peter Schultz, Bill Austin, Dan Waloski

Fran Johnson, Business Manager

Rita Dlug, Director Religious Formation

Renée Stakey, Music Ministry

## Other Parish Phone Numbers and Office Hours

**Cemetery Office:** 631-732-3460 by appointment only

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Email: [stjohnrelformation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnrelformation@gmail.com)

*Office hours when class is in session:* Mon. 10am-5pm

Tue. & Wed. 12-8pm Thu. By appointment • Fri. Closed

**Parish Social Ministry and North Fork Spanish Ministry:**

Monday – Friday 10am-4pm

Sr. Margaret Smyth OP, Telephone: 631-369-4601

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

**MASS SCHEDULE - EUCHARIST:** Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM, and 7:00PM in Spanish

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 8:00 AM

Tuesday & Friday 12:10 PM

Holy Days of Obligation: Please check bulletin

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The parish rejoices with you in the birth of your child! Baptisms are celebrated on scheduled Sundays at 12:30 PM. Parents planning to have their child baptized are asked to contact the rectory to arrange an interview.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Saturdays at 4:00 PM and Tuesdays at 12:30 PM. *Anytime by appointment.*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Congratulations! Please make arrangements at the parish approximately one year before the desired date so that we can work with you to prepare for your marriage.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Every Second Friday of the month after the 12:10 PM Mass. *Anytime in an emergency, by calling the rectory.*

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please call the Rectory Office.

## DEVOTIONAL LIFE:

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** First Friday after the 12:10PM Mass until 1:30 PM

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Monday, after 8:00AM Mass

**ROSARY:** Saturday 8:30 AM in the Church

**Spanish Language Prayer Service:** Thursday at 7:30 PM

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS:**  
*March 18, 2019 ~ March 24, 2019*

- Monday: 8:00am – Barry Daly
- Tuesday: 12:10pm – Evan Berry
- Wednesday: 8:00am – Romeo Uguil
- Thursday: 8:00am – Frederick Seifert, Sr.
- Friday: 12:10pm – Mary Deliso Johnston
- Saturday: (March 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
5:00pm – Rosanne Barry
- Sunday: (March 24<sup>th</sup>)  
7:00am – Teresa (Cervini) McDonald  
9:00am – Daniel Edward Wright, Sr.;  
Hugo Cesar Alegria  
11:00am – People of St. Johns  
7:00pm - Spanish Language Mass

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
or Lk 2:41-51a
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42  
[5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



The Bread and Wine for the week is offered in memory of:

***Paddy, Brendan, Rolsin, and  
Bridey Taylor***

Donated by: The Taylor Family



**Second Sunday of Lent  
March 17, 2019**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? —  
*Psalm 27:1*



We ask your prayers for those of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life and also those they have left behind: ***John H. Harte; Mary Antanaitis; Sandy L. Fabricatore; Teresa (Cervini) McDonald***

We ask your prayers for the health and wholeness of all the sick and all who give them care, especially: Sr. Margaret Smyth, O.P.; Michael Hubbard; Walter Blanck; Harry Carter; Brian Egitto; Karen Payette; Lois Rodriguez; Barbara McCarthy; Michael Houlihan; Baby Patrick; Charlotte Kollhopp, and Robert Viola

*We also ask you to continue praying for peace in the world and for those serving in our uniformed services throughout the country and the world.*



**Stewardship**

*A Way of Life*

Stewardship Thought for the Week:

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a “booth” for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

Living Stewardship:

We thank God for his providential care and express our gratitude to you for your support for the work of the parish last week in the amount of \$8,230.00  
Mass Attendance: 1,326



## CONSIDER THIS!

### *God's Gifts and Our Desires*

There are two desires that lie deep within the human soul: descendants and property. Some people are blessed with plenty of each. Others have very little to show, even for a life lived well.

Some people receive descendants and property in different ways. They have students, disciples or friends who admire them and strive to be like them. Or they have access to the land that others own. One need not have blood descendants and deeds of property to make life worthwhile. But it is what many people want.

It is what Abram wanted. He was an old man, childless. God made him a promise – that the two desires that lay deep in his soul: descendants and property would be fulfilled. *“Count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be. To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River.”* It was an amazingly generous gift. It could only come from God. It was beyond what someone could even hope for.

Because these desires are so strong, people react strongly when something goes wrong with them. If a child turns out different from what one hoped, or if property is vandalized, damaged, or lost—people feel a huge sense of betrayal and despair.

God knows the desires of our hearts. And God wants to fulfill them with the descendants and property that will unfold the divine plan.

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## WHAT'S UP!



*The Bread and Wine* for the week (\$30) and/or Flowers for the main altar (\$60) may be donated in memory of a deceased family member or in honor of an anniversary. Please visit or call the rectory to make arrangements for this.

**Altar Servers...** Anyone from grade 3 to adult who wishes to become an altar server, please call Mrs. June Cybulski at 631-727-8523 for training or further information.



**RESPECT LIFE ...**In a world that is hungry for the Truth, we are often challenged to put our faith into action. For example, many politicians profess their Catholic faith, but try to divorce the faith which they proclaim from their policies, particularly as this relates to LIFE issues. However, as Christ's followers and as Catholics, we are called to integrate our faith into all aspects of our lives. In fact, we are called to make our faith evident in all our actions and decisions. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us not to hide our light under a bushel basket, but let our light shine before others. Defense of the unborn---the most vulnerable and defenseless human beings is undoubtedly the most important aspect of integrating our faith and actions. After all, LIFE is the most important gift that God gives us!



*Please follow St. John's Parish on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Snapchat*

St. John the Evangelist has set up pages on several social media platforms. ***For the Sick and/or homebound?*** We are now live-streaming weekend masses on **Facebook**. Stay connected and up-to-date with our parish family by going to:

**Instagram:** @stjohnriverhead or you can visit **Snapchat, Twitter, or YouTube, all at stjohnriverhead**

**Facebook:** John Church (*St. John the Evangelist*)

Questions and Media submissions via *sjpsocialmedia@aol.com* **All submissions are reviewed and will meet Diocesan guidelines. We pray in a special way for all who place a request on any of our sites.**

**Crime Prevention...** Please remember to lock your car and do not leave any personal items visible on the seats. Criminals go for opportunity...even in a church parking lot.

### New Website called **FORMED.Org**

Our parish has just joined FORMED. As a parishioner, you may go online and register to view books and videos or simply listen to audio presentations. How do you do this?

1) Go to: [saintjohnriverhead.formed.org](http://saintjohnriverhead.formed.org)

2) Click on **Register**

3) Fill out information, name, email, etc.

Screen will say Welcome and Start now. Scroll and enter any area to read, watch or listen.

If you have any problems registering for FORMED, you may contact Theresa Piekut, our rep., at 631-848-7612 or [tpiekut@me.com](mailto:tpiekut@me.com).

### Are You Sick?



Cold & flu season is here. If you are sick, feverish, etc., **please, "stay home."** As adults we should know it is wiser to stay home and get better

than to come and spread your sickness to others. Please **do not drink from the cup** if sick. We also have hand sanitizer units at all the entrances to our church. Did you get your flu shot yet?

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

HOURS: On Front of Bulletin



WEEK OF MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> -

Classes as usual

**CHILD SAFETY SESSIONS:** This week:

Levels 5: Tuesday, 4:45pm

L5 & 6 Tuesday, 6:45pm

L5 Wednesday, 4:45pm

**LEVEL 6:** Parent-Student Bible Study, Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> **6:45-8:00pm**. **ALL** Level 6 parents are asked to join their child during class time for another Bible Study. We will gather in the church.

## LENTEN FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRACTICE

**This week's focus: prayer**

There is a long but beautiful prayer known as the St. Patrick Breastplate Prayer. Though scholars debate whether it was composed by him it was a source of

protection and inspiration when St. Patrick met to convert the Irish king. A breastplate is what a soldier wears in battle. We, as Christians, are like soldiers: we are servants of a King, Jesus; defenders of our faith when challenged by the views and policies of society that are contrary to living as Christians; we fight the temptations of the devil. It would be good to know how to keep the battle in our favor.

Prayer is a way to answer the challenges of evil, fear, anxiety and sin. For this First Week of Lent, and as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, perhaps your family could pray part of his prayer together:

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.*

### **YOUTH NIGHT**

All teenagers, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school, are invited to our next Youth Night, **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will be meeting earlier 6:30-8:30pm because we host our parish Soup Supper. Afterwards we will meet as usual.

## WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE

*The musical, **Godspell** will be performed here in the church Next **Sunday, March 24, at 2:00pm**. The Performance is by the production company (*Plaza Theatrical Productions*) which brought us *My Fair Lady* and *Man of LaMancha*. The admission fee is a very modest \$10 which includes one drink.*

Tickets will be on sale after mass or in the Rectory.



**The Diocese of Rockville Centre  
Golden Wedding Anniversary  
Liturgy.**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Faith Formation by April 15, 2019.

**Camp Veritas** is a one-week “play and pray” Catholic summer camp for teens entering 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. They are located in Salt Point, New York. They offer Daytime activities as well as Spiritual activities. Visit their website at [www.campveritas.org](http://www.campveritas.org) for more information or you can call 845-663-1689 and speak with Jennifer Edwards.

**Long Island State Veterans Home** will be offering a Benefits & Resources Event for Veterans on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 1PM in Stony Brook. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 631-444-8606 or visit [www.listatveteranshome.org](http://www.listatveteranshome.org).

**Healing after Abortion:** Day of Prayer and healing for Women on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Register before April 1<sup>st</sup> by calling 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) or 516-766-2538 or email: [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org). All information will remain CONFIDENTIAL

***Villa Immaculata House of Prayer***

Join us for our Lenten Events

Stations of the Cross: Monday, March 18,  
From 10am to 12 noon.

**“A Lenten Journey”** – Video Presentation by Rev. Michael Himes – **Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to 3pm. Fee: \$30.

**Way of the Cross with Women of the world.**  
**Monday, March 25,** from 10am to 12 noon.

Call 631-727-5122 for information or reservations.

**Retreat Day at the Seminary in Huntington–**  
*Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am – 3:00pm.*  
Reservations required - \$30 Donation. Call 631-423-0483, ext 102 or go to [malone@icseminary.edu](mailto:malone@icseminary.edu).

**Future Planning:** In May, we will have a Time & Talent Day – **Stewardship Fair** to allow everyone to see the ministries in our parish. If you wish to help out, please contact Fr. Larry, or Rita Dlug. More information will be in future bulletins.

## ***150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

*A committee has been meeting to plan for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If you wish to be involved, please call Fr. Larry. Next meeting Monday night, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:15 in room # 6*  
*So far we have planned these events:*

**Mass – June 29<sup>th</sup>,** Saturday at 4:30pm

**Gala Dance –** Late September

**Volunteer Appreciation –** September

**Car Show/Children Carnival –** July 13<sup>th</sup>

**Sacred Concert –** Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

**Healing and Welcoming Back Gatherings** (Dates to be determined)

**Special Talks on History of Parish** (Dates to be determined)

**\*\* We are looking for pictures and any historical artifacts, writings, etc.**

Please bring to the rectory or give to Fr. Larry. Items will be scanned and returned quickly.



**Lenten Regulations:**

**Fast & Abstinence:** All Catholics, 14 years or older, may not eat meat

on the Fridays in Lent. All between the ages of 18 – 60 are **required to fast** on Good Friday, which means limiting oneself to one full meal and not eating between meals. Two other light meals, which do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. **Remember, if you are sick, or under a doctor’s diet, you are not required to follow this.** In a spirit of penance one may fast throughout the entire season of Lent, health permitting, especially on the Fridays of Lent, which has been set-aside as days of prayer and fasting for world peace.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):** Every Saturday, at 4:00 PM and every Tuesday, at 12:30 PM; On Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, all three dioceses (NYC, Brooklyn and Rockville Centre) will have extended hours for hearing confessions. WE will do so here from 8:30 – 9:00 AM and 1:00pm– 8:30PM.

**No Confessions on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.** PLEASE plan to go early and avoid the ‘last minute rush’. Thank you. You may call to set up an appointment to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation at other times.



Please consider being a part of the Holy Thursday Mass. It only requires one foot to be washed during the service. Please call Fran in the Rectory 631-727-2030 x 12

**Stations of the Cross –**

Friday mornings of Lent at 11:15am.

Consider coming to **daily Mass** during Lent. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00am. Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 12:10pm.

**Private Prayer:** The church will remain open each day, Mon. to Fri., from 7:30 AM until 2:00 PM and from 8am to 3pm on Saturday for those who wish to pray or do the stations privately.

**Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Services**

Each Lent, the various Christian Communities host Lenten Prayer Services. It is a great way to celebrate our unity with one another and our oneness in Jesus Christ.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7PM.**

- March 20 - Host: Old Steeple  
Speaker: Pastor DeArmitt
- March 27 - Host: First Congregation  
Speaker: Fr. Duncklee
- April 3 - Host: United Methodist  
Speaker: Pastor Hill
- April 10 - Host: To be determined  
Speaker: Pastor Murray

**Lenten Soup Supper**

On **Friday night, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we are having a *Soup Supper*. This may help us in experiencing a sense of ‘fasting’ for the poor. Bring the whole family.

**Time: 7:15 pm in the Cafeteria.**

**Cost: \$1 donation (or more) for parish outreach.** Please return this form so we can plan an adequate amount of soup.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people with me \_\_\_\_\_

**A 2<sup>nd</sup> soup supper is set for Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

# **AFTER DEATH, WHAT?**

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**WHAT THE NEW TESTAMENT  
TELLS US OF THE AFTERLIFE,  
HEAVEN, AND HELL**



*The Catholic Faith Network will air the Installation of Bishop Robert Brennan as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. The Mass will air live on Friday, March 29th at 1:30PM ET and will rebroadcast again at 8PM ET. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 and also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming; and also a 24/7 live stream at [www.CFNtv.org](http://www.CFNtv.org) .*

*Fr. John Cervini's sister Teresa McDonald died last week. You may send Fr. John cards at his address: 133F East Bourne Ct, Ridge, NY 11961. Or c/o St. John's Parish Rectory*

**PRESENTER:  
BISHOP WCELA  
WEDNESDAYS OF LENT  
DATES: MARCH 20, 27  
APRIL 3, 10  
PLACE: ROOM 6, in the  
PARISH CENTER  
TIMES: 8:30 - 10:00 AM  
WITH COFFEE  
AND . . . 7:00 - 8:30 PM**



## **Advanced Early Warning System Holy Week Schedule**

- Palm Sunday** – Regular Mass Schedule
- Monday – April 15** – Confessions 3 – 8:30pm
- Monday – Wednesday:** Regular Mass Schedule
- Holy Thursday** – 7:30pm Mass
- Good Friday 3:00pm** – Service of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross
- Saturday** – No Confessions, No 5:00pm Mass  
**Easter Vigil 7:30pm**
- Easter Sunday** – Regular Mass Schedule