

# 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)



April 14, 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

Email: [apickford@holysepulchrecemetery.org](mailto:apickford@holysepulchrecemetery.org)

**Religious Formation:** 631-727-6774

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – April 14, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS:

April 15, 2019 ~ April 21, 2019

Monday: 8:00am – Teresa McDonald

Tuesday: 12:10pm – J Roger McCabe

Wednesday: 8:00am – Adele Biolsi

**Holy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:30pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper and Adoration

**Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

3:00pm – Service of the Lord’s Passion

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross and Veneration

**Holy Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:30pm – Easter Vigil - People of the Parish

**EASTER Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

All Intentions are for those remembered

in our Easter Flower Novena

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

7:00pm in Spanish

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday: Monday of Holy Week; Income Tax Day

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Good Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord  
Fast and Abstinence; Passover begins

Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night;  
Holy Saturday



The Bread and Wine for the week are offered in honor of:

Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
April 14, 2019**

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7a



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.

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; Karen Payette; Lois Rodriguez; Barbara McCarthy; Michael Houlihan; Baby Patrick; Charlotte Kollhopp, Barbara Memola, Joe Gandiello, and Robbie Fisher.

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:

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, “The Master has need of it,” to give the animal gladly. Do I give readily to the Lord’s work?

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 \$8,290  
Mass Attendance: 1,487

**The Rectory office will be closed on Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and on Easter Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30am.**



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

## CONSIDER THIS!

### *The Mystery of Suffering*

The speaker of today's first reading is a victim. He speaks, but people beat him, pull out the hairs of his beard, slap and spit on him. Why? He suffers all this because he has spoken God's word. Every morning God speaks to him and enables him to speak to others. This word gets him into trouble.

But the speaker does not quit. Nor does he curse God who gives him these pointed words. He remains firm, committed to the word God gives him, even in the face of resistance.

Although Isaiah wrote about the difficulties faced by faithful Israel in the midst of enemies, Christians read through these lines and see the image of Jesus. He received God's word, spoke it with eloquence, and suffered at the hands of his enemies.

Do your words ever get you into trouble? Does it happen even when you say the right thing? If so, you stand in a long line of those who suffer because they are servants of God.

The victim on the cross hangs in full view in our churches. Christians can face the agony of suffering as it befell Jesus and as it comes to us, because we know there is something more.

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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.



### *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.



### RESPECT LIFE ...

“Defend life America. “Woe to you America, if you do not succeed in defending life”...  
POPE JOHN PAUL 2



*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 the following: **Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and You Tube**, may all be found @ [stjohnriverhead](#)

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

Questions and Media submissions via [sjpsocialmedia@aol.com](mailto:sjpsocialmedia@aol.com) *We pray in a special way for all who place a request on any of our sites.*

### *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).

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION



### RELIGIOUS FORMATION HOURS:

Monday 10:00am–5:00pm  
Tues. & Wed. 12:00pm–8:30pm  
Thursday by appointment  
Friday closed

### WEEKS OF APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>

### AND APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>

### NO CLASSES

*May you and your family experience a blessed Holy Week and Easter.*

### 2019-20 RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for 2019-20 begins this week. You may register:

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3pm – 8pm:**

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Sundays, 12pm–1pm, 5:30pm–6:30pm April 28<sup>th</sup>  
& May 5<sup>th</sup>**

### Special Registration Discount!

If full payment is made before July 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a \$10 discount.

After July 1<sup>st</sup>, tuition will be this year's amount.

After September 1<sup>st</sup> there is a \$25 fee for Late Registration.

### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>, 12:00PM

Children 10 years old and younger are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring a basket or bag for the "hunt". We meet on the side of the Parish Center (school building).<sup>\*</sup> Refreshments will be served.

*<sup>\*</sup> In case of rain meet in the cafeteria.*

### LEVELS 7 & 8

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Teens are needed to help with our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am - 1:00pm. If you did not sign up yet but would like to volunteer, please call Ms. Rita, 631-727-6774, and leave your name or come to Rm. 6 on April 27<sup>th</sup> by 10:30am.

### FAMILY REFLECTION AND

Lent officially "ends" Holy Thursday evening when the Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated (7:30pm). The 3 holiest days of our Church year, known as the Triduum, are Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

There are so many opportunities this week for children and their families to connect religious formation knowledge with our Catholic faith. Holy Thursday Mass includes the washing of feet as Jesus did at the Last Supper. This is a wonderful example for children of Jesus' command to serve one another. Good Friday's 3pm Service, the reading of the Passion of Jesus and Veneration of the Cross, can be a powerful lesson about Jesus' sacrifice for us. Another service on Good Friday, the "live" Stations of the Cross presented by our teens, is a dramatic experience that has moved many people these past few years. May the Holy Week liturgies enable your family to experience a deep understanding of Jesus' love and sacrifice.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

There is no Youth Night this Friday but all teens in our Youth Ministry are invited to meet this Friday, Good Friday, in the church, 7:15pm - 8:15pm. The "live" Stations of the Cross will be presented by our teens. Our next Youth Night will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to have some outdoor fun, if the weather is good. Bring your summer planning ideas and a friend or two.

## WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE



### *Scripture and You*

Scripture and You: 10:30 AM on **April 16<sup>th</sup>** in Room 1. All are welcome to join Deacon Bill and his wife Barbara, as we discover the subtle and amazing ways God's Word is active in our lives. There are no obligations or commitments required. Please come and join us.

**St. John the Baptist parish family** invites children with special needs and their parents to our newly-formed group, **"Special Needs Faith Formation"** We gather for about one hour once a month for crafts, prayer and snacks. Everyone in our local area is invited to our downstairs hall, 3:30-4:30 p.m. April 27, May 18, and June 22. To RSVP and for more information, please call Janet Donnery, 631- 929-4715.



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.

### **St. Gianna Mass for Women and Families**

Saint Agnes Cathedral **Saturday, April 27 5:00 pm**  
Most Reverend John O. Barres presiding. Part of the liturgy will include a blessing in thanksgiving for those celebrating, hoping for and expecting the gift of a child. The Mass will be televised on **Catholic Faith Network.** After Mass an opportunity for you to venerate the relics of St. Gianna is possible. Reception at the Pastoral Center afterwards. RSVP by April 19<sup>th</sup> to 516 678 5800 ext.381, and 626 or email aobrien@drvc.org or respectlife.drvc.org

**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).

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

*A committee has planned:*

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

**Gala Dance – Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Volunteer Appreciation – September**

**Car Show/Family Fun Day – 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.**

*If you wish to be involved or help out with an event, please call Fr. Larry.*

**Camp Veritas** is a one-week "play and pray" Catholic summer camp for teens in 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades located in Salt Point, NY. 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.

**Pilgrimage Catholic Canada.** Montreal & Quebec healing shrines; St. Joseph's Oratory (Bro. Andre) St. Anne de Beaupre'. June 1st - 6th \$2,899 All Inclusive from NYC (Double Occupancy) Call: Fr. Peter Kaczmarek St. Francis Church, Greenlawn, NY 631-757-7435 ext.5 or 206 Tours 1-800-206-8687 make the most of your pilgrimage time. Don't plan to drive up there - join us!



### Lenten Regulations:

**Fast & Abstinence:** *No meat on Fridays for those over 14. A Fast on Good Friday for all between the ages of 18. 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 choose to fast throughout the season of Lent, especially on all Fridays, which have been set-aside as days of prayer and fasting for world peace.*

**The Precious Blood** – “receiving under both species”. It seems as if the Flu Season is leaving us. With this in mind we will resume offering the Eucharistic under both species during Holy week. We remind everyone that if you are sick or feel feverish, etc., please do not drink from the cup. Thank You.

**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 3:00pm–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.*

### **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.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):** Every *Saturday, at 4:00 PM* and every *Tuesday, at 12:30 PM;*



### **Holy Week 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; 7:30pm Stations of the cross and veneration**

**Saturday – No Confessions, No 5:00pm Mass  
Easter Vigil 7:30pm**

**Easter Sunday – Regular Mass Schedule**

### **RICE BOWL RETURNS**

If you have been using the Rice Bowl for a Lenten experience, please return it to church on Easter or the week after. We ask that, if possible, you write a check to **CRS** (Catholic Relief Service - *You may also make it out to St. John's, with Rice Bowl indicated on it.*) If need be, you may return them earlier. Thank you.

On Holy Thursday we traditionally have a collection to help support our Parish Outreach/Social Ministry. These envelopes are also available at the entrances to the church.



**Easter Sunday**  
*Alleluia, Alleluia!!!*

Masses will be at  
7, 9 and 11 AM,  
and in  
Spanish at 7:00 PM

*Rejoice in this great mystery of our faith.  
Receive the wonderful gift of hope and  
forgiveness God has bestowed on us all.*

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*(Perhaps you can invite or entice a friend or a  
fallen away family member to join with you.  
You may want to scour the neighborhood and see if  
there is someone who would like to go if only  
they could have someone drive them.)*

*Please remember that many people come  
here on Easter from their parishes to visit their  
families out here. I know you will show them  
our famous hospitality and joy.*

Catholic Faith Network, the television network  
of the Diocese of Rockville Centre hosts the

**CFN 2019 Golf Classic  
on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Played simultaneously on 2 prestigious North  
Shore courses, The Creek and Mill River Club.  
Proceeds enable this important ministry to  
continue to provide Catholic Liturgy and  
Programming to Long Island and beyond,  
through television, web streaming, and  
social media; especially for our many  
homebound, hospitalized, rehabilitative facility  
residents, and our military parishioners. Please  
visit CFN's website at [www.CFNtv.org](http://www.CFNtv.org) or  
[www.catholicgolfclassic.org](http://www.catholicgolfclassic.org) or contact Dawn-  
Marie Feiler, at 516-538-8704, ext. 118 or  
[dmfeiler@CFNtv.org](mailto:dmfeiler@CFNtv.org) for golf, reception,  
sponsorship, raffle, and donation information.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION ON GOOD  
FRIDAY** The Church throughout the world takes  
up a special collection for the support of the  
Shrines in the **HOLY LAND** and for the ministry  
that is performed there. Each day, the news  
reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing  
the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the  
shrinking Christian community there, a community  
that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's  
birth, death and resurrection. Please help support  
our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving  
to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical  
Collection allows the Franciscans and others to  
continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and  
for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be  
generous.

The Mailing with our Easter Message, the  
Easter Schedule and the envelopes for Easter  
and Easter Flowers have been mailed. If you  
did not get yours in the mail, please contact  
Teresa at the office 631-727-2030. We also  
have extra envelopes available at the  
entrances.

**Bereavement Support Group**



Our parish has a **Bereavement  
Support Group** for anyone  
over the age of 18 who may be  
having some difficulty  
dealing with the loss of a loved  
one.

**When:** Each month, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday night .

**Time:** 7:15pm

**Next Dates:** May 8<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** The Rectory Office Living Room  
No fee and no requirements. Please RSVP so we  
can have sufficient material available.

**RSVP to:** [rachel.lohr@yahoo.com](mailto:rachel.lohr@yahoo.com)

Or call 631-284-9909 to leave a message.