

# 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)

## 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: [info@CCDRVCinc.org](mailto:info@CCDRVCinc.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



September 1, 2019

**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:**  
*September 2<sup>nd</sup> – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

- Monday:** 8:00am – Justice for laborers
- Tuesday:** 12:10pm – Eleanor R. Scholtz
- Wednesday:** 8:00am – Eric Sutton
- Thursday:** 8:00am – The terminally ill
- Friday:** 12:10pm – Legion of Mary Living & Deceased Members
- Saturday: (Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>)**  
5:00pm – Dr. Thomas Darrigan; Malachy Noone; Sr. Mary Noone; Msgr. James Hunt; Judith Kayton
- Sunday: (Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>)**  
7:00am – People of St. John’s  
9:00am – Geraldine Temperini  
11:00am – Dolores Chituk  
7:00pm – Spanish Language Mass

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



**Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 1, 2019**

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.  
— *Hebrews 12:22a*



**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: Deacon Bill Austin; Walter Blanck; Harry Carter; Karen Payette; Lois Rodriguez; Barbara McCarthy; Michael Houlihan; Charlotte Kollhopp; Joe Gandiello; Dawn Ritter; Christian H. Lavoie; Vinnie DeTrinis; Grace Guerra; Kathryn Beldey; Josephine Garvey; Elizabeth Hamilton; Sally Napoli.

*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 today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

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 \$8490.00  
Mass Attendance: 1,379



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.

## CONSIDER THIS!

### *The Gift of Humility*

We learn humility in different ways. Sometimes we try to attain what is beyond our reach. We try to accomplish something we desire to attain. We fail. We humbly learn our limitations.

Sometimes we boast of our accomplishments. We have achieved much and we tell others the truth. But we lose the esteem of our friends when we do. Boasting might be honest, but humility brings rewards.

Still, some people erroneously believe that humility is weak and pride is strong. Some public figures—entertainers, politicians, and professional athletes, for example—boast in the midst of combat. They want attention. They disdain the competition. Their success depends on their self-certitude.

Their fall is all the more sharp. In the end, even the most talented share the same mortality as everyone else. We are all human. We shall all taste death. In the sight of God, humility is the only honest stance we can take.

The Book of Sirach urges us to conduct our affairs with humility. We will be loved by others and favored by God. We will recognize that in spite of our gifts, there is One who is greater: the giver of these gifts. When we acknowledge the might of God, humility becomes a way of life.

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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.

Contact 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 ...

"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself." ~

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~



*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

**Snapchat:** stjohnriverhead

**Twitter:** stjohnriverhead

**You Tube:** 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.**

### *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.or](http://saintjohnriverhead.formed.or)

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

### SUMMER HOURS

Monday 10am – 4pm  
Tues. & Wed. 10pm – 6pm

All other times by appointment (631-727-6774)

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

**Confirmation:** Preparation for those receiving Confirmation on October 30<sup>th</sup> begins this week. All parents and candidates are asked to gather in the church at 7:00pm for our first session.

### New Religious Formation Year

**Religious Formation begins** for MOST grade levels on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Our schedule is below:

**Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 4:45pm classes**  
Levels 1 – 5 Parents & children gather in church

**Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:45pm classes**  
Levels 1 – 5 AND Older Students (RCIA)  
Parents & children/teens gather in church.

**Wed., Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 4:45pm classes**  
Levels 1 – 5 Parents & students gather in church

*Levels 6, 7, & 8 classes do not begin until  
November 6<sup>th</sup> HOWEVER...*

ALL Level 6, 7, & 8 parents and students are asked to attend the following:

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Level 6** 6:45pm Parents & students in the church

**Levels 7 & 8** 7:30pm Parents/students in the church

### LATE REGISTRATION

*Registration has been ongoing since April.*

If you have yet to register your child or teen please call or visit our office during the hours posted above. Hopefully, there is placement available.

### CRICUT EXPERT NEEDED

We have been fortunate to receive a cricut machine with many accessories. We would like to use this in our Religious Formation program with our children and teens. If you have experience using a cricut would you please contact Rita Dlug, 631-727-6774 Thank you!

### CATECHISTS, CO-CATECHISTS, ASSISTANTS NEEDED

The following grade levels need a catechist:  
Level 3: Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons,  
4:45pm – 5:55pm

Levels 6, 7 & 8: Wednesday evenings  
6:45pm – 8:00pm

*Please call Rita Dlug if you would like information about being a catechist or you may wish to help as a co-catechist, an assistant, hall monitor or in some other way.*

### Catechist Meeting

ALL catechists are invited to attend a Catechist Brunch and Meeting, this **Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am** (after the 9am Mass), in Rm. 6. Class lists and other information will be presented.

### MASS ENVELOPE PICK UP

The new Mass envelopes are available this weekend before and after all Masses:

**Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** -  
15 minutes before or after the 5pm Mass in Rm. 1.

**Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** – 15 minutes before or after the 7am, 9am, 11am and 7pm Masses in Rm. 1.

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

*Our world, our country and our Church need unity, peace, justice, understanding, compassion and forgiveness!!! **Let it begin with our families.***

*The grace needed to make the world a better place is given when we celebrate together, hear God's Word and receive Jesus in the Eucharist more often.*

*May our families be open to this grace by placing importance on attending Mass together.*

*When God is the center, it seems as if everything else is more ordered in our life.*

## AND NOW FOR SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR YOUTH...

A few months ago Fr. Larry invited our parishioners to consider helping with our Youth Ministry. Some of you inquired but we did not have a great response (READ THAT: NO ONE VOLUNTEERED!)

At this time we have a small adult team. More adults are needed to help serve, shop for us, provide materials for activities, be present at our gatherings and/or bring their wisdom and faith to our young people.

Many of our parishioners have volunteered in previous parishes and, yes, they think that was "enough". The end. Well, I don't think service to others ever ends, do you? It may be in different ways but we are to serve always. While many of those who attend Mass here are "older" that doesn't mean there aren't gifts and time to share in ministry. There is a wisdom adults have that can benefit our teens. And here is something else to consider: Do you know a young adult, 19 years or older, who is a practicing Catholic, not necessarily in our parish, who may be looking for an opportunity to serve our young people? If so, maybe you could approach him or her and ask if he or she would consider volunteering in Youth Ministry.

Our youth are not the "future" of the Church; they are the present. How grateful we are that parents register their children and teens for religious formation. We appreciate our youth who come together regularly, even after Confirmation. We need to support and encourage them, the ones who stay and are active Catholics. Statistics are telling us that our young people are NOT coming back. Nope, not for their children's Baptisms, religious education or any involvement in Church. While one can't blame them given the incidents of the past 20 years that is not a reason to accept the lack of families and young people in our parish. For those who are here we owe them time and attention to nurture their faith.

I encourage you to consider ministering with our young people. There are so many ways to do that but if you don't ask you won't know. In fact, YOU may have ideas for US! Why not trust the Holy Spirit that you will have all that is needed to minister to our youth. Contact Rita Dlug if you would like more information and encouragement. (631-727-6774)

## WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE

Scripture & You will resume on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in room #1 of the parish center. Join us as we discover how God's presence in our lives is revealed through Scripture and our own lived experience.

All are welcome.

**BIRTHRIGHT...** Dear Friends. Your generosity last weekend is greatly appreciated. It will go a long way toward allowing Birthright to reach their goals. For those who would like to make a donation at this time, please send a check to Birthright, 99 West Montauk Hwy, Hampton Bays, NY 11946. Please include the name of your Church on the check.

**The Catholic University of America Collection is next week.** The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Now, more than ever, the University is strategically positioned to pave the way forward and help the laity play a significant role in healing. Through hosting a conference series focused on laity response, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA) where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability. Catholic University will serve as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country. Your support of the National Collection will help us solve issues within the Church and educate graduates who will leave campus ready to impact the Church, the nation, and the world. We appreciate your generosity.

## **RCIA: The Christian Initiation of Adults**

Thinking about becoming a Catholic or perhaps celebrating one or more of the sacraments: Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist (Communion) or Confirmation??? Look no further. We have a process here in the parish for adults to gather for study and prayer on the journey to becoming a full member of the Church Community. If interested, or if you know someone else who is, please give us call or email us at [sec.stjohnrvhd@aol.com](mailto:sec.stjohnrvhd@aol.com).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

We are called to be humble of heart. Learn how to love each other with humility by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://www.menyli.org/>.

### DRVC School of Missionary Disciples

is a two year process of personal, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation for Catholics that offers an exciting, integrated approach to discipleship through instruction, prayer, faith sharing and development of leadership skills. To learn more, please come to our information session on Friday, September 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., St. John the Evangelist, Riverhead, 546 St. John's Place, Riverhead, NY 11901, Parish Center – Room # 6 (in the school building across from the Rectory) For more information, contact Maria Elena Barbieri, 516-678-5800, ext. 540, [mbarbieri@drvc.org](mailto:mbarbieri@drvc.org) or visit our website [www.drvc-faith.org/adult-formation](http://www.drvc-faith.org/adult-formation).

**Open Wide Our Hearts**, is a letter by the U.S. Bishops on peace and reconciliation, specifically in opposition to racism and hostilities towards immigrants. There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service Monday night, **September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** in St. Anthony's Church in Rocky Point. This time of pray & discussion is being held on the feast of St. Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary, who became the patron saint of slaves, due to his work in the Republic of Colombia, and ministry to African Americans. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome.

### A RETREAT FOR THOSE LIVING WITH A SERIOUS ILLNESS

**A Gennesaret** retreat is designed for persons living with a serious illness. Sept. 20, 21 & 22 at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, forgiveness and faithfulness. For information or to register, please call Colette at 631-665-7052. **"Funds are available" – contact Fr. Larry.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING Fall 2019

**BASIC TRAINING** for all those who would like to minister at parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC); this also includes ministry to the homebound and those in nursing homes.

**HOSPITAL TRAINING** for those EMHCs intending to work with the sick in the Hospital settings. Contact the Office of Faith Formation at (516-678-5800 ext. 223)

**LECTOR TRAINING** for those who wish to proclaim the Word of God at their parishes. All men, women, and young adults who wish to become a lector at their parish should attend one diocesan training session.

Dates, times, locations for BASIC TRAINING and LECTOR TRAINING:

Mon., 9/30 @ Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (7:00-10:00PM)

Wed., 10/2 @ Saint Elizabeth, Melville (7:00-10:00PM)

Eastern Suffolk-Spanish – Sat., 11/9 @Saint Rosalie-Hampton Bays (9:00AM-12:30PM)

Sat., 11/9 @Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (1:00PM-4:30PM)

NOTE: One may attend either BASIC TRAINING or LECTOR TRAINING, but not BOTH for a given day listed above. **To register for Training please contact Cathie Riola at: [tellher615@optonline.net](mailto:tellher615@optonline.net) or call Fran at the Rectory Office ext. 12.**

### Andy Cooney's Carnegie Hall Christmas Celebration. Benefits Hope House Ministries,

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Starring: The Hibernian Festival Singers; New York Tenors, Daniel Rodriguez, Andy Cooney, Christopher Macchio, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers; and HIMS. Concert Tickets and Bus, \$143. Bus location: TJ Maxx Parking Lot and St. Louis deMonfort Church, Sound Beach. Call Helen Ermer at 631-727-4664 for details and reservations.



Get your Tickets for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dance

Tickets for the Gala Dance, to be held on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> will be on sale in the Rectory Office.

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT DOOR, NO EXCEPTIONS**

Place: Giorgio's – 100 Fox Hill Drive, Baiting Hollow, NY

Date: Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Time: 6:00 to 10:00 PM

Includes: Beer, Wine, Soda, Juice, (cash bar for liquor), Cocktail Hour & Buffet Dinner  
Dessert with Coffee & Tea

Music: DJ  
--\$75 per person --\$140 per couple

*Make checks payable to: St John's Church*

**ONLY 250 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD**

**\*\* Please note that the tables are set for 10 people only. If you have a group, and would like to sit together, please use the tear off that follows and submit with your paid ticket stub.**

**SEATING IS 10 PER TABLE, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you would like a table, please list below the individuals for your table.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_

**Ronkonkoma Cenacle, located at 310 Cenacle Road, Ronkonkoma, is offering the following programs, if interested please call 588-8366 x116**

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Maude Adams House, 9:30 a.m. arrivals and refreshments.  
**MIND THE GAP/TRANSITIONS**

**September 13-15, 2019 PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY! Bringing Al-Anon Principles into Everyday Life.** This weekend retreat walks us through a 12 Step process in a clear and accessible way through presentations, written exercises, music, optional group sharing, and more!

**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Retreat Center, 1:30 p.m. arrivals and refreshments: Centering Prayer Afternoon**



**Stay With Us Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

at St. John the Baptist High School, West Islip

Doors open at 8:00 a.m. for registration.

Blessing and Commissioning at 2:30 p.m.

**For more information and to register, please go to [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)**



**St. John Paul II Regional School**

Pre-K- Now Enrolling for 2019- 2020 School Year. Introducing our new and

improved Hatchling Program! Where your child's education begins. Affordable half and full day sessions; NYS certified teachers; Newly renovated, safe and nurturing environment; STEM, art, music, physical education; Lunch options; Free before care; After care available; Age appropriate engaging activities; All students are well prepared for kindergarten; Playful learning driven by children's interest. Open Enrollment for grades K-8 provides your child with the opportunity of a lifetime!

Call now for a tour! 631-727-1650!