

St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church

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Welcome to our Parish Family!

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 Staff:

Pastor: Fr. Larry Duncklee,

In Residence: Bishop Emil A. Wcela

Visiting Assistant: Rev. Msgr. John Cervini

Deacons:

Peter Schultz Dan Waloski William Austin

Parish Office: 631-727-2030

Fran Johnson and Teresa Bermudez

Office hours: Monday – Thursday: 9AM – 4PM

Friday: 9am to 2pm

Office is closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Religious Formation: 631-727-6774

Rita Dlug, DRE and Liz Perez Cardenas

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Social Ministry & North Fork Spanish Apostolate

Sr. Margaret Smyth OP, 631-369-4601

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Music Ministry/Social Media: Renée Stakey

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Cemetery Office:

Managed by the Diocese of RVC

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MASS SCHEDULE - EUCHARIST

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM;

7:00PM in Spanish

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 8:00 AM

Tuesday & Friday 12:10 PM

Holy Days of Obligation: Please check bulletin

DEVOTIONAL LIFE:

Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday, 8:30AM

Rosary: Saturday 8:30 AM in the Church

Spanish Charismatic Service: Thursday at 7:30 PM

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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 12:45 PM. *Anytime by appointment.*

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Congratulations! Please make arrangements at the parish approximately one year before the desired date so 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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

— Psalm 23:1



OFFICIAL DIOCESAN NOTICE

As of Monday, March 16th, all Masses have been suspended in our diocese. NO PUBLIC MASSES will take place until AFTER April 14, 2020. This means we will not be having Holy Week or Easter Masses. You can still watch mass via our Facebook livestreaming page: [John Church Riverhead](#).

All masses with a previously arranged intention will be celebrated privately by the parish priests. Confessions will be heard only on an as needed basis; we ask that you please call to arrange a time for us to be in the confessional for you. The sacrament of the sick will be offered to all who request it. During this period of extreme caution and prevention we ask for your prayers and also remind you that this Lent is now a time that has given you a mandated time of isolation, and the absence of activity, social gatherings, etc. What a great opportunity for deepening your prayer life and to engage in spiritual reading. It is also a time to write letters to friends, especially the homebound.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS:

March 23 – March 29, 2020

- Monday:** 8:00am – NONE
Tuesday: 12:10pm – NONE
Wednesday: 8:00am – Frederick J. Seifert, Sr.
Thursday: 8:00am – NONE
Friday: 12:10pm – Jerry Halloran
Saturday: (March 28th)
5:00pm – People of St. Johns
Sunday: (March 29th)
7:00am – NONE
9:00am – Anne Marie Welby
11:00am – John Trimore
7:00pm – Spanish Language Mass

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



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

Terry Hanna

Donated by: The Taylor Family



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: *Jane Stark*

We ask your prayers for the health and wholeness of all the sick and all who give them care, especially: Reilly Butler, Joe Gandiello, Sally Napoli, Elizabeth Hamilton, Josephine Garvey, Gladys Miller, Eugenia Fioretti, Emily Eastwood, Christian Lavoie and Margaret Noone

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CONSIDER THIS!

Sleep Walk

Sleep is beautiful when it comes at the right time, but embarrassing otherwise. Some people sleep through class. They sleep at meetings. They sleep during concerts. They mean well, but they miss out on important moments of life.

Other people sleep through life in other ways. They are unaware of political issues, unconcerned for the needs of the poor, ignorant of manners, aloof from people seeking their attention. Some people sleep through life, through relationships, and through faith.

Around the world, many people are unaware of Christ. It is as if they are asleep. They live in a darkness outside the light of the good news. They may have some inner sense of goodness, given as a gift from God. But they may not yet have heard the gospel, or had the opportunity to live it in faith.

Through baptism, we have been awakened from our sleep. Christ is our light. The Letter to the Ephesians says, “Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.” Baptism has changed our status. We no longer belong to the night. We shine with the light of day.

But this has consequences: “Live as children of light.” Having moved from darkness to light, we now have responsibilities. Let us shake off the sleep that threatens to keep us from being faithful to Christ. Throughout this Lent, let us rise from sleep and live in light.

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**THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICES
have all been cancelled due to the Virus.**

*The Lenten Soup Suppers have also
been canceled due to the Virus.*



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Stewardship Thought for the Week:

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

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 \$3,042.00

Mass Attendance: 600

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 ...

"The method of killing a human child, one cannot even accurately say an entirely unborn human child, proscribed by this statute is so horrible that the most clinical description of it evokes a shudder of revulsion... the notion that the constitution of the United States, designed, among other things, 'to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, ... and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity,' prohibits the states from simply banning this visibly brutal means of eliminating our half-born posterity is quite simply absurd." *Justice Antonin Scalia, one of four members of the court who dissented in Stenberg v. Carhart, in his official written opinion.*

THANK YOU AND GOD GO WITH YOU.
Many, Many thanks to **Bob and Genny Yeomans** who have steered the 'Respect Life' activities in our parish for so many years. They have also ministered in many ways here, including assisting as Ministers of Communion. Bob has also been a Lector 'Extraordinaire'. You will be missed. Good luck and God bless you as you move to a new home and a new chapter in your lives. We will not forget you.

Other Cancellations due to the Corona Virus

- Forever Young
- Stations of the Cross
- Scripture and You
- Bishop Wcela's Class
- Youth Ministry
- Religious Formation

*Catholic Website called **FORMED.Org** Like Netflix or You Tube for Catholics*

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
- 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.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION



All Classes and Meetings are cancelled until sometime after April 14th.

You may call the office for an appointment or to pick up your child's assignment for this period.

You are advised to call for an appointment at: 631-727-6774 since the office may not be open due to the Virus Pandemic.

All families are asked to use this time of "pulling in" to do home study with their children and teens until March 31st. All parents were asked to pick up lesson instructions last week. If you have not picked up materials or do not have the instructions, please come to our office Tuesday & Wednesday 3:00pm - 8:00pm

Each week completed lessons are to be returned to our office during the regular hours:

- Monday 10:00am – 5:00pm
- Tuesday & Wed. 12:00pm – 8:30pm

Great Opportunity during this time in Lent when schools are closed and many activities have been cancelled:

FAMILY REFLECTION

Last week it was suggested that you examine your reactions, feelings and opinions about the current health crisis. Who knew how fast and far reaching the decisions to shut down and pull in would be?

One question last week was, “If we don’t challenge ourselves to grow spiritually how will we overcome the fears which can easily overtake us?” Has fear overtaken you?

The world is exhibiting great fear as we see stores with empty shelves, people blaming others, hourly updates and the reactions of financial institutions. How do you sort out truth, exaggeration, scare tactics and the future?

Possible answers for our concerns are to pause, pray and follow the protocols we are told by health care professionals. Hoarding, worrying, reacting, and projecting for the future are not the answers. It is interesting that people focus on themselves when there is a crisis instead of realizing the power of working together.

Today’s Readings and Gospel emphasize the need to see, to not be blind to goodness and the works of God. Fear blinds us. It has us become confused and anxious. Place your trust in God.

FOR THIS WEEK: Today’s Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 23, is a good prayer. Why not pray as a family this week as part of your Lent prayer time? Someone can be the prayer leader and all respond as noted below.

Prayer Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Prayer Leader: He guides me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Prayer Leader: You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Prayer Leader: Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE



Where can you find an opportunity to help yourself, your family, your community and your Church at the same time? Answer: The Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus is one of North America's largest life insurers, one of the world's most ethical companies, an international Catholic fraternity, and a multi-billion-dollar donor to charitable causes. We are looking for a few Catholic gentlemen to join our full-time Insurance sales force to serve our members and their families. Our sales force receives extensive training, a secure territory with professional-level income potential, incentive bonuses, health and retirement benefits, and continuing education opportunities. If this sounds like something you would like to explore for yourself, or if you know a Catholic gentleman that might be perfect for this opportunity, please call (631)574-4520 or hernandezagency@mail@kofc.org.

Liturgical Ministry Training Spring 2020

Are you interested in serving our Parish as an EMHC or Lector?

The Diocese offers Training for all those who would like to minister as a Minister of Holy Communion or as a Lector. There is also training for the homebound, hospital or nursing homes. If you are interested, please contact our Director of EMHC and Lectors, **Cathie Riola** for more information at tellher615@optonline.net.

Parish SOCK DRIVE UPDATE

THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated socks to our parish sock drive. We have received over **1,000 pairs** of socks in the drop box *and* through the online web store. The sock drive will continue for a while longer so there is still time for you to donate. You can bring new socks to church and put them in the box at the entrance to the church or donate online at threadedcross.com and click on “sock drives” and donate to St. John’s Sock Drive. All donated socks will be given to our Parish Social Ministry for distribution. Thank you!! If you have any questions about the parish sock drive, please contact Tricia Shackel at: tshack0285@aol.com or 516.205.3755;

threadedcross.com/product/st-johns-sock-drive.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter" Let us not be afraid to live out our Sacrament of Marriage to the fullest. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is Jun 26-28, and Nov 6-8, in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit <https://wwmenyli.org>.



Icon Painting Class This Spring at St. Rosalie in the Parish Center on 6 consecutive Saturdays. Classes start

April 4 and end on May 9. Time is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will write an icon of St. Michael in egg tempera and gold leaf on solid wood panels using only traditional methods from antiquity. Check out her website www.janinemanheim.com.

No previous art training is necessary. Every session will start with prayer, and silence is encouraged during work. Tuition is \$400 plus a materials fee of \$100. Students will receive a gessoed wooden panel, brushes, gold leaf and pigments. Seating is limited to 10, reserve early. Please call the Parish Center at 631-728-9461 Or Janine Manheim at 631-663-5017 for more information.

**Parish Concert – Saturday,
May 2, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Church**

Chris Catalano is a composer of sacred music, a great deal of which is used in Catholic worship services. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Theology from St. John’s University and has a Master’s Degree in Composition from the Aaron Copland School of Music in Queens.

With over one 150 pieces of sacred music to his credit, Chris continues to use his gifts and talents as a music teacher on Long Island for over 20 years. He has been a Music Director for parishes in our diocese and continues his music ministry every Sunday in his home parish. He is a music professor at Hofstra University and has recorded 6 CDs to date and given a large number of concerts, and evenings of reflection and prayer - many of which have been benefit concerts, raising money for those in need. He has also served the Diocese of Rockville Centre in various musical ways, in particular in the area of bereavement ministry. He is most excited to continue his ministry by sharing his gifts and excitement with us in a fundraiser for our parish scholarship fund. Please put this date in your calendar. More information regarding tickets will be forthcoming.



A Parish Bereavement Support Group..

is for anyone over the age of 18 who may be having difficulty dealing

with the loss of a loved one.

When: The 2nd Wednesday of the month

Next Date: MAY 13th

Time: 7:15pm

Where: The Rectory Office Living Room

FAITH DIRECT

You may be aware we have had a way of supporting our Parish through “eGiving” called Faith Direct. With *Faith Direct*, you can make regular automatic contributions to St. John the Evangelist using your credit/debit card or bank account, the same process that you may use to pay utility bills or make car payments.

Making your donations automatically means relief from the hassle of locating your offertory envelopes as you run out the door on Sunday morning, and guarantees that the church will receive your gifts even if you are unable to attend Mass. There is no fee to you, the parishioner, associated with use of the *Faith Direct* program. Automatic contributions greatly benefit St. John the Evangelist by providing predictable cash flow as well as decreasing the time and money the church expends dealing with the envelope system. *Faith Direct* provides you with personalized offertory cards that you may place in the basket, and a year-end tax statement. We find *Faith Direct* a “win-win” for both parishioners and our parish. Please enroll in this program by picking up an enrollment form from the church office, or by visiting faith.direct/NY231 to enroll securely on line. Please do not hesitate to contact Fran or Teresa in the Rectory Office, for any additional information.

Planned Giving Program

In cooperation with the Diocese our parish has a Parish Ministry planned Giving Program. This is a way in which you might want to provide for your parish over a long period of time during your lifetime of and/or after your death via a variety of gifts. This can be done through a Charitable Trust, a Life Benefit from your Life Insurance Policy, a Bequest included in your will and many other options. For more information, please call Barbara Kilarjan at 516-678-5800 x 257. You may also email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org. Be sure to let her know it is for St. John the Evangelist parish in Riverhead.

CORONAVIRUS: UPDATE

If you are sick, not feeling well – Stay Home! Also if you have symptoms, “*call your doctor*”.

Precautions – **WASH YOUR HANDS** and take all necessary precautions recommended by the National Institutes of Health and our local Government and Hospitals.

In an emergency you may still call Fr. Larry to administer the Sacrament of the Sick at the Hospital or at your home.

Prayer Novena for time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus’ pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis