

# 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

### Temporary 'Covid' Office hours:

Monday – Friday: 9AM – 2PM

Office is closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 PM

### Religious Formation: 631-727-6774

Rita Dlug, DRE and Liz Perez Cardenas

Email: stjohnreformation@gmail.com

### Social Ministry & North Fork Spanish Apostolate

Sr. Margaret Smyth OP, 631-369-4601

Temporary: Monday – Friday 10am- 12:30pm

### Music Ministry/Social Media: Renée Stakey

Social Media: sjpsocialmedia@aol.com

### Cemetery Office:

Managed by the Diocese of RVC

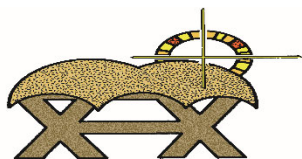
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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 27, 2020

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31



### TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE - EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:30PM

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

5:30 & 7:00 PM 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:** Tuesdays at 12:45 PM.

Saturday: 3:45 – 4:15 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:

If interested in becoming a Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please call the Rectory Office.

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS:**

December 28 – January 3, 2021

- Monday:** 8:00am – Marjorie Duncklee  
Irene Raynor
- Tuesday:** 12:10pm – Robert Yeomans &  
Elizabeth Hamilton
- Wednesday:** 8:00am – Raymond Diem
- Thursday:** 8:00am - Joseph Smith  
**Solemnity Feast of Mary the Mother of God**
- Friday:** 9:00am - Michael Hubbard  
12 Noon People of St. John’s Parish
- Saturday: (January 2nd)**  
4:30pm – Reilly Butler
- Sunday: (January 3rd)**  
7:00am – People of St John’s Parish  
9:00am - Nickolas Anderson  
11:00am – Lorenza Famularo  
7:00pm - Spanish Language Mass

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Friday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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

***The McMorrow & O’Reilly Families***

Donated by: Their Family



***The Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>***



**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: Joe Gandiello, Sally Napoli, Josephine Garvey, Eugenia Fioretti, Ron Paland, Emily Eastwood, Christian Lavoie, Jim DeRosa, Angel Ismael Penaranda; Marilyn Pranzo; Veronica Spaeth; Teresa Bermudez; Harry Carver; Rick O’Neil; Peter Maschka; Elaine Robinson; Louis Gallo; and, for all who are afflicted with Covid-19. ***Pray too for the medical and nursing staffs at the local hospitals and all first responders.*** Pray too for all who cannot be with loved ones who are dying or cannot have normal funeral services.

*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:

*“Whatever you do, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him.” (Colossians) We offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit...”*

Living Stewardship:

We thank God for his providential care and express our gratitude to you for your support for the work of the parish for the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup>

- Collection: \$ 8,176.00
- Religious Retirement: \$495.00
- Mass Attendance: 701

## CONSIDER THIS!

### *The Miracle of Birth*

No matter whose child you are, you are a blessing. The miracle of your existence is a gift from God.

Today we remember the special relationships that exist among family members. We celebrated with family and friends on Christmas, but now, in the days after, we look to the holy family as an example for our households, and we thank God for the family we have received.

One of the stories we remember today is about Abraham's family. God promised that he would father a child. But Abraham was old. He complained that his inheritance would pass to his steward because he had no son.

God told Abraham that he was wrong. There would be a son. So even in his old age, Abraham put his faith in God's promise. Only then did Sarah conceive Abraham's child.

The birth of Isaac was a miracle. The birth of every child is a miracle. Your birth was a miracle too.

Do you know the circumstances of your own birth? Were your parents hoping for you? Were you a surprise? Even if you surprised them, you did not surprise God, who promised you life in the eternal plan of salvation. You are part of God's holy family.

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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 ...

"And if we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~

### FORMED.Org

Our parish has a subscription to 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. Under Create an Account put St John the Evangelist Riverhead NY and look for the dropdown box with our parish and address. Click on that.
3. Put your full name and your email address.
4. You will then see the FORMED website and you can choose the resources.

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).

**FORMED.Org:** *Es posible que desee ver algunas películas Católicas, libros, videos para adultos, niños y adolescentes. Tenemos una suscripción parroquial en FORMED que es como Netflix o You Tube para Católicos. Como feligres puede conectarse y registrarse en línea para ver libros y videos o simplemente escuchar presentaciones de audio. Como haces esto?*

1. Debe ir a: [saintjohnriverhead.formed.org](http://saintjohnriverhead.formed.org)
2. En Crear una cuenta, coloque St John the Evangelist Riverhead NY y busque el cuadro desplegable con nuestra parroquia y dirección. Haz clic en eso.
3. Pon tu nombre completo y tu dirección de correo electrónico.
4. Luego verá el sitio web FORMADO y podrá elegir los recursos. Si tiene algún problema para registrarse en FORMED, puede contactar Mrs. Rita y Mrs. Liz, 631-727-6774 o [stjohnreformation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnreformation@gmail.com).

### The Parish 2021 Mass Book is Open.

You may visit the office or mail in your request for mass intentions at this time.

(Email us too: [stjohnriverhead@aol.com](mailto:stjohnriverhead@aol.com))

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION



### RELIGIOUS FORMATION HOURS

Our office is closed from  
December 24<sup>th</sup> until January 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
We reopen, Monday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>,  
10:30am–4:30pm.

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>

#### *Christmas Recess*

*May your family enjoy some down time.  
Remember, this is the season of Christmas.  
Celebrate the love of Jesus beyond Christmas  
Day.*

### WEEK OF JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Family Workshops**

Tues. & Wed. 5:00pm or 6:30pm  
Sun., 1/10 10:00am or 12:00pm

Please have your child or teen return his or  
her completed packet or pages.

### FAMILY REFLECTION

#### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

During our December workshops parents, children and teens were asked to name 5 things that would make a perfect day. It was amazing how many children and teens said spending time with family makes a perfect day! After all these months of being together a lot more than ever, it is wonderful to find out that the gift of family is appreciated. That is a positive result from dealing with the pandemic.

When we think of the Holy Family, we may have an image of perfection. Yes, Jesus is perfect and Mary and Joseph were strengthened by God's grace to be his mother and father. Jesus was human and God. He had parents, he had many of the challenges of growing up including not so perfect relationships, he had all the emotions we experience, and he had responsibilities to his mom and dad. As a son, a lot was expected of him. He lived with his parents until he was an adult so he must have been responsible for caring for them. Parents, it is a good thing to have your child learn household tasks as a member of the family.

Children and teens, it is a good thing to respect your parents even when it is difficult and you disagree with what they may require of you. You will be blessed for being a good daughter or son.

Today's Reading 2 gives us the virtues that can create loving families:

*"Brothers and sisters:*

*Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.*

*And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful."*

*(Colossians 3:12-15)*

Those sound like really good ways to begin a new year.

#### **To do this week:**

Choose one or two of the virtues above that you think could help you be a more loving person in your family. Look for opportunities to improve that virtue...of course, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY!**

#### **NEXT YOUTH NIGHT:**

**Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>,**

**7:30pm – 8:45pm.**

**Bring a friend!**

**Merry Christmas!**

#### **Special "Thank YOU!"**

We would like to thank *Vita Settani* for helping with our Advent workshops by preparing some of our handout materials. It was a great help and all of them were picked up by the children. Thank you!



## WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE

*The Rectory office will be closed on  
Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>*

Tune into “Religion and Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sundays from 7- 8 a.m. on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island’s East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11 p.m. on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 p.m. on XM Satellite, Channel 117. For more information or to listen online go to “Religion & Rock” on ITUNES or visit [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com)

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### *Scripture and You ...*

**Deacon Bill has established a Scripture & You group on Facebook. Just search for “Scripture & You”**

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***We still make house calls!*** *In these times of isolation and precaution the priest stills comes to your house to give blessings or celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). So many are homebound and feel trapped; please keep them in prayer and call them if you have their number. Remember all of us are actually home-bound now. Perhaps after this is over you might want to consider being a part of our ministry team bringing the Eucharist to the homebound. Our EMEs are now visiting homes with the Eucharist.*

Why not make a change this fall in the way you support St. John the Evangelist? Sign up with eGiving through *Faith Direct*, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to **St. John the Evangelist**. . Making contributions either one-time or by automatic schedule through *Faith Direct* will also save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. To enroll, please visit: [faith.direct/NY231](http://faith.direct/NY231). You can also fill out and mail a *Faith Direct* enrollment form from the parish office. Peace and Blessings to your family!

### ***The Long Island Catholic + PLUS***

Online media from *the Rockville Centre Diocese* for you to find local Catholic content. **LI Catholic+** offers a library of featured videos, links to many of the different parish live streams, Coronavirus updates, news links, and diocesan resources all in one place. **If you are interested, please visit [www.licplus.org](http://www.licplus.org) today!**

### **Grieving and Getting Through the Holidays**

- 1) Begin each day with prayer – maybe Mass.
- 2) Take time for yourself – but include time for friends, family and others.
- 3) REST! Schedule time to simply unwind -- walk in the park or sit staring at the ocean.
- 4) Allow tears whenever and wherever.
- 5) Don’t be hard on yourself.
- 6) Call, speak with someone if overwhelmed.

### **Our Kiosk Ministry**

Due to the Covid restriction’s we have not been able to display the books, DVDs and pamphlets in the lobby of the church. Hopefully we will be able to do so soon. If you wish to peruse some material you can visit [Augustineinstitute.com](http://Augustineinstitute.com) or [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org)

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We have been notified from the following schools that 3 of our registered parishioners have made Honor Roll. Congratulations to:

***Gianna Cortez - Honor Roll***  
from St. Anthony’s High School

***Walter Gravagna – Magna Cum Laude***  
***Brianna Casale – Cum Laude***  
Both from St. John the Baptist High School

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**The Tax Man, He Cometh!**

Anyone wishing to receive a contribution letter for taxes, please fill out this tear-off sheet and either place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory, **before January 15, 2021**. *Letters will not be sent out automatically, you must request the letter in writing.*

*Please do not call the Rectory.*

...✂ - - - - -  
Yes, please send me my Charitable Donations Tax Statement for the year 2020.

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

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Now that we are open for Public Mass let us continue to be smart about it. Those in certain categories are **asked to stay home**:

- a) If you are sick or if you are over a certain age that makes you more vulnerable to the virus;
- b) If you have a condition that makes you more vulnerable (diabetes, heart condition, blood disease, obesity, etc.);
- c) If you are disabled;
- and, d) If you or your child cannot sit still for 40 minutes without having to use the restroom.

Please call or email us if you have questions or requests. The church can easily fit 160 people safely if all wear masks and follow directions. We have automatic temperature machines on the wall as you enter. **If you have been at mass and feel sick or think you have Covid-19 – please let us know as soon as possible.** This will help with contact tracing. May God bless us all.

**We can always use extra help cleaning after Mass.** If you can help us disinfect after the mass please do so. Many, many thanks to all who are helping each week to disinfect the church after the masses and to those who are helping with the traffic flow in church.

**Thank you** for your great cooperation and wonderful understanding with regards to the



wearing of masks, taking your temperature and just doing your best to keep us all safe. Let us pray that it will end sometime in our lifetime.

Please remember to get your flu shot and know that the same precautions for the Covid-19 works equally well for the flu and even the common cold. What are these precautions?

1. Wash your hands properly and often.
2. Wear a mask or approved face covering.
3. Social distancing – don't speak directly to another person face to face.
4. Get proper amount of sleep each night.
5. Get outside for sun and exercise.
6. Drink plenty of water (liquids).Due to the pandemic we are not having the fonts filled.
7. Spend more time in prayerful meditation.



Loving God, of kindness, In Christ your Son, you call us to be a family of faith. May each and every household in our parish be enriched in

wisdom and love and know your help in time of trial. We ask this through your **Word-Made-Flesh**, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Let us pray that the whole church and every family will abide in faith, hope, peace, joy and love. Amen.



Sing joyfully to the LORD...; serve the LORD with gladness. (Psalm 100: 1-2)

I wish to express my gratitude to all who helped make our church look so beautiful and who pitched in to create such prayerful and joyful celebrations at the masses.

THANK YOU to all of our parishioners who made a donation in the 'Christmas Flower' envelope. I would like to say 'Thank you' to Tommy Stapon and Blanco who did all the outside greenery, hung the lights on the trees and put up the outdoor Christmas stable. The hanging of banners, wreaths, and many other tasks in the church was done by our maintenance man Serapio Velasquez and his son Carlos. Our "2020 Creche Committee", Maureen Phillips, Phyllis Gambrill and Marilyn Stahl. Our Flower Crew: Ed Reilly, Bob Adamo, Tom Gatto, Lenny Sancilio, Joe Sanguedolce and Carmine Scioffi. Sr. Margaret again did an outstanding job in helping to manage the two masses in Spanish and the festivals beforehand (Guadalupe and Posadas).

Rita Dlug, assisted by Liz Perez Cardenas, and members of the youth ministry and confirmation candidates helped us to put on a beautiful Christmas Pageant. We would also like to thank Annette Fetta, who has been putting our weekly bulletin together and sending it each week to the publisher and Mary Kelly-Mottl for editing our bulletin on a weekly basis. With the uncertainty of Covid-19 we added extra masses and overflow masses. This could not have happened without flexibility and generosity of our Liturgical ministers (coordinated by Cathie Riola), the assistance of our ushers and others helping with crowd management and sanitizing and of course the splendid talents of our many musicians and choir members all so wonderfully directed by Renee Stakey. Lastly I thank Fr. John Cervini, Fr. Bill Brisotti, Bishop Wcela, Deacons Bill, Peter and Dan for their presence and support.

Thank you all & God bless you! Have a great Christmas Season and a Holy New Year

A New Year Resolution:

Use your gifts and offer up your time for our parish.

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

PH # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to offer my talent: \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone who wishes to help out in the parish must go through a background screening and a class on 'safe environment'.

Christmas does not end until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 10th this coming year. (Traditionalist stop celebrating Christmas on February 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord.) Please leave your decorations up until then. Maybe you can send out a 'Christmas Card' during the Christmas Season. Why not join us at daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00am and Tuesday and Friday at 12:10pm). Come and celebrate the Octave of Christmas.

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH

From Bishop Wcela and Fr. Larry

We wish to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to you for the many cards and gifts given to us during this Christmas season. We are appreciative of the sentiments that you expressed. I also wish to once again thank you all for the kind words, prayers, and encouragement you have regularly given to us throughout this very strange year. Your cards, notes, 'drop off of treats and food' were treasured gifts and gave us strength. We will not be able to reply in kind with cards to each of you; but please know, we deeply appreciate you, we thank you and we include you in our prayers. Thank you.