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# 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**

**Temporary 'Covid' Office hours:**

Monday – Friday: 9AM – 2PM

Saturday: 10am – 3pm

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: stjohrreformation@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

(631) 732-3460 / Email: info@CCDRVCinc.org



### 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:

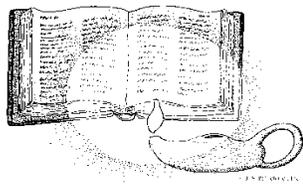
If interested in becoming a Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please call the Rectory Office.

## First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4



**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS:**

February 22, 2021 – February 28, 2021

- Monday:** 8:00am – Gerry Cohen
- Tuesday:** 12:10pm – Herman & Lorraine Prager
- Wednesday:** 8:00am – John & Barbara Reichel
- Thursday:** 8:00am - Helen Stenger
- Friday:** 12:10pm – Edward F. Reilly, Jr.
- Saturday: (February 27<sup>th</sup>)**  
4:30pm – Declan Boland
- Sunday: (February 28<sup>th</sup>)**  
7:00am – People of St Johns Parish  
9:00am - Frank Christie  
11:00am – Clarence Perkins  
7:00pm - Spanish Language Mass

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,  
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



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

**Bernadette DeTrinis**

Donated by:  
Her Loving Sister, Rita Dlug



*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: Denise Donofrio, Joe Gandiello, Sally Napoli, Josephine Garvey, Eugenia Fioretti, Emily Eastwood, Christian Lavoie, Jim DeRosa, Angel Ismael Penaranda; Marilyn Pranzo; Meghan Quinn; Teresa Bermudez; Rick O’Neil; Harry & Terry Carver; Peter Maschka; and for all who are afflicted with Covid-19, as well as their families.

*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:

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops’ pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that “there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism... that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God’s service in and through the Church.”

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 \$6,633.00  
Mass Attendance: 608

**Operation Rice Bowl**

We have a few Catholic Relief Services ‘Rice Bowl’ kits available at the exits of the church and in the rectory. Please take one home if you plan to use it as part of your Lenten spiritual journey.

## CONSIDER THIS!

### **The Rainbow Covenant**

People give things up for Lent, but they also do some things extra. They enter into the renewal that God desires for all creation. Renewal often demands both strategies: giving up and doing extra.

Take God, for example. At the end of the story of Noah, God gave something up. You remember the story. People had behaved so badly that God sent a flood to wipe out creation. But God took pity on Noah, his family, and pairs of animals. As the floods receded, God established a new covenant with Noah and set a rainbow in the sky as its sign.

What did God give up? God gave up global floods. "There shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God gave up giving up on people.

The story of our relationship with God did not end there. We know at the beginning of Lent where that story will end at Easter. God did more than give something up. God did something extra. God sent us a redeemer. By ending destruction and offering redemption, God set a perfect example of renewal.

Lent is like a desert. It is also like a flood. But most of all, it is like the balance of sun, water, and soil that yields a bountiful harvest.

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## WHAT'S UP!

**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.



**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.



### **RESPECT LIFE ...**

"Isn't it interesting that all of those people who support the choice of abortion have already been born?"

*Pres. Ronald Reagan*

### **FORMED.Org**

Like Netflix or You Tube for Catholics 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).

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION



### Religious Formation Hours

Our office hours are now

Monday: 10:30 AM-4:30 PM

Tuesday & Wednesday: 12:00PM  
to 7:30 PM

Thursday: By appointment only

Friday: Closed

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup>

#### First Reconciliation meetings

All children and teens and their parents are to attend meetings this week to prepare for First Reconciliation. These meetings are for Level 2 and older children who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion this year. **Level 2 children are to bring their books to the meeting.** Parent and child/teen attend **ONE** of the following:

**Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** RM 2 10:00 am  
6:00pm (Spanish)

**Tuesday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
6:45pm cafeteria (bilingual)

**Group B classes this week**  
**Feb. 23 and 24**

## YOUTH MINISTRY!

**YOUTH NIGHT- Friday, March 5th.**

**Theme: How can we make a difference?**

**7:30pm-8:45pm – Rm. 2**

**~ Bring a friend ~**

### St. Valentine Raffle!



Thank you to all who donated to our St. Valentine Raffle! Our Youth Ministry earned \$550! These funds will help us to sponsor teens for Retreat.

The winner of the adult basket is **Caroline Seifert**.  
The winner of the youth basket is **Paulina Allende**.  
Thank you, dear Parish Family! Our teens saw such love by how you donated and smiled to support them.  
**Thank you to Mrs. Ashlee Boland** for purchasing our raffle items and putting the gift baskets together. And to **Renee Boland, Fiona Gorman** and **Chelsea Berry** for assisting and selling tickets.

## FAMILY REFLECTION

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus was "driven" into the desert. What kind of power does the Holy Spirit have to move someone to go into a desert? Then again, what kind of power does the Holy Spirit have to move any of us? Have you ever felt driven to pursue something or someone? We often don't give credit to the Holy Spirit. He is a guide, a prompter and a presence within us. Many adults say they don't really understand the Holy Spirit. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he promised that he would send an "advocate", which is someone who pleads on our behalf. The Holy Spirit is the Person of the Holy Trinity who is our interpreter, our helper, the One who we are to rely on for ALL that we do or say. One way to get to know the Holy Spirit is to be silent and get in touch with that voice within. We sometimes call our internal voice our conscience. While our conscience is to guide us to choosing right, the Holy Spirit is deeper than a conscience. He/she is God within us desiring a relationship to help us in all circumstances. Do you sometimes don't know what to say to someone? Ask the Holy Spirit for the right words. Do you have fear? Ask the Holy Spirit for peace and confidence. Are you to undergo surgery, a test, a difficult time with someone? Ask the Holy Spirit for to get rid of your fear and anxiety. When you ask, be sure to be specific and name all that you are struggling with. In other words ask the Holy Spirit for EVERYTHING you need.

**To do this week:** Spend this First Week of Lent pausing to pray to the Holy Spirit as you go about your day. This takes practice because we want to control what we do and how we do things. How about the need to control the actions or speech of others? Let that go, too. Trust the Holy Spirit. Work on eliminating what YOU think should happen or what you anticipate what will happen. Try relying on the Holy Spirit to "drive" you to be as he/she is calling you to be.

## WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE

### Parish Bereavement Support Group



During this long pandemic many of our parishioners have lost loved ones and have not been able to fully celebrate the traditional rites of bereavement. Without the support of friends and family gathering it is difficult to process the loss and gradually move on to comfort and healing. We also had to stop our support group meetings. This is not something that can be done well via Zoom or other online meetings. **SO** – we will offer a ‘group meeting’ in a very safe environment. On, **Monday, the 22nd of February at 12 Noon, in the Church**, you are invited to come join us for a simple prayer service and group meeting. Anyone over the age of 18 who may be having difficulty dealing with the loss of a loved one is cordially invited. A repeat of this gathering will be held later that day at **7:30 PM**. No fee and no requirements. Please RSVP so we can have sufficient material and refreshment available. RSVP to **Ldunck77@aol.com**, or call 631-284-9909 to leave a message.



### Holy Thursday ~ *Foot Washing Ceremony*

Each year, at the Holy Thursday celebration, we wash the feet of twelve parishioners as a symbolic act reminding us of the call to service by Christ. If you have not yet had your feet washed in previous years perhaps you are interested in doing this. Please call the rectory office (631-727-2030 ext. 12) to indicate your willingness to be a part of this years’ service. Remember, no one is worthy – only God makes us so through His son, Jesus Christ. Special precautions will be taken to ensure safety during this pandemic.

## Parish Autumn Raffle

Due to the pandemic and many other challenges, we did not hold the raffle this past autumn. We have moved it to **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, St. Joseph’s Day.

You may purchase your raffle ticket by mail, using this form or by using the form in the letter mailed out to you. You may also come to the rectory during normal business hours.

The first three prizes are: \$5,000.00; \$2,000.00; and \$1,000.00. There are also 7 \$100.00 prizes for places 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.

Raffles are \$100.00 each. You may purchase more than one ticket and you may also join in with others to obtain a ticket. Please request your ticket with a check for \$100 using this form:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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



### 40 Days to Grace and Glory

Daily Mass readings: explanation and commentary by Dr. Tim Gray. Just sign up at [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent). Go to: [saintjohnriverhead.formed.org](http://saintjohnriverhead.formed.org); then 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 and put your full name and your email address. 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).

### St. Isidore’s Lenten Parish Mission

Monday to Thursday; March 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Time: 1-2pm and again 7-8pm

Facilitated by Fr. John Paul Ouellette, CFR.

Confessions at Tuesdays’ sessions.

## LENT IS HERE

Lent is a time for Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving (works of mercy and charity). It is a perfect time to reflect on the Gospel directive of ‘*Social Justice*’ – “How does my prayer, fasting and works of mercy help me become more in touch with those throughout the world who are homeless, hungry, unjustly imprisoned, or who are denied the very basics of human life, liberty, and a chance to better their lives?”

**Lenten Regulations. Fast & Abstinence:** Catholics, *14 years or older, may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or any Friday in Lent. Catholics between the ages of 18 – 60 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, which means 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. (Every year folks come to confess they forgot it was Friday!) 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.*

Consider coming to daily Mass. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00 AM. Tuesday and Friday at 12:10 PM



### Stations of the Cross – in Church

(available on our Live-stream)

Friday mornings of Lent at 11:15 AM and Tuesdays at 5:00 PM for families, for children and for teens. This will be done by the Religious Formation Program.

**Private Prayer in Church:** Due to regulations regarding disinfecting, the church will only be open Monday to Friday from 7:30 AM until 1:00 PM.

**Lenten Parish Mission: March 7, 8, 9.** Sunday, March 7th at all the Masses. Monday, March 8th and Tuesday, March 9th at 8:40 AM. Presented by our Religious Formation Director, Rita Dlug and Bishop Wcela. Takes place in the Church.

### Special Presentation

“How I pray the Third Eucharistic Prayer”  
Tuesday, March 2nd at 2 PM in Church. Presented by Fr. Larry. Repeated at 7:00 PM.



### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturdays at 3:45 PM

and Tuesdays at 12:30 PM.

On Monday, March 29th all three dioceses (NYC, Brooklyn and Rockville Centre) will have extended hours for hearing confessions. We will do so here from 2:00 – 8:30 PM.

*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.*

### The Catholic Faith Network Telethon

will take place the weekend of **February 27th** from 2PM – 10PM and **February 28th** from 12PM – 10PM respectively. It will be broadcast live from our studios in Uniondale. All priests are invited to participate or even drop by to say hello on air. This year due to COVID-19, we also welcome a SKYPE interview. If you are able, and can support us, please email Lisa Tangredi Beattie at [ltangredi@CFNTV.org](mailto:ltangredi@CFNTV.org)

**Top Five Reasons I Support the Catholic Ministries Appeal**

*(I see first-hand how well your money is used.)*

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Thousands are assisted each year with counseling, rent, heat, and other necessities of life through programs coordinated by Catholic Charities. Housing for seniors and special programs for Veterans, housing and programs for the disabled and for persons with disabilities are served well by their programs and residences. These homes fill a vital function for families and present a first class challenge to society at large in how to assist the disabled and their families.

**OUR DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS** provide a quality secondary ‘Catholic’ education and have consistently been a major source of vocations to Priesthood and Religious life.

**THE SEMINARY,** now a joint venture with Brooklyn & New York, located in Yonkers is essential in forming priests for the future. The Seminary Building in Lloyd Harbor (Huntington) is now the site for many educational and ministerial efforts of our diocese. It is also a retreat center and the headquarters for the Sacred Heart Institute – a learning and spiritual resource for all in the diocese and beyond.

**CHAPLAINS** (priests, religious and laity) provide quality pastoral care in our Catholic and community hospitals. They also bring the ministry of Christ to those who are incarcerated and their families.

**MINISTRIES FOR MINORITIES** (Hispanic & Haitian), ministry among our youth (scouting and youth ministry), and the Diocesan Respect Life Ministry (like the Regina Residence which provided housing and support for unwed mothers who choose life for their child) are all funded by the appeal.

**Will you consider making a pledge this year?**

You may pledge whatever you desire. Every donation helps us to reach and hopefully go over our goal.

**We ask you to send in your pledge directly to the diocesan office. If you do not receive a letter in the mail, you may use the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it directly into the**  
**CMA Office**  
**P.O. Box 4000**  
**Rockville Centre, NY 11570-4000**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Code: 144

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*No money needs to be included at this time.  
The diocese will send monthly reminders.*

**Please Make Your Checks Payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal**

You may use your credit card by calling the CMA office directly at 516-379-5210 or you may log on to their website at [www.drvc.org/cma.html](http://www.drvc.org/cma.html).