

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

Office hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Saturday: by appointment

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

Religious Formation: 631-727-6774

Rita Dlug, DRE and Liz Perez Cardenas

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Social Ministry & North Fork Spanish Apostolate

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Cemetery Office:

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 17, 2022

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who

believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. — Acts 10:43



MASS SCHEDULE - EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:30 PM

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

6:00 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 12:35 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:
April 18 – April 24, 2022

Monday: 8:00 AM – Easter Flower Novena
Tuesday: 12:10 PM – Easter Flower Novena
Wednesday: 8:00 AM – Easter Flower Novena
Thursday: 8:00 AM – Easter Flower Novena
Friday: 12:10 PM – Easter Flower Novena
Saturday: (April 23)
4:30 PM – People of St. Johns
Sunday: (April 24)
7:00 AM – Coleen Murawski
9:00 AM – Marsha Mickoliger
11:00 AM – Maurillo Silva
6:00 PM – Misa en Español

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



Rejoice!
He Is Risen!

The Rectory office will be closing at 12 Noon on Good Friday, April 15th and will be closed on Easter Monday, April 18th. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 19th.



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 Martha Sullivan, Joe Gandiello, Josephine Garvey, Emily Eastwood, Jim DeRosa, Angel Penaranda, Marilyn Pranzo, Meghan Quinn, Rick O'Neil, Harry & Terry Carver, Kathryn S. Jumper, Peter Maschka, Dawn Reiter, Tommy Gallagher, Bishop Wcela, DeeAnn Athan, Phillip Swotkewicz, Walter Spaeth, Nelson Villarraga, Walter Blanck, Carlo Pecoraro, Peter Cybulski, Joseph Suspenski, Joseph Flesch, Clodomiro Perez; and for all who are afflicted with Covid-19, as well as their families and those who care for them. *We also ask you to continue praying for peace in the world- especially for the situation in the Ukraine - and for those serving in our uniformed services throughout the country and the world.*



Stewardship
A Way of Life

Stewardship Thought for the Week:

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ died and rose again for us. As Christians, let us enter this Easter season overflowing with love and compassion for all those we meet. Let us spread the love of Christ to everyone!

Living Stewardship:

We thank God for his providential care and express our gratitude to you for your support for the work of the parish.

This Bulletin went to publisher on Tuesday, April 5th. Next week's bulletin should have the updated information regarding donations.

Thank you for your joyful generosity which is so evident throughout the year.

CONSIDER THIS!

Simple Blessings

Unleavened cakes and parched grain do not sound like much of a menu. But it was a banquet for the Israelites of long ago.

Freed from their slavery in Egypt, they made the long trek through the desert to reach the Promised Land. They trudged a long, tiring, and dangerous journey. Moses, their leader, had died. Now Joshua, his successor, had brought them to their homeland.

It was Passover, the festival commemorating their departure from Egypt. So the people celebrated the feast with food from their new home: unleavened cakes and parched grain. They no longer ate the food of Egypt. They no longer ate the manna from the desert. Now, camped on a plain in Gilgal, they ate the food of their new home, the food of freedom.

You appreciate things more if you have had to go without them. Food tastes better if you are hungry. Employment satisfies more if you were unemployed. Shelter feels safer if you have been without a home. God's presence feels stronger when you rediscover prayer.

It may not seem like much—unleavened cakes and parched grain, but for the Israelites it was a banquet. They may not seem like much—the little blessings God gives us, but for those who experience God's mercy, they are heaven.

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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.



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. This is a free service for our parishioners.

How do you do this?

1. Go to <https://formed.org/signup>
2. Find our parish by entering the zip code 11901; St. John's Riverhead will pop up, click on it
- 3.. Enter your name and email address and submit
- 4.. You will then be asked to go to your email to confirm, then you're in !

NOTE: You only need to register once. When done, no need to "sign out", just "x" out of your browser. The next time you watch simply "sign in" with your email and "start watching".

If you have any problems registering for FORMED, you may contact stjohnreformation@gmail.com or call 631-727-6774

FORMED.Org: *Es posible que desee ver algunas películas Catolicas, 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?*

<https://leaders.formed.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/MK-Letter-size-Instructivo-formed.org-Rev-10-2-20.pdf>

Si tiene algún problema para registrarse en FORMED, puede contactar Mrs. Rita y Mrs. Liz, 631-727-6774 o stjohnreformation@gmail.com.

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION

OFFICE HOURS Week of April 17th

Easter Monday closed

Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00am – 3:00pm

Thursday & Friday closed

*(Youth Ministry and Level 8 students meet Friday,
April 22nd, for Earth Day clean up;
time and details to be announced)*

WEEK APRIL 17th No classes

HAPPY EASTER!

WEEK OF APRIL 24th

Classes resume. Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 and their parents go to the cafeteria for special Easter activities. Home Study students, Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 and their parents can choose a time to attend:

Tuesday classes 5pm and 6:30pm in the cafeteria

Wednesday classes 5pm in the cafeteria

Levels 6 & 7 attend class as usual at 6:30pm on Wednesday. Level 8 students do not have class but will be doing service for the younger students on Tuesday and Wednesday.

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-23

We will begin Registration for the new faith formation year which begins in September. All families are encouraged to register in order to be placed in a class at the time and day they prefer.

To encourage families to register and to keep in mind the challenges of the last 2 years, our tuition fee will remain the same: \$80 for 1 child, \$100 for 2 children, \$115 for 3 or more children. After July 31st, there will be a \$10 late fee.

All children and teens may register for the next level if attendance has been good and assignments have been completed.

REFLECTION HAPPY EASTER!

The Gospel for Easter tells us how Mary of Magdala ran to tell Simon Peter of the rolled away stone and empty tomb. Then the disciples ran to see the empty tomb for themselves. Can you sense

the excitement of this event? First, confusion, probably, then the slow realization of all the Jesus had told them about suffering, dying and rising on the third day.

Often we may hear words but not connect the meaning until something happens. Such “Ah - ha!” moments are precious. Oh, Jesus’ Resurrection is more than an “Ah-ha!” moment. It is the ultimate connection to explain the hope of all that was to be and all that was told in God’s promises.

The Word of God may not always be easily understood but the events that happened can bring to us a confirmation that it is true. Jesus suffered, died and rose again on the third day...for YOU! Believe it! Tell it! Live it!

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Showers of Kindness for families with new Babies

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School, in conjunction with Good Samaritan Hospital is having a Shower of Kindness in honor of Mother’s Day. This is an activity to help families served by Sun River Health Centers in Wyandanch and Amityville. All items may be dropped off at St. John’s High School (1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip) from April 25th to May 4th (Mon. – Fri. only from 8am – 2pm. Items needed are: **BABY** hair conditioner, wipes, bath toys, lotion, shampoo, body wash, bibs, burp cloths, diaper cream, ‘Onesies’, pacifiers, receiving blankets, socks, teething toys, and wash cloths. Please – No Formula and all items must be new and in original packaging. You may also bring Fuzzy socks, hand lotion and Chapstick for the moms too. For information please call 631-5878-8000, ext. 176 or email jones@sjbdhs.org

SPECIAL EVENT!

On **Saturday, May 14th**, we will be having a **Ladies Tea!** The theme will be, **“Planting Seeds for Spiritual Growth”**. Helen Halloran will be our speaker. Save the date! Full Details next week. Looking forward to seeing you there!

As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider A Legacy Gift to Your Favorite Charity and Possibly Your Parish.

You have probably heard about Stewardship over the years. It is the faithful use and gift of Time, Talent and Treasure to Charitable Institutions and to Parish Communities. In our parish many have been so faithful; with generous donations on a weekly basis and on a few occasions a larger gift has been given for the future endeavors of our parish. Presently we have a healthy reserve which has been dedicated for improvements like updating the cafeteria (In progress) and other projects already completed. Hopefully the future of the parish will be secure. We have set up a scholarship fund specifically to support young people of faith in their pursuit of higher education. Presently I am in the midst of insuring this continues into the future and will explain all the details after the legal particulars are completed. Hopefully I have gained your trust over the years and I invite you to consider including the parish in your future plans. For more information of leaving a gift in your will or setting up a trust or other gift option I invite you to call me after May. You may also call Barbara Kilarjian, Director of Endowment for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, at 5167-678-58900, etc. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org.

I have always found her to be straightforward and filled with integrity. I trust her completely to follow your wishes. Just make sure to insist that any gift is to be used only for St. John's parish, unless you want to leave something to Catholic Charities or another entity of our diocese.

Thank you. Peace, Fr. Larry

Equine Therapy Adult Bereavement Group (*for the loss of a child*). This group is associated with East End Hospice. Their present session (6 weeks ends on Wednesday, April 20th). To inquire about future groups you may call Jean or Angela at 631-288-1546. Many people have spoken about the healing effects of horses in their lives. There is a facility fee of \$225 for the 6 weeks.

WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE



Bereavement Support Group

Our parish has a **Bereavement Support Group** for anyone over the age of 18 who may be having difficulty dealing with the loss of a loved one. Bring a friend or family member with you if you need the support or if you want to help someone who is afraid to ask for help. **We meet Monthly at 7:15pm in the Rectory Living Room. Next Date is Tentatively on Tuesday, April 26**

No fee. No requirements.

Please . RSVP to: Lduck77@aol.com



RESPECT LIFE ...

"The political realities of our nation present us with opportunities and challenges. We are a nation founded on "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," but the right to life itself

is not fully protected, especially for unborn children, the terminally ill, and the elderly, the most vulnerable members of the American family."

Laudato Si', no. 139

"Las realidades políticas nos presentan con oportunidades y con retos. Somos una nación fundada sobre Vida, Libertad y la persecución de la Felicidad, pero la Vida no está protegida siempre, especialmente cuando se trata de bebés en el vientre, los enfermos terminales y los ancianos, o sea los miembros más vulnerables de la familia Americana."

Laudato Si', no. 13



We still make house calls!

If you, or a member of your family, are sick, dying or homebound and needs to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick or receive Holy Communion, then please call the parish so we can visit you.

Thank You!!!... So many people helped to make this Lenten Season and the Holy Week liturgies such a wonderful experience. I want to thank: ***The ushers and altar servers** for helping to move things smoothly; ***the liturgical ministers** for prayerfulness and grace, ***the decorating brigade and our maintenance crew** for arranging the flowers and décor in the church, ***June Cybulski** for coordinating our altar servers, ***RoseMary Stakey** for putting the liturgy leaflets together, ***Renée Stakey** and **Serapio Velasquez** for arranging the music; the ***choir(s)** for practicing and performing so beautifully throughout Holy Week, ***Sr. Margaret** for her work with the Hispanic Community, ***Rita Dlug** for setting up the prayer groups; ***others** who worked ‘behind’ the scenes, and most importantly, ***All of You** for your presence and participation. You make it a joy for me to be your Pastor. “May God continue to bless our parish with the grace of talented people who joyfully and consistently offer their time and talent in serving God’s people.” **Peace, love and Prayers,**

Fr. Larry



The Diocese of Rockville Centre **Golden Wedding Anniversary Masses** Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More on **Sunday, May 15th, at 2:00 PM.** At Church of St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays, Celebrant: Bishop John O. Barres. Register online at drvc-faith.org. Registration must be received by April 22nd. Contact Lisette Robustelli at (516) 678-5800 ext 200 or via email LRobustelli@drvc.org.

Celebrate Spring with some light entertainment! Sunday, April 24th, 5 to 7 pm - enjoy a late afternoon of “Love and Friendship in Song and Story” in Borromeo Hall. Under the direction of Timothy Carl, three professional singers will offer a semi-Classical program of duets and arias. Reception with Wine, Cheese and Hors d’oeuvres. Reservations required - \$90 per guest. Seminary Development Office, (631)423-0483x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu.



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Suicide Prevention

Suicide is a major public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States. The effects of suicide go beyond the person who acts to take his or her life: it can have a lasting effect on family, friends and communities. If you are thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support, the Lifeline network is available 24/7 across the United States. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or Crisis Text Line: Text “Got5” to 741-741. Website: suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Retrouvaille Weekend



You Can Help Heal Your Marriage. Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille is a lifeline for married couples. The next weekend is May 13-15, at Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY. **Do you feel alone?**

Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille** is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, May 13th**, visit our website www.helpourmarriage.org or call them: **1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Open House

Molloy College (University) will host an open house for prospective students and their guest on Sunday, April 24th at 1:00 PM. 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. Register online at molloy.edu/openhouse or call (516) 323-4000.

Happy Easter! Spring is in the air. Signs of new abundant life in God's creation always seem to correspond with the Easter Season. We celebrate Easter for 50 days to Pentecost, reflecting on the new life we have received through God's gift of the resurrection. Jesus Christ is Risen!

World Wide Synod of the Church

The Synod of Bishops will meet in October 2023 to explore synodality – journeying together—in the life of the Church (Communion + Participation + Mission (Evangelization). Pope Francis desires the involvement of the People of God. He wants the Church to journey together: walking forward, listening to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. To this end, the Holy Father has asked every diocese to have an experience of 'synodality'.

Materials and information on events will be regularly posted on the DRVC site: www.synod.va/en.html or www.drvc.org. We will eventually be having some sessions here in person after Easter. At this point I encourage you to participate in the diocesan offerings.

FIRST EVENTS: Bishop Andrzej will be having two more presentations on ZOOM and invites all to participate. You must register to join these events. To get the Zoom Link: call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email: westernvicariate@drvc.org. All sessions are at 7:30pm. Dates and Topics: (Participation) Monday, April 25; (Evangelization) Wednesday, May 18. If you miss it you can watch via the drvc.com website.

Please regularly pray the synod prayer which follows:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. This we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
JESUS CHRIST IS OUR RISEN LORD!

Rejoice and shout out a wonderful proclamation of our faith, **“Jesus Christ, the Son of God and our brother, is alive!** The message of sin, fear and death, which the world proclaims is conquered by Christ. We have every reason to rejoice, and a fantastic reason to live with great hope and abundant love, even with COVID and War. Christ has triumphed over evil. Christ is truly alive with us!

The Exsultet, proclaimed at the Easter Vigil, invites and encourages all – *heavenly powers, angels, the earth, all of creation, the Church and all of God's people* – to rejoice in the Good News that the Light of the RESURRECTION shines upon us all.

Christ Our Risen Lord is Alive!

He is strength for our weakness!

In the dark moments of life; when the power of sin tries to drag you down, when the fear of failure threatens to cripple you, when the experience of broken relationships may seem to indicate that love is no longer possible, and when the thought of sickness, ruin, or death lead you to believe that all is lost and all is gone – we no longer despair - we can shout out with assurance, **“Jesus Christ is truly alive, He is risen, He is here with me.”**

On behalf of our parish staff I pray that you too will experience this undeniable truth of our faith –

JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, IS RISEN!

May you enjoy a most happy and holy Easter!”

Fr. Larry