



St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic Church

1488 North Country Road, Wading River, NY



Fifth Sunday of Lent April 7, 2019



Our Vision and Mission Statement guides our pastoral planning

Established in 1922, the parish family of St. John the Baptist Church welcomes and invites all people to our community, especially those in need. Guided by the Holy Spirit we are sustained by the Sunday Eucharist, the Word of God, and the Sacraments. All are encouraged to share their time, talent and treasure as we grow in love through our Catholic faith and the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Monday of Holy Week (April 15): Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (confessional room)

Parish Penance Service with individual confessions at 7:30 pm

SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 18)

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper The very heart of our parish family is the Eucharist, and all are invited to be part of this liturgy. Twelve members of our parish have been selected to be part of the "Mandatum", the Washing of the Feet.

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 19)

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. Service of the Lord's Passion is the ancient liturgy with St. John's Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 20)

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (includes blessing of food)

11:00 - 12 Noon Confessions

7:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil is the highpoint of the Church Year. We welcome the Light of Christ into our darkened church, listen to the vigil of readings, bring new members into the Catholic Church, and renew our Baptism Promises. Bring your family to this powerful experience of our faith!

God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.¹ The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns

of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"²

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to



"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15:31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

FAITH
WORSHIP
WITNESS



JOURNEY
WITH CHRIST

¹ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

² Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html.

Confession Schedule

Saturday, April 20th, 4:00-4:45

Monday, April 15th, 3:00-5:00, 7:30 Parish Penance Service

Holy Saturday, April 20th, 11:00- Noon

How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all
the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ's commands to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this "examination of conscience," you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession."
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.
- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
(Rite of Penance, no. 45)
- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, "Amen."
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." And your response would be, "His mercy endures for ever" (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, "Go in peace."

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, "Do not fear" (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

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7PM - 8:30PM

Doors Open at 6:45PM



Youth Group

Fun & Games/Plans for Spring 2019

Basketball - Kan/Jam - Foosball

Ping Pong - Board & Card Games

Activity Table - Corn Hole Toss

Music, Karaoke & Talent Night

Food, Fun, Faith, Fellowship, Etc.

It's not all fun & games....

(Actually it is, but don't tell your parents.)

SPRING INTO ACTION & Come to the Youth Group On Monday April 8th

All students in the 8th Grade and Up.

Bring a friend, all are welcome!

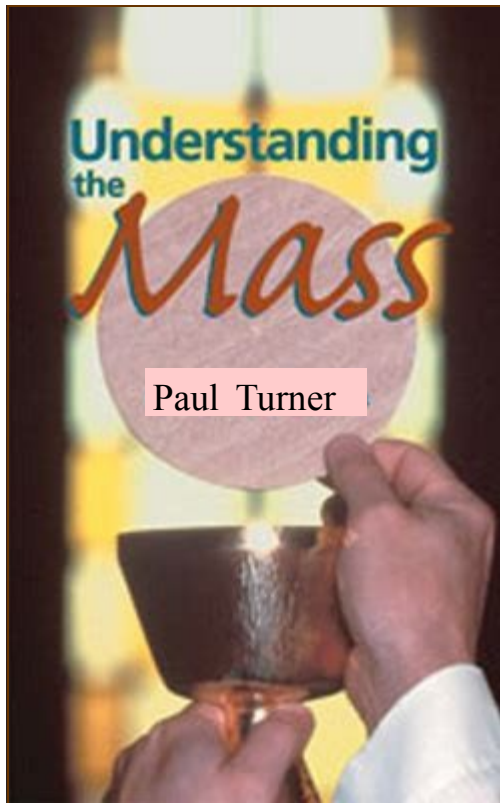
Want to join the Core Team, help out or make a donation to the SJB Youth Ministry?
Please contact Michael Clauberg at youth@stjohnthebaptistchurch.org for more information



**Confirmation Preparations
Confirmation Celebration of Penance
Monday of Holy Week, April 15th,
4:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.**

**North Shore Clericus Lenten Prayer Services
Wednesdays at 12:00 noon.**

- April 10- Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rocky Point
Preacher-Reverend Jerry Ringenback from St. Anthony's Church
- April 17- St. Mark's RC Church, Shoreham
Preacher-Reverend Richard Ajer or Reverend Bruce Kaifler
from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Bulletin Series 2018-2019

Understanding the Mass

29. Tabernacle

Start up a discussion about the tabernacle and be prepared for strong feelings. It ranks right up there with topics like a balanced budget and the designated hitter rule.

The reason is simple. The tabernacle houses the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus Christ is God. Catholics before a tabernacle quickly

find themselves at the nucleus of their faith.

Tabernacles got their start for a very practical reason. Christians prized the Eucharist, so central to their faith. If some member was unable to participate in the weekly gathering because of illness, the healthy community sent a representative to the home to bring part of the sacred meal to its ailing member. We continue this custom today when communion ministers bring communion to the sick.

To make the idea work, it became necessary to create a place to store the Eucharist. The tabernacle was born. Earlier, the community simply consumed the Body and Blood of the Lord at every Eucharist, except for what they brought immediately to the sick. Later, as Christians realized that the tabernacle housed the most precious object of our faith, a devotion grew up around the tabernacle itself as a place for divine worship. It made sense, but the original idea was to reserve communion for the sick, not to foster adoration. Gradually, the tabernacle began to serve a further function. It provided extra hosts for Mass. When communion time came, the priest could always rely on the reserves in the tabernacle. First a storehouse for the sick, then an object of adoration, now it became a source of feeding the community gathered for Mass.

To bring it down home, the tabernacle began as a medicine chest, became an heirloom, and ended up as a refrigerator. No wonder people disagree about where it should be placed in the church.

Its primary purpose remains the same—to keep communion for the sick. Secondarily, it deserves our devotion, but apart from the celebration of Mass. We should avoid feeding the faithful who attend Eucharist from the contents of the tabernacle. The tabernacle serves the sick at home; the altar serves the assembly at church.



Easter Flowers

Would you like to make a donation toward Easter flowers in memory of, or for the special intentions of, a loved one? If so, please fill out this form and either drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Center. The suggested offering is \$30 and donations will be accepted through Easter Sunday.



Please accept my donation of \$30.00
given in memory of

or for the special intentions of

Donation Requested By:

Name:

Phone:

The names will be listed in the bulletin after Easter, so please print clearly.

Rehearsals for the Triduum Liturgies:

Holy Thursday and Good Friday:
Tuesday, April 16th at 7pm

Easter Vigil:
Tuesday, April 9th at 7pm



Rice Bowls can be
returned next
weekend on
PALM SUNDAY.

Mass Schedule Looking Ahead to Easter:

*Easter Vigil, Saturday,
April 20th, 7:30 p.m.
(presider, Fr. Frank)*

*Easter Sunday, April 1st,
7:30 a.m. (Fr. Frank)*

*Easter Sunday, 9:15 a.m.
(Fr. Frank)*

*Easter Sunday, 11:15 a.m.
(Msgr. Bennett)*

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

April 7 - 13, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Mass 7:30am Faith Formation 8:15am Mass 9:15am Faith Formation 10:15am Mass 11:15am Baptisms 1:00pm	8 Mass 9:00am Faith Formation 4:30pm Faith Formation 7:00pm Youth Ministry 7:00pm	9 Mass 9:00am Outreach is open 10:00am - 2:00pm Easter Vigil Rehearsal 7:00pm Faith Formation 7:00pm Outreach is open 7:00pm - 8:30pm	10 Mass 9:00am Faith Discussion Group 9:30am Faith Formation 4:30pm Pastoral Council 7:30pm - 9:00pm	11 Mass 9:00am Linus Ministry (downstairs hall) 10:00am Outreach is open 10:00am - 2:00pm K of C 7:30pm	12	13 Eastern Farm Workers Spring Party 12:00pm Confessions 4:00pm Mass 5:00pm

SACRAMENTS

(Please see the Parish Website for full details)

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Holydays of Obligation: posted in bulletin and website

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00pm to 4:45pm.

Please feel free to call Fr. Frank and make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament.

Baptism

We suggest that you contact us before your child is born! Call or email the Parish Office. Baptisms are scheduled monthly on the first Sunday throughout the year, and also the third Sunday from April to September. They are held at 1:00 p.m. from September thru June and at 12 noon during July and August.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office so that we can arrange the marriage interview and set your date.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office, or speak to Father Frank before/after Mass.



"Love One Another"

February Numbers

40 families

33 seniors, 33 adults & 9 children

Thank you for making it possible for us to help!

Peggy's Pantry is the largest part of our Outreach Ministry. We thought you might like to know where our food supplies come from. We are part of the L.I. Cares Food Network and Island Harvest. They provide us with a substantial amount of the food that we are able to give out to our families. (1) Local merchants and farmers. During the school year many schools, Scout Troops, and community groups run food drives for our benefit. These are very helpful and important supplements to the Pantry. (2) Parishioners provide some food weekly. (3) Despite all these sources, we sometimes experience shortages in some of the items that we like to keep in the Pantry. For this reason, we include a list of the shortages in the parish bulletin each week. Every time you bring to Church one of the items on the Peggy's Pantry Needs List, you help with these shortages. We hope that this is not too much to ask. We are so grateful for all you do. (4) Our Recycling Program and our St. Patrick's Day Gala help with some finances. Thank you to all of you who place your returns in our bin in the upper parking lot. Pope Francis is calling us to be mindful of the poor. It is our hope that programs like ours help people to answer his call.

Peggy's Pantry Needs

- ◇ tea
- ◇ pancake mix and syrup
- ◇ jelly
- ◇ coffee
- ◇ deodorant



FAITH FORMATION

Please keep in your special prayers the young people who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation.



ONLINE RESOURCES SUNDAY READINGS



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

United States Catholic Conference of Bishops

<https://www.usccb.org>

*The readings are available in printed form and
also you can listen to them on audio*

DAILY READINGS WITH CATHOLIC ONLINE

Catholic Online

https://www.catholic.org/bible/daily_reading/

Deacon Keith Fournier's video of the readings



Mass Presiders

This Weekend:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 6, 5:00 p.m.

Father Ted Howard

Sunday, April 7, 7:30 a.m.

Msgr. Bennett

Sunday, April 7, 9:15 a.m.

Father Frank

Sunday, April 7, 11:15 a.m.

Father Frank

Next Weekend:

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 13, 5:00 p.m.

Father Frank

Sunday, April 14, 7:30 a.m.

Father Frank

Sunday, April 14, 9:15 a.m.

Msgr. Bennett

Sunday, April 14, 11:15 a.m.

Procession begins from the Hall

Father Frank



As Christian Stewards we need to remind the world of God's love and forgiveness. Every aspect of our lives-gifts as well as sufferings-can, if surrendered to God, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

March 31st, 2019	\$ 6,651.00
Faith Direct	\$ 3,075.94
Total	\$ 9,726.94

Catholic Relief	\$ 1,531.00
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Last year at this time:

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,752.00
Faith Direct	\$ 2,711.01
Total	\$ 9,463.01

We thank you for your generosity!

Special Collections:

4/07 Easter Flowers

4/14 Grammar Schools

4/19 Holy Land

4/21 Outreach

4/28 Mother's Day

Please consider "automated giving" as you reflect on support of our parish family!

The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can find paper enrollment forms in the parish office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net by using our church code, NY67.



2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal \$47,500
Pledges \$15,065
Over (Under) (\$32,435)
Donors 66
Percent of Goal 31.7%



Annual Support of Local Ministries



Upcoming Baptism Dates

April 7
May 5
May 19
June 9
June 16



Please remember
the faithful departed
in your prayers.

Anne Marie Moakler

May she rest in peace.



Monday, April 8, 9am

Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday, April 9, 9am

Jane Eyring

Wednesday, April 10, 9am

Katherine Weber

Thursday, April 11, 9am

Christine Culajay

Saturday, April 13, 5pm

Thomas Mooney

Sunday, April 14,

7:30am

Joan Calise

9:15am

Marie Bernaudo

11:15am

Henry T. & Agnes Young



St. John's Preschool Registration for September 2019-June 2020

Open Registration

Monday - Thursday 9:30am to 2:30pm
(or by appointment at any time)

Pre-Kindergarten (4 yr olds)

M-F 9:00am to 11:45am
M/W/F 9:00am to 11:45 am
T/W/TH 12:00pm to 2:30pm

Nursery (3 yr olds)

T/TH 9:00am to 11:30am
T/TH/F 9:00am to 11:30am
T/W/TH 12:00pm to 2:30pm

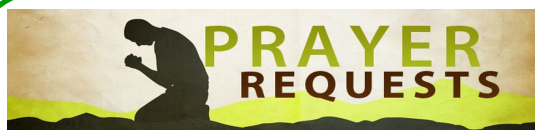
Talented Twos (2 yr olds)

M/F (Wed optional)
9:15am to 11:30am

Parent/Toddler (18mths to 2 yrs old)

Wed 12:00pm to 2:00pm

For more information or a tour of our classrooms, please call 631-929-3220 or visit
www.stjohnthebaptistchurch.org



For those serving in the Military

Michael Brennan, Patrick Hanley, Jeffrey L. Beilman Jr.,
Ryan Santiro, Thomas G. Verbeeck, Michelle Verbeeck,
Joseph DeMonte IV, Nicholas Altman, Michael Anderson, Devin Henry, Marielle Verbeeck,
Cassidy Vail, Evan Purdy, Sean Tully, Sean Brady

For the Homebound, the Sick and in Hospice Care

Elizabeth Wiwczar, John Ryan



In Memoriam

The bread, wine and candles for this weeks celebration of
the Eucharist have been donated by William and Carol Savage in
celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Eucharistic Adoration

*The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration on the main altar in the church every
Wednesday afternoon, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please join us for prayer and Adoration!
2:00 p.m. Rosary for Life; 3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy.*



All are invited to the recitation of the
Rosary after the 9 am daily mass and
Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join the monthly healing
service on the first Saturday of every month.
9 a.m.

Prayer for Healing

AROUND OUR AREA AND OUR DIOCESE



THE
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

SAVE THE DATE

June 3, 2019, Trip to Albany, "March for Life"
The Knights of Columbus are arranging
for a bus. More information to follow!

The **Catholic Faith Network**, Golf Classic: Monday, May 13th, 2019. Proceeds from the event enable this important ministry of our diocese to continue to provide Catholic Liturgy and Programming to Long Island and beyond, through television, web streaming, and social media. CFN especially provides a unique connection between our diocese and our homebound, hospitalized, rehabilitative facility residents, and our military parishioners, both home and abroad. This year, Reverend Monsignor James Vlaun is pleased to announce John & Loretta Cameron as event Chairpersons and Pat & Marybeth LaFontaine as event Honorees. Visit CFN's website at www.CFNtv.org or www.catholicgolfclassic.org or contact Dawn-Marie Feiler, at 516-538-8704, ext. 118 or dmfeiler@CFNtv.org



OPEN HOUSE

St. John Paul II Regional School

THURSDAY, APRIL 4th

6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

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