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Monday - Friday 8:30am - 8:50am. First Friday at 6:30pm
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To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

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Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

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Please call the rectory for an appointment.

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Call the Rectory for sick calls at any time in emergency.

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Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973-497-4365.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Sunday—Grades K through 8 meet 10:30 am-12:00 noon
Monday—Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 meet 3:15-3:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, Sept. 6, 2020 A.D.



WELCOME

**To the Parish Family of
St John's in Leonia
Founded in 1912**

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Mass Schedule

Saturday:5:00pm

**Sunday:.....7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am,
and 6:00pm**

Weekdays:.....9:00am Mon-Sat

SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions

First Saturday: 9:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

Novenas prayed after 9:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday

St. Jude and St. Anthony: Wednesday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

Rosary: Recited Mon - Sat after 9:00am Mass.

Wednesday: Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction 7:00pm

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St John the Evangelist, Leonia NJ

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the **SICK** of **ST. JOHN PARISH** may be restored to health and all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**: Peter, David, Ben, Shaday, Baby Cordelia, Baby Nicholas, Baby Freedman, Baby Yosef, Vahide Atlas, Angelo & Myrna Bernard, Debbie Bisi, Michael Brady, Maria Buljevic, Nita Castro, Bruce Connor, Joseph Corbo, Valerie Czermak, Nelia DelValle, MaryEllen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Peggy & Brendan Horan, Lori Hulle, Peter Indiveri, Matthew Lee, Fr. Louis Leonelli, Lori Lepore, Joan Lockwood, Jeff McCartney, Mary McGrath, Claudia Marino, Leny Moriarity, Gloria Petti, Rebecca Piro, Raquel & Fabio Santos, Deoselina Stabile, Nicholas Storms, Michael Tarricone, Kathy Treacy, Ann Vaughan, Adam Villavecchia, and Mary Wagnes.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

KEEPING FAITH

One of the most important things to do in sickness, trouble, disaster, or hurt in our lives is to not lose heart. It would be wonderful if we never lost heart at all. But, as with most things in the spiritual life, "it ain't so simple." To keep your trust and confidence, you must constantly be able to deal with disappointment - with a sense of freefalling into disaster and of looking into the distance and seeing the horrible monster called "loss of faith." When things go badly, a phrase comes to me: "Keep the faith." I was talking to a wonderful young woman I've known all her life. She is in the last stages of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), but can manage to talk to me with the technical miracle of a computer that operates from her eye movements. Unable to move, she wrote to me recently, "I keep my faith." This is what we all must do. It isn't a simple choice. It's like loving someone. You've got to go over and over it again. Most people have crises in their lives, and a great many people have disasters. In every life comes sorrow. A wonderful example to follow is Anne Morrow Lindburgh, who, as she writes about, in her book *Hour of Gold, Hour of Lead* (Harvest Books, 1993), turned to the crucifix.

Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR - "There Are No Accidents"

Faith Formation Registration

If you have not already done so, please register your child (grades K-8) for Religious Education at St. John's. You can complete your registration form and drop off or mail in. If you need a registration form, it is available on our website: www.stjohnleonia.org If you have any questions, please call Mirela Tarabokija in the Faith Formation Office at 201-944-4346.

HOLY HOUR at St John's

Every Wednesday at 7PM we have a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers and Quiet Time. Stop by and make a visit to our Eucharistic Lord.

St John's Knights of Columbus

All men over 18 are invited to join the St. John's parish Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. For more information or to join, please contact Ed Ventura at 201-218-0842.

"There is one argument that may be opposed to all the sophistries of unbelievers; NO MAN ever repented of being a Christian on his death bed." **St. Thomas More**

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 4:00PM to 4:30PM and Monday-Friday at 8:30AM as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment. Please call the Rectory Office at 201-947-4545 if you have any questions or would like to make an appointment.

Are YOU new to the AREA?

If you are, stop by the rectory and meet Julie, our parish secretary, and register to become a member of the St John's Family.

WEDDING

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

The Infinite Value of the Eucharist

from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other Sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself, our Pasch."

Why be rebellious in God's house?

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks?

Please dress appropriately when coming to Mass.

APOLOGETICS

Defend your Catholic Faith, but first learn more about it. Check out this site to learn more about Roman Catholicism - <http://www.biblechristiansociety.com/>

JUST A REMINDER

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

"It is the duty of nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor. "

George Washington

October 3, 1789 Proclaiming a National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving

GOD IS GOOD

"There are two types of men, those who are afraid to lose God and those who are afraid that they may find Him." **Pascal**

Burnt Toast

When I was little girl, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned toast in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my Dad did was reach for his toast, smile at my Mom, and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that toast, smile at my mom, and ask me how my day was at school. When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the toast. And I'll never forget what he said: "Baby, I love burned toast."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his toast burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Linda, your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides – a little burnt toast never hurt anyone!" You know, life is full of imperfect things ... and imperfect people. I'm not the best housekeeper or cook.

What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults – and choosing to celebrate each other's differences – is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where burnt toast isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship in fact – as understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from You. For You are God, for ever and ever.

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Maj. Michael A. Franson
Sgt. Joseph Gonzales
Airman Matthew Gonzales
Lt. Robert Lucieri, MD
Cmdr. Alexander McMahon

Acts of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen. or

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry and beg pardon for all my sins, NOT SO MUCH because these sins bring suffering and Hell to me, but because they have crucified by loving Savior Jesus Christ and offended Thy Infinite Goodness. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Please Join Us in Celebrating the Mass Join Us Live-Stream

St. John's is open for Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m., Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. All are welcome! Face masks must be worn and social distancing is required. If you are not able to come or are concerned because you are at risk or ill, please join us at Facebook Group LIVE MASS AT ST. JOHN. Due to health concerns in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic, **Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop of Newark** has dispensed the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. During this time, St. John's continues to Live Stream Sunday Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am and Daily Mass at 9:00am You can also watch the recorded video approximately 1 hour later on YouTube at St. John the Evangelist Leonia.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,
or, for Labor Day, any readings from the
Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor,"
nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Do you need home repairs but can't afford them?

Rebuilding Together North Jersey can help. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit makes critical home repairs at no cost for low-income homeowners in Bergen and Passaic Counties. Call 201-447-8886 or email info@rtnorthjersey.org. More info at: www.rtnorthjersey.org.

Altar Society News

On September 16th at 7:00 p.m. the Altar Society members will meet for mass in the church followed by a meeting in the Lower Hall, to discuss the agenda for the coming year.

The St. John's Altar Society composed of a group of welcoming women whose goal to support the parish with activities for the church community. All women are invited to attend the mass and meeting. Come and be part of community service in action!

YOU'RE INVITED

Our young people often say that one of the biggest reasons they don't consider the priesthood or Religious Life when they think about the future is that NO ONE EVER INVITED THEM to do so. Do you know any young people who have a healthy sense of self, who spend time volunteering to help others, attend Mass regularly, and have leadership potential? Pray for them and invite them to consider a life of service in the Church. For information, call Fr. Gino at 973-497-4365.

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

As your expenses increase, so do those of the Church, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous

MARY'S BIRTHDAY SEPT 8th

Tradition has it that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was born to parents named Joachim and Ann in Jerusalem at the end of the first century BC. In fact, all that we know for certain is that Mary was born. The names of Joachim and Ann first appear in a legend dating from the turn of the third century. In the story, the wealthy Joachim is ridiculed in his old age for having no children. Joachim turns to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The despairing Ann, at prayer in her sorrow, beheld an angel who promised she would conceive. The story bears similarities to the birth of Samuel (1 Sml), whose mother Hannah sang a prayer resembling Mary's magnificat. The strongest tradition places the birth of Mary in Jerusalem near the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus would later heal a cripple. A church dedicated to St. Ann stands near the pool today. Beneath the church lay the ruins of a house where it is believed that Mary was born. The place has witnessed Christian worship since the third century. Other traditions place the birth of Mary at Nazareth or Bethlehem, but in each case the evidence is too slight to be certain. The date of Mary's birth has similarly been lost. Because the Church of St. Ann in Jerusalem was dedicated on Sept. 8th in the fifth century, that day entered the calendar as the celebration of Mary's birth.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow Your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need, and help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. Amen

Attention Prospective 8th Grade Families

- ◆ Bergen Catholic will share a virtual Open House on Tuesday September 22nd. Registration is required and can be found on the Bergen Catholic website: bergencatholic.org. For more information please contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.
- ◆ St. Joseph's Regional High School, Montvale plans to conduct 2020 Fall Open House in person on the SJR campus on: Sunday, September 27, 11am-2pm & To register and for more info, visit SJRNJ.org

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"If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."

MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
 5:00 PM FRANK PROVENZANO JEAN DEMICHELE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 AM ASSUNTA KOLUCKI JUDY COYLE
 9:30 AM PAUL COLLINS SEAN O'NEILL & FAMILY
 11:30 AM ENCARNACION GARCIA GARCIA THE WILDS FAMILY
 6:00 PM CAROL EHRAT THE McMAHON FAMILY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, ST. REGINA
 9:00 AM ANTHONY RANAUDO ANTONIA RANAUDO
 ANNETTE KUSTRUP TARA & SCOTT CONNOR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 9:00 AM KIMBERLY QUALIANO NANCY TALARICO
 CONNIE BIZYK MARY MORNHINWAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST
 9:00 AM ROSE COVIELLO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, ST. PULCHERIA
 9:00 AM ROBERT CHARLES GARCIA MOM & DAD

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, ST. PAPHNUTIUS
 9:00 AM JOSEPHINE LANZA DR. FRANK LANZA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
 9:00 AM DEOKGU CHO ELIZABETH KIM
 5:00 PM DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE MULLIGAN FAMILY MULLIGAN FAMILY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 AM ANN T. SCANLON JAMES SCANLON
 9:30 AM MARYANN JOSEPH & CARLO SCIORTINO
 PAT CARBONERI & MARYANN FUSCO
 11:30 AM ANNE RADICS BETSY TRAUTSCH
 6:00 PM RON WAACK JULIE & JIM DIEMER

Sanctuary Memorials

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Ann T. Scanlon

requested James Scanlon

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
Helen Siemborski & Miriam Steeil
Phyllis & Martin Steeil

Sanctuary Offerings

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

Missalettes Available

If you would like to have your own copy of the Missalette to bring back and forth to church, please call the Rectory Office. Due to current Covid restrictions they are not allowed to be left in the pews. The supply is limited.

Kids Korner Answers

1. Pontius Pilate
2. King Herod
3. Ciaphas
4. Passover
5. Jerusalem

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.

"People are often the carpenters of their own crosses" St Philip Neri

RESPECT LIFE

Yet another example of the ongoing flood of success stories with non-embryonic stem cells is that of three year old Alyssa Dupuis who suffered brain damage at birth that caused cerebral palsy. Her parents decided to bank her umbilical cord blood which was recently given to Alyssa via stem cell transfusion. Immediate positive results were seen, and at last report this little girl, according to her mother is "about 85% cured from cerebral palsy". *NRL News, Feb-Mar, 2010*

The "Wife" Advertisement

Back in 1920, a 43 year old German policeman was getting concerned that he had not met the right woman to marry. In desperation, he placed the following advertisement in the newspapers. "Middle-ranking civil servant, single, Catholic, 43, immaculate past, from the country, is looking for a good Catholic, pure girl who can cook well, tackle all household chores, with a talent for sewing and homemaking, with a view to marriage as soon as possible. Fortune desirable, but not a precondition." A woman named Maria Peintner answered the newspaper ad. She was 36 years old, a trained cook, and had been born "out of wedlock." While carrying her, her mother, whom it is suggested was also born "out of wedlock," spent some time in a home for pregnant girls. The mother later married a baker named Rieger, with whom she had five more daughters. Maria did not have a fortune, but she herself was a treasure, and they married four months later. In spite of their somewhat advanced years, they had three children: two boys and a girl. The youngest child received the same name as his father: Joseph Ratzinger, better known today as Pope Benedict XVI. After his election, someone dug up the "wife-wanted" advertisement and showed it to the Pope, who, of course, smiled. They were the best of parents to their children. The important thing is that he knew his parents really loved each other, and the children, very much. Pope Benedict often speaks about that love. In fact, his first encyclical is entitled, "God is Love," and it describes marriage as the preeminent figure of God's love for us. Thus, know that, even being illegitimate, every child is a gift.

ONLY ONE...

My Child... I've often heard your question ... and this message is My answer... hear Me well: You're concerned about the hungry world, the millions who are starving... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Feed One.** You grieve for all the unborn children murdered every day... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Save One.** You're haunted by the homeless souls who wander city streets... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Shelter One.** You weep for those who suffer pain, disease and hopelessness... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Comfort One.** Your heart aches for the lonely, the imprisoned, the abused... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Love One.** Remember this, My Child... two thousand years ago, the world was filled, just as it is today, with those in need... and when the helpless and the hopeless cried out to Me for mercy, **I sent a Savior ... Hope Began ... With Only One...**

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child/Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

A LESSON ON TRUSTING GOD

A while back I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast. "Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable. Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today. Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it.

I'LL BE HAPPY WHEN...

We convince ourselves that life will be better after we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids aren't old enough, and we'll be more content when they are. After that, we're frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together, when we get a nicer car, when we are able to go on a nice vacation or when we retire.

The truth is there's no better time to be happy than right now. If not now, when? Your life will always be filled with challenges. It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway. Happiness is the way. So, treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with... and remember that time waits for no one. So stop waiting...

Until your car or home is paid off ...

Until you get a new car or home...

Until your kids leave the house... Until you go back to school...

Until you finish school...

Until you get married...

Until you have kids...

Until you lose 10 lbs...

Until you retire...

Until summer...

Until winter...

Until you die.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who was governor of Jerusalem when Jesus was arrested?
2. Who was the King of Israel when Jesus was arrested?
3. Who was the chief Priest at the Temple when Jesus was arrested?
4. What important Jewish holiday was occurring when Jesus was arrested?
5. What city was Jesus in when he was arrested?

ANSWERS ON PAGE FOUR

FYI

**Catholics go to Mass each and every Sunday.
To miss Mass is a MORTAL SIN.
One MORTAL SIN prevents a soul from going to Heaven.**



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