

Saint John the Evangelist Church

*470 Broad Avenue, Leonia, New Jersey
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SUNDAY, February 14, 2021



Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

**Mass at 6:30a.m., 9:00a.m., 12:00Noon, 7:00p.m.
Service of Word at 3:30p.m.**

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This Week's Parish Events

Feb 14 (Sun) World Marriage Sunday Blessing at 11:30am Mass
 Feb 15 (Mon) Rectory Office Closed—President's Day
 Feb 15 (Mon) Rosary & Adoration 7:00pm in Church
 Feb 17 (Wed) Ash Wednesday—Masses at 6:30am, 9:00am, 12:00pm
 & 7:00pm, Service of the Word at 3:30pm
 Feb 18 (Thu) Confirmation Session #4 at 7:30pm in the Lower Hall
 Feb 19 (Fri) Mass and Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

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 that those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**: Baby Cordelia, Baby Yosef, Baby Johanne, Fr. Mario Aca-al, Richard Allen, Sally Ariola, Chieko & Pauline Bernard, Michael Brady, Inday Carabio, Nita Castro, Anjelica Cola, Bruce & Arlene Connor, Sheila Conroy, Joseph Corbo, Barbara D'Amato, Diane DeChristina, Maria Janet De Los Reyes, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Tony DiBari, Alex Do, Carla Errico, Gene Futia, Ryland Harris, Peggy & Brendan Horan, Lori Hulle, Julia Huston, Joanne Kennedy, Bella Kluta, Scott Lyddon, Claudia Marino, Aida Mesina, George Mulligan, Niko Mustac, Michael O'Connor, Gloria Petti, Rebecca Piro, Gladys Pozza, Richard Samperi, Fabio Santos, Michael Santos, Dioselina Stabile, Dorothy Steffenauer, Nicholas Storms, Tom Sullivan, Michael Tarricone, Anne Vaughan, Adam Villavecchia and Tim Zagacki.

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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“Kindness frees us from the cruelty that at times affects human relationships, from the anxiety that prevents us from thinking of others.”

Pope Francis “Fratelli Tutti:” On Fraternity and Social Friendship

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed during the Masses. The Mass Schedule for the day is as follows: 6:30a.m., 9:00a.m., 12:00Noon, and 7pm. There will also be a Service and general distribution of ashes at 3:30p.m. in the Church. As a reminder Ash Wednesday is a day of both Fast and Abstinence. On this particular day only one (1) full meal is permitted and no meat is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. “The Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments asked priests to take special anti-COVID-19 precautions this year when distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, including sprinkling ashes on the top of people's heads rather than using them to make a cross on people's forehead. Sprinkling ashes on the top of people's heads, rather than marking foreheads with ashes, is the customary practice at the Vatican and in Italy. Given the spread of the coronavirus, the practice has the advantage of not requiring the priest to touch multiple people.” *Catholic News Service*

St. John's Calendar Raffle 2021

Please support this important fundraiser by selling or buying some raffle tickets. Drawings to be held in April, May and June with 12 chances to win a total of \$1,300 in cash prizes! Your \$20 raffle ticket will be supporting Church Maintenance and Gym Maintenance. Your ticket is good for all 12 drawings - all winning entries will be automatically re-entered for the next raffle. Tickets are available at the doors of at Church at all the weekend masses and at the Rectory Office during the week. All completed slips with the \$20 per ticket sold can be returned by placing in the collection basket, or can be dropped off at the Rectory Office (please use the Raffle envelope in which you receive the tickets). Checks should be made payable to St. John's Church. Thank you for your support of this important parish fundraiser.

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.

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While shopping online through Amazon Smile, you can help your parish at no extra cost to you! To register, login at AmazonSmile, search **St. John's Roman Catholic Church** select **St. John's Roman Catholic Church (verify the location is Leonia, NJ)** to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Your selection is saved so every eligible purchase you make at **smile.amazon.com** will result in a donation to St. John's. You can change your charity any time by simply selecting “Change your Charity” in “Your Account.”

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When you purchase a \$25, \$50, or \$100 ShopRite card at the church you receive the full value of the card you purchased. These stores donate back to St. John's 5% of what we sell. Thanks to those families who continue faithfully to purchase cards through this program!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS**Reminders:**

- ◆ Confirmation Session # 4 (rescheduled from Dec) is this Thursday, February 18th at 7:30pm in the Lower Hall.
- ◆ "Blessing Cup Retreat" for our children preparing for First Holy Communion is next Sunday, February 21st beginning with 9:30am Mass.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What would you say is the oldest, most frequently sung, most translated, most memorized, most beloved song text in the Christian world today? An astute and surprising answer might be the *Gloria*, "Glory to God in the Highest." Soon the Lenten fast will begin, and the Gloria, sung at the beginning of Sunday Mass, will be silenced. It is an heirloom from a treasury of hymns spun from the songs of praise on the lips of Mary, Elizabeth, and Zachary. We move in the prayer from the song of the angels at the first Christmas, to the praise of God, and to a final plea to Christ to continue and complete his work in us. For nearly 1500 years, the singing of the Gloria has been a sign of the festive quality of a particular Mass. From the beginning it was a song of the people, not of the choir or clergy. These last few Sundays of winter Ordinary Time allow us a chance to savor the hymn and give ourselves over to the chorus. How is the song of praise arising from your pew? If you claim the song as yours, its absence from Lent will be more striking, and its return at Easter will cheer your heart. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FEAST OF FAITH**The Gloria (2)**

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**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: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

HOLY HOUR AT ST. JOHN'S

This week, Holy Hour **will be on Monday nite at 7PM** we have a Holy Hour with Recitation of the Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers and Quiet Time. Stop by and make a visit to our Eucharistic Lord.

Friday Night Mass & Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent mass will be celebrated each Friday evening at 7pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. A priest will be available for Confession from 6:30pm-6:50 p.m.. All are welcome to attend.

Food Pantry News

Next Sunday is Food Sharing Sunday and some of the items currently needed include: Apple Juice, Coffee (Decaf & Regular), Mayonnaise, Pasta Sauce, Sugar, Toilet Paper, & White Rice. Thank you to all who donated items to the Food Pantry during the last couple of months. As always, your support is vital to the continuing success of our outreach to people who are struggling to survive in this economy. Thanks also to those who have donated ShopRite Gift Cards. Their use not only helps our clients but also provides funds for our church. God bless you for all that you do for others. —Food Pantry Committee

COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse. —George Washington

2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

- The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and **two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
- On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- 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.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

St John's Altar Society

Members of the Altar Society will gather at the 9:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, February 14th, following which they will have their monthly meeting in the Lower Hall. The agenda for the meeting will be discussion on plans for events to be held in the coming months. For more information or to join, call Betty Roeser at 201-947-2518 or Betsy Trautsch at 201-947-8679.

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

St. John's has received \$ **13,950** in pledges. Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.

Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark? Our goal of \$38,596 can only be achieved through YOUR generosity! If you have not yet made a gift, there are pledge forms available in the pew and in the back of church. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

St. John's Tithe - 2/6-2/7/2021

Budget: \$ 8,000.00

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,341.00

MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, ST. CATHERINE DE RICCI

5:00 PM JAMES TREACY, JR. CATHY & JIM TREACY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM CONNIE BIZYK GLORIA & FEY GALLO

9:30 AM JOSEPH & JOSEPHINE SCARMATO. CARL & PAT CARBONERI

11:30 AM JIMMY DURKIN JOE & CAROL RILEY

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6:00 PM GOOD HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR THE CIELO FAMILY

..... JOANNA CIELO

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, ST. CLAUDE DE LA COLOMBIERE

9:00 AM SEUNGAM NA ELIZABETH KIM

GWEN GALLEGOS JOHN GALLEGOS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, ST. DANIEL

9:00 AM KAREN MARI RAY & ALICE SANTOS

JANETTE LYONS JOE & CAROL RILEY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM BLESSINGS ON FR. BRYAN (LIVING) DEE WINTER

9:00 AM ALFONSO ESPINOSA BLANCA ESPINOSA

12:00 PM FR. CHARLES McTEAGUE ELAINE LUPETIN

7:00 PM RICH ANDRIOLE CAROL & JOE RILEY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, ST. SIMON

9:00 AM COVIELLO FAMILY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, BLESSED ALVAREZ OF COROVA

9:00 AM MARY MORNINGWAY SCHIETTINO MARY MORNINGWAY

MARY ANN MONACHINO LOURDES WEISBERG

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, ST. WULFRIC

9:00 AM LUZ ESPINOSA BLANCA ESPINOSA

ROBERT VALENTON LOURDES WEISBERG

5:00 PM JAMES TREACY JR. RITA & JOHN LORENZO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM JOSEPHINE LANZA DR. FRANK LANZA

9:30 AM GENEVIEVE BOLES BRIAN & BRIDGET BURKE

11:30 AM JOSEPH PARISI LINDA PARENTE

6:00 PM THOMAS CHAVEZ STEVE & GAIL HUTNIK

Sanctuary Memorials

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Anna & George Prosch, Valerie & Rudy Radics

requested by
Betsy Trautsch

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
Rev. James Boyce, O. Carm.

requested by
Evelyn & Jerry Solokas

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.

Kidz Korner Answers

1. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
2. Fridays during Lent and Fridays during the year are days of Penance
3. 40 days
4. Ash Wednesday
5. To atone for our sins and the sins of the world.

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FEBRUARY 14 2021



Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the

GLORY OF GOD.

**Sixth Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Corinthians 10:31

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus' ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that he can't enter a town without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate himself from the crowds. By serving others, Jesus lost some control over his ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus' displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead him to the "powerlessness" of the cross.

The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in his life, he also placed his trust in his Father. He invites us to do the same.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

In today's passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live "for the glory of God" when we organize our lives around God's values and purposes. We find our identity within God's story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God's work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life's messiness connects with our identity and calling.

Today's Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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SPIRITUAL EXCERPT WHERE YOUR MIND SHOULD BE

"Don't allow your mind to be in the world. Your body is here, but your mind should be with the Lord, as if nothing else mattered."

Mother Angelica, *Little Book of Life Lessons* page 58.

Reflection of the Week

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I

KIDZ KORNER

1. On what days do Catholics Fast?
2. On what days do Catholics abstain from meat?
3. How many days is Lent?
4. On what day does Lent begin?
5. Why do Catholics Fast and Abstain from certain foods?

ANSWERS ON PAGE FOUR

QUESTION?

Just before the reading of the Gospel at Mass, the priest touches his head, his mouth, and his breast. Most of the people do it at the same time. What does this mean? The priest and people are (or should be) making a small sign of the cross on their forehead, their lips, and breast. The action is a prayer that the Good



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