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Monday - Friday 8:30am –8:50am. First Friday at 6:30pm
Saturday at 4:00pm –4:30pm

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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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:
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 4 meet 9:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Sunday—Grades 5 through 8 meet 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 12, 2021 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 (Mon-Sat) ……..... 9:00am

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
St. Peregrine: First Friday of the month
Infant of Prague: 25th of the month
Rosary: Recited Mon - Sat after 9:00am Mass.
Tuesday: Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction 7:00pm

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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, Esther, Rhyan, Vicky and Child, Richard Allen, Haley Almonte, Chieko Bernard, Nita Castro, Anjelica Cola, Sheila Conroy, Joseph Corbo, Diane DeChristina, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Oscar Escobar, Gene Futia, Harold Gaines, Henry Gaines, Arturo Gonzalez-Alfonso, James Gonzalez, Michael Gonzalez, Brendan Horan, Richard Hrbeck, Lori Hulle, Diane Kaiser, Joanne Kennedy, Helena Laban, Rosa Lee, Lisa LoShavio, Scott Lyddon, Claudia Marino, Traci May, George Mulligan, James Murray, Michael O'Connor, Charlie O'Donnell, Theresa Pagnozzi, Marc Patricola, Gloria Petti, Rebecca Piro, Betty Roeser, Netti Russo, Richard Samperi, Fabio Santos, Angelo Shingelo, Rob Sinollo, Carolyn Sobering, Maureen Spadora, Dorothy Steffenauer, Tom Sullivan, Michael Tarricone, Anne Vaughan, Julia Venusti, Adam Villavecchia and Anne Webb.

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.

Sgt. Matt Brady
Lt. Col. Christopher Caldwell, O.D.
Lt. Col. Dennis Castro, USAF
Maj. Michael A. Franson
Sgt. Joseph Gonzales
Lt. Robert Lucieri, MD
Cmdr. Alexander McMahon
Seaman E-3 Bethany Squires, US Coast Guard

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Segundo Porras

Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, come to share your Eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE ,FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
(CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION)
4:00 PM 5:30 PM 8:00 PM 12:00 MIDNIGHT
CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM
NEW YEAR'S EVE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 (SOLEMNITY OF MARY EVE)
5:00 PM
SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
9:00 AM 12:00 NOON

The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady. Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma. On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

GIVING TREE

Gifts for the Giving Tree can be placed in the Baptistry area of the church this weekend December 11/12. The gifts will be collected for distribution on Christmas Day. Thank you for helping others in need.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today is Gaudete Sunday – Rejoicing Sunday, we light the pink candle on the Advent Wreath as we rejoice in the Lord's coming. From His promise of Savior to Adam and Eve, God never abandoned His people. Through signs and symbols, sacred omens and oracles, God gave hope and direction to His people through the prophets. Many prophets had a difficult job of calling the people from their sinful ways to God's way – from the road to death to the way of salvation. God now entrusts that duty to the Church: through its sacraments and preaching, God calls us from sin to salvation, from death to life.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Third Sunday of Advent

Upcoming St. John Parish Events

12/11	Sat	NA Meeting—LH 7pm
12/12	Sun	Third Sunday of Advent
12/13	Mon	Silent Night, Holy Night 7-9 pm in Church
12/14	Tue	Holy Hour & Adoration 7 pm, Confessions 6:30pm
12/17	Fri	AA 8pm LH
12/18	Sat	Confessions 4pm
12/18	Sat	NA 7pm LH
12/19	Sun	Faith Formation Classes

HOLY HOUR at St John's

Every Tuesday 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.

REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

St John's Altar Society

All women over 18 are invited to join the St. John's Altar Society, a group of women who quietly serve our parish in many different ways—washing altar linens, running bake sales and other types of fundraisers to help support our parish. For more information or to join, call Betsy Trautsch at 201-947-8679.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe 12/4-5, 2021

Budget:	$ 7,000.00
Sunday Collection:	$ 7,877.00

Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to the area or simply have not yet registered, stop by the rectory and meet Julie, our parish secretary, and register to become a member of the St John's Family. You can also have a registration form emailed by contacting parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org.

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent Night, Holy Night will be held at St. John's on Monday, December 13, from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. During the season of Advent we ask everyone, young and not so young, to stop for 10 minutes from all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, and visit Jesus in His Church. The gift of time is so precious, but sometimes, especially around Christmas, we are so busy with last minute preparations that we forget about preparing our hearts and souls for the holy celebration of Christmas. As a family, what greater example can we give to our children than to come to God's house and in the silence of the night offer our prayers to Emmanuel — God with us. Please make the effort to come and allow the music of the season to prepare you for the Feast of Christmas. Priests will be available for Confession.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5--10; Lk 1:39-45

Simbáng Gabi

The St. John's PAC (Philippine American Community) invites all of you to Simbang Gabi 2021, on Monday Dec. 20th at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Church. Simbáng Gabi is a devotional nine day series of Advent Masses practiced by Roman Catholics in the Philippines in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of Christmas.

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."- *Pope Benedict XVI*

Stewardship Reflection

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

No problem is too great to place in God's hands.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

MASS INTENTION — REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, ST. DAMASUS I, POPE
9:00 AM MONICA KIM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS ..... ELIZABETH KIM
5:00 P.M. MARY ANNE LECLEROQ..... STEVE & GAIL HUTNIK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 AM JOSEPHINE LANZA..... DR. FRANK J. LANZA
9:30 AM JOHN DOWNES ..... THE DAVIS & VENEMAN FAMILIES
11:30 AM JOSEPH & MARY LORENZO..... DIANE & LEN CAPPELLUTI
6:00 PM ALBERT CABRERA..... ANNABELLE & ROBERTO DUMLAO

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, ST. LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR
9:00 AM VINDA VETTERL ..... BILL BIZYK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
9:00 AM AGRIPINA OCHOA..... BLANCA ESPINOSA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15,ST. MARY DI ROSA
9:00 AM CUOMO FAMILY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, ST. ADELAIDE
9:00 AM CHARLES J. CHUNG—LIVING..... BRIGITTE CHUNG

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, ST. STURM, ABBOT
9:00 AM ELAINE LUPETIN—LIVING..... TARA CONNOR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, ST. FLANNAN, BISHOP
9:00 AM MONTELARO FAMILY
5:00 PM MARY KEALY ..... CECILE ARCEBIOD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 AM ANTHONY MASTICE..... THE MASTICE FAMILY
9:30 AM EDYTHE MORNHINEWAY VAN NOSDALL..... MARY MORNINGWAY
11:30 AM TRAUTSCH, RADICS & PROSCH FAMILILES .... BETSY TRAUTSCH
6:00 PM DEC'D. MEMBERS OF THE MCCARTNEY-LEAP FAMILY
..... THE MCCARTNEY-LEAP FAMILY

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of **Yvonne Rowan**
requested by Judy Valyo

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
St. John's Parishioners

SANCTUARY OFFERINGS

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

FORGIVENESS

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness.
—Henry Ward Beecher

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.

Free Online Membership*
For new online membership applications submitted through Dec. 31, 2021
*regular dues are $30/year
Visit kofc.org/joinus
Enter Code
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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TOY DRIVE

Once again this year, we are collecting toys for boys and girls of P.S. 211, 129 and 234 in the Bronx. Approximately 2,500 toys are needed for distribution this Christmas. The children attending these schools are between 4 and 15 years of age and are in regular and special education programs. Some suggestions: basketballs, soccer balls, baseballs (for older boys), books, board games, puzzles, girls purses, gift sets of lotions and colognes. Please wrap all new items and indicate age and gender of gift. Items can be brought to the boxes at the Broad Avenue or Harrison Street entrances to Church or the Rectory at 235 Harrison Street. **Last day for drop off is Sunday, December 12th.**

St. John's Calendar Raffle 2022

The 2022 Calendar Raffle fundraiser is underway! Drawings to be held in January, February and March with 27 chances to win a total of $2,000 in cash prizes! Get your $20 raffle ticket supporting Church Maintenance and Gym Maintenance. Your ticket is good for all drawings - all winning entries will be automatically re-entered for the next raffle. We are asking each family to help us by selling 3 raffles for this fun Fundraiser. If you wish to sell more, they are available at the Rectory Office—please call and we can arrange for delivery or pick up during the week. All completed slips along 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.

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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."

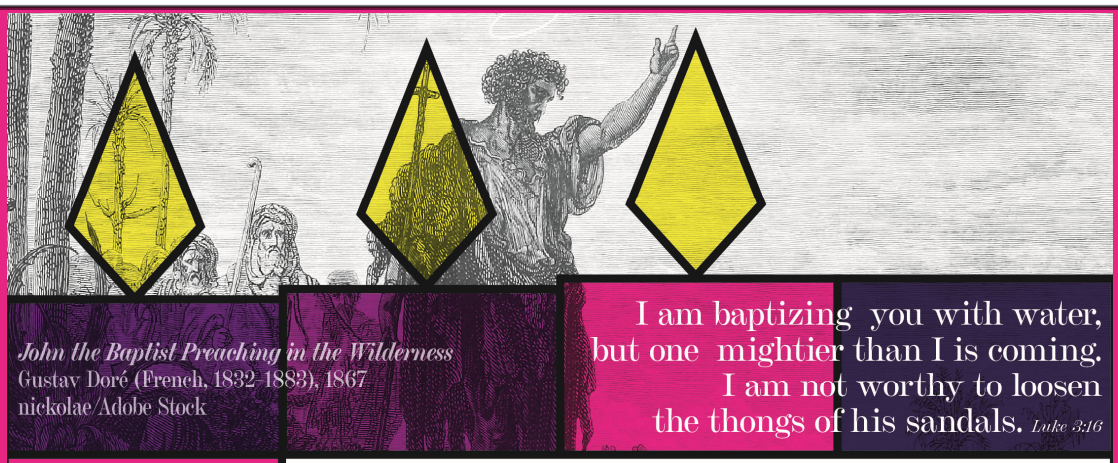
THE LOVE OF GOD

No matter how long it has been, the Love of God knows no time. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation EVERY Saturday from 4-4:30pm. Every Monday - Saturday morning at 8:30AM, and every First Friday at 6:30pm. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Purple
2. The First Sunday in Advent
3. Gabriel
4. St. Anne
5. St. Gerard

December is dedicated to the Divine Infant.



John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness
Gustav Doré (French, 1832–1883), 1867
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I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. *Luke 3:16*

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

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Joy and exultation ring through the first reading, as Zephaniah's ancient messianic prophecy pictures God "rejoicing over (us) with gladness, renewing (us) in his love, singing joyfully because of (us) as one sings at festivals." This joyful God is not distant: the prophet declares twice that God "is in your midst." Zephaniah so trusts this joyful God's love for us that he declares our deliverance "a done deal": both from inward fear and guilt—"the Lord has removed the judgment against you"—and from external threats: "he has turned away your enemies." The Responsorial Psalm, from Advent's principal prophet, Isaiah, echoes an exultant joy that should prompt us to be "confident and unfraid," "for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." Paul likewise exhorts the Philippians—and us—to joy, to a kindness that should be evident to all, to prayer free from anxiety, serene and thankful.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

But then John the Baptist cries out on Jordan's bank: Repent! Prepare for a Messiah whose baptism "with the Holy Spirit and fire," unlike John's water baptism, will utterly transform its recipients. His winnowing fan will clear away the dead wood, bundling wheat and burning chaff in unquenchable fire. If this is going to be "good news" for us, then well might we, like the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers who first heard John, ask "What should we do?" When John responds to the people then, and to us today, the answer, while supremely challenging, is almost surprisingly simple. Nobody is ordered to abandon the place in which their personal life's journey or the realities of a history beyond their control have put them. God saves us not despite or apart from our real-life circumstances but in them and through them. Our call now is to practical, generous charity: we are to share clothing and food; practice justice and professional and personal integrity; and be honest toward others and with ourselves. Such is the teaching of the Messiah that John heralded.

Today's Readings: Zep 3:14–18a; Is 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Phil 4:4–7; Lk 3:10–18

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SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things—the weather, human relationship, the economy, the political situation, and so on—will get better. Hope is trust that God will fulfill God's promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom. The optimist speaks about concrete changes in the future. The person of hope lives in the moment with the knowledge and trust that all of life is in good hands."

~Henri Nouwen

"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself."

~Charles Dickens

KIDZ KORNER

1. What color vestments does the priest wear during Advent?
2. When does the Church Year begin?
3. What Archangel appeared to Mary on the Annunciation?
4. Who was the Virgin Mary's mom?
5. Who is the patron of expectant mothers?

Answers on page 4

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