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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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

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 10:30am -11:45 am
Sunday—Grades 5 through 8 meet 10:30am-12:15pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 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

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the month

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

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

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

9/3 Sat Confessions 8:30am & 4:pm
 9/3 Sat NA 7pm LH
 9/5 Mon LABOR DAY - RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
 9/5 Mon Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena after 9am Mass
 9/7 Wed Sts. Jude & Anthony Novena after 9am Mass
 9/7 Wed Supper of the Lamb Book Discussion Group 10:15am LH
 9/8 Thu Holy Hour 7pm in Church, Confessions at 6:30pm
 9/9 Fri AA 8pm LH
 9/10 Sat Confessions 8:30am & 4:pm
 9/10 Sat NA 7pm LH

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: Rhyen, Vincent, Jeanne Aimone, Marilyn Badami, Sue Baniel, Chieko Bernard, Pauline Bernard, Alexa Carpenter, Sheila Conroy, Joseph Corbo, Barbara D'Amato, Harold DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Nellie Fazio, James Gonzales, Brendan Horan, Richard Hrbeck, Joanne Kennedy, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyddon, Audrey Maguire, Carolyn McKeon, Michael Marino, Jean Marrano, Traci May, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Rita Neugebauer, Mark Patricola, Gloria Petti, Betty Pisarek, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Angelo Shingelo, Maureen Spadora, Maria Uhm, Anne Vaughan, and Adam Villavecchia.

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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 Lt. Matt Meagher

Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to the area or simply have not yet registered, call (201-947-4545) or stop by the Rectory at 235 Harrison Street 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.

MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00 AM MIRIAM STEEL.....PHYLLIS STEEL
 5:00 PM NORA & JOHN MULLIGAN.....JOAN MULLIGAN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM SUSAN PAWLICK.....ELIZABETH & COLIN FITZGERALD
 9:30 AM RAFAEL V. ARCEBIDO.....CECILE ARCEBIDO
 11:30 AM MARLENE NAZZARO.....LISA & FRANK CIRILLO
 6:00 PM MONTELARO FAMILY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, ST. LAURENCE GIUSTINIANI, PATRIARCH OF VENICE

9:00 AM FRANK PROVENZANO.....PAT & JEAN DEMICHELE
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, ST. BEGA, VIRGIN

9:00 AM CELINE DILWORTH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, ST. CLOUD

9:00 AM STELLA SILVAANNETTE TULL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 AM ANN LATRONICA.....FR. BRYAN ADAMCIK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

9:00 AM JOSEPH LEE (LIVING—BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

.....ELIZABETH KIM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO

9:00 AM ROSE COVIELLO

5:00 PM ANTHONY RANAUDO.....ANTONIA RANAUDO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM JAMES ALLEN.....DONALD MARKUSKE
 9:30 AM ANNE RADICS.....ELIZABETH TRAUTSCH
 11:30 AM JOSEPH & DELORES BRADY....JURIS & GUIA CASIMIRO
 6:00 PM SUSAN PAWLICK..... THE DAVIS FAMILY

Sanctuary Memorials

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of

Ann T. Scanlon

Requested by: James F. Scanlon

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of

Joseph & Mary Lorenzo

Requested by The Lorenzo Family

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.

*"To convert somebody, go and take them
 by the hand and guide them."*

—St. Thomas Aquinas

WEEKLY OFFERING

August 27-28, 2022

Budget: \$ 7,000.00

Sunday Collections: \$ 6,396.00



STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"In times of aridity when I am incapable of praying, of practicing virtue, I seek little opportunities, mere trifles, to give pleasure to Jesus; for instance a smile, a pleasant word when inclined to be silent and to show weariness. If I find no opportunities, I at least tell Him again and again that I love Him; that is not difficult and it keeps alive the fire in my heart. Even though this fire of love might seem extinct, I would still throw little straws upon the embers, and I am certain it would rekindle."

Saint Therese Lisieux, "The Little Flower"

St John's Altar Society News

Following 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 11th, members of St. John's Altar Society will have their monthly meeting in the Lower Hall to kick off the new year.

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 Kathy Stendor at 201-956-7147 or Betsy Trautsch at 201-947-8679.

At the exits of church are coupons for any shopping you may do at Metropolitan Plant Exchange. The coupons do not expire until the end of the year. For every \$50 you spend, Metropolitan will very generously donate \$10 to St. John's Altar Society. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!



On Monday, September 26th at 7 p.m. in the Lower Hall, Sgt. Eric Gooddell of the Leonia Police Department will be speaking about Scam and Fraud Prevention. All are welcome! Look for further details in next week's bulletin.

WHY DO CATHOLICS LIGHT CANDLES IN CHURCH?

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death. The custom of the early Christians lighting candles

Faith Formation News

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." --Matthew 19:14

Faith Formation Classes begin in just TWO WEEKS on Sunday, September 18th.

If you still haven't registered your children for 2022-23 Faith Formation classes...NOW is the time to get that handled.

The Registration Form is available on our website (stjohnleonia.org) and payment can be handled there as well. PLEASE email Mirela Tarabokija at:

religiouseducation@stjohnleonia.org

with any questions you may have. Looking forward to a great 2022-23 year at St. John's Faith Formation!

St. John's Knights of Columbus



All men over the age of 18 are invited to join the St. John's Parish Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization.

For more info or to join, please contact Vito Mazza at 201-446-4072. We are offering free membership in honor of Blessed Michael McGivney and Fr. Bryan's 30th Anniversary as a Knight—use password: BlessedMcGivney and join for FREE!! Visit:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Santa is Coming to St. John's

Mark your calendars for December 3, 2022—Santa is coming to St. John's. Details will be forthcoming in future bulletins. We are looking for volunteers for our soliciting committee that helps get prizes and donations for this fundraising event. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Rectory Office at 201-947-4545 or by email at parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org.

and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 18-23 [18-23]
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: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

ECHO

A son and his father were walking on the mountains. Suddenly, his son falls, hurts himself and screams: "AAAAAAhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!!" To his surprise, he hears the voice repeating, somewhere in the mountain: "AAAAAAhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!!" Curious, he yells: "Who are you?" He receives the answer: "Who are you?" And then he screams to the mountain: "I admire you!" The voice answers: "I admire you!" Angered at the response, he screams: "Coward!" He receives the answer: "Coward!" He looks to his father and asks: "What's going on?" The father smiles and says: "My son, pay attention." Again the man screams: "You are a champion!" The voice answers: "You are a champion!" The boy is surprised, but does not understand. Then the father explains: "People call this ECHO, but really this is LIFE. It gives you back everything you say or do. Our life is simply a reflection of our actions. If you want more love in the world, create more love in your heart. If you want more competence in your team, improve your competence. This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life; Life will give you back everything you have given to it." **YOUR LIFE IS NOT A COINCIDENCE. IT'S A REFLECTION OF YOU**

YOU ARE INVITED

All are invited to stop by the Church on Thursday evening September 8th at 7PM and bask in the brilliant rays of our Eucharistic Lord. Quiet your heart and mind by taking some time from your busy schedule to spend some time with the Lord.

**Blessing for Students and Teachers**

September always had a special meaning for me growing up. It was usually a time to reinvent myself as I started school again. See, my Dad was an officer in the Air Force, and we usually moved to a new Air Force base in the summer. As each September rolled around, I knew I was going to a new school; I eventually realized that every kid had the same feeling. School gives us all the ability to create ourselves anew with new comprehension about the wonders of creation and the love of knowledge. Let us pray for all students and their teachers as they begin a new school year

September 8, 2022

*Join Us for**Online Prayer*

If you would like to spend time praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary, please join us:
Daily at 3:00 p.m.

or

Daily at 7:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of the Holy Face.

All are welcomed.

Download the Zoom App to your phone, tablet or computer.
Email Carol Riley at: momcar49@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

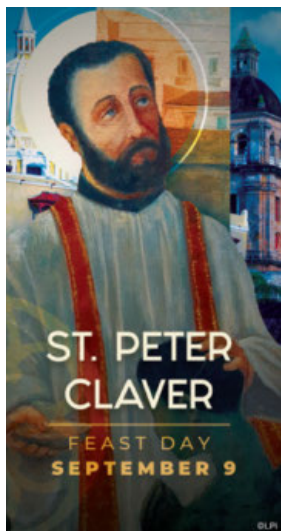
RIPPLES

Skip a stone across the water, and its ripples will journey far. Sunbeams will dance upon them - it might even reflect them to a star. Smile sweetly to someone passing, and it makes their morning glad. It may greet you in the evening when your own soul may be sad. Do a simple deed of kindness; its effect you may never see. Yet, it may flow like rippling water, down the long road of eternity.

KIDS KORNER ANSWERS

1. Old Testament & New Testament
2. Contract.
3. Moses
4. Hebrew
5. The Books

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Born in Catalonia Spain in 1580, Saint Peter Claver studied at first at the University of Barcelona and then joined the Jesuits. He became friends with fellow brother Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez who encouraged him to be a missionary in the New World. Accordingly, Saint Peter went to Cartagena, a city in present-day Columbia where he was ordained in 1615.

Cartagena was a center for the slave trade, and the young missionary knew where he could best serve God. He proclaimed himself, "the slave of the Negroes forever." As ships would arrive with their human cargo, Saint

Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines. When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, Saint Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines. When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, the saint continued to work among them, communicating God's love with acts of generosity and teaching the Catholic faith. He also led missions in the interior, refusing the hospitality of plantation owners and preferring to stay in the slave quarters. He organized charitable societies and is said to have baptized and catechized more than 300,000 enslaved persons.

Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized with his friend Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez in 1888, by Pope Leo XIII. He is the worldwide patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples.

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 and EVERY Monday - Saturday morning at 8:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.



ShopRite Cards

When you purchase a \$25, \$50, or \$100 ShopRite card at the church you receive the full value of the card you purchased. ShopRite donates back to St. John's 5% of what we sell. Please consider helping your parish by supporting this program. Thank you.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Famous Last Words

A fun way to waste an hour or two on the internet is to Google "famous last words." There are entire websites devoted to chronicling the last utterances of celebrities and historical figures. I think the fascination with parting words stems from the drama of a person's final moment on earth. We want to ascribe some kind of power and significance to the last words they say, especially if they are our loved ones, because it gives us something to carry with us in our grief.

In Jesus' case, every word he ever said had power and significance, but especially those he said before ascending into Heaven: "You will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth."

And then he was gone.

If I were one of the Apostles, I think a small anxiety attack would have commenced at that point. As much as they knew and believed that Christ was still with them, it must have felt awfully lonely standing there staring at an empty sky, with the mother of all homework assignments having just been handed down. Stewardship is intimidating by nature. The baptismal call is an honor and a gift. But it is also a little scary bearing witness to Christ.

When we doubt ourselves, let's return to Christ's last words and cling to the faith he had in his Father's love for us. He says not "you will be witnesses" but "you are witnesses." We already have what we need. God is within us, and we take Him wherever we go. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." — Lk 14:28, 33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

KIDS KORNER



1. What are the two major parts of the bible?
2. What does "testament" mean?
3. Which famous former Egyptian noble wrote most of the early books in the Old Testament?
4. What language was the Old Testament originally written in?
5. The Bible is appropriately named. What does "Bible" mean if translated from its root word?

Answers on Page 4



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