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Monday - Saturday 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.

## 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, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 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, 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

Holy Hour: Wednesday at 7:00pm

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the month

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

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

St. John Rectory

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201-944-4362

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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sat 2/4	Confessions 8:30am & 4pm
Sat 2/4	NA 7pm LH
Sun 2/5	Faith Formation Classes
Sun 2/5	Children's Liturgy 9:30am Mass
Mon 2/6	Miraculous Medal Novena after 9am Mass
Wed 2/8	St. Jude & Anthony Novena after 9am Mass
Wed 2/8	Book Club 10:15am LH
Wed 2/8	K of C Meeting 8pm LH
Fri 2/10	AA 8pm LH
Sat 2/11	Confessions 8:30am & 4pm
Sat 2/11	NA 7pm LH
Sun 2/12	Faith Formation Classes
Sun 2/12	Children's Liturgy 9:30am Mass

## 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: Christian, Rhyen, Shane, Vahide Atlas, Marilyn Badami, Sue Baniel, Chieko Bernard, Pauline Bernard, Albert Castro, Joe Catarcio, Lisa Cirillo, Sheila Conroy, Joseph Corbo, Barbara D'Amato, Lucy DeCarolis, Harold DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Kathleen Falotico, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Linda Gardner, Maria Gubernard, Patsy Harmon, Brendan Horan, Richard Hrbeck, Bob Kaiser, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyddon, Audrey Maguire, Raven Moncada, Jean Marrano, Crystal Molina, Mary Moran, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Rita Neugebauer, Alice Palmieri, Mark Patricola, Gloria Petti, Betty Pisarek, Sal & Mary Poppo, Maria Porras, Beatrice Ricciardi, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Fabio Santos, Mark Savery, Angelo Shingelo, Maureen Spadora, John Taylor, Maria Uhm, Mary Uhriaco, Anne Vaughan, Al and Adam Villavecchia.

## PRAY 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, USMC  
 Lt. Col. Christopher Caldwell, O.D., US Army  
 Lt. Col. Dennis Castro, USAF  
 Maj. Michael A. Franson, US Army  
 Sgt. Joseph Gonzales, USAF  
 Lt. Robert Luceri, MD USN  
 Cmdr. Alexander McMahon, USN  
 Cpt. Matt Meagher, US Army

## MASS INTENTION REQUESTED BY

<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, ST. JOHN DE BRITTO, MARTYR</b>	
5:00 PM Matthew & Maryanne Suttora	Josephine & Nicky
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
7:30 AM Donna Cavanagh Keenan	The Markuske Family
9:30 AM Nyla Birdal	The Hannons
11:30 AM Fannie Perrino	Lisa & Frank Cirillo
6:00 PM Pavel Kosek	Petra Hammid
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, ST. PAUL MIKI &amp; COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</b>	
9:00 AM Seungam Na	Elizabeth Kim
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, POPE PIUS IX</b>	
9:00 AM Alley (Living) Birthday Blessings	Elizabeth Kim
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, ST. JEROME EMILIANI</b>	
9:00 AM Amitrano & Nolano Familiy	Marilyn Badami
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, ST. APOLONNIA, VIRGIN &amp; MARTYR</b>	
9:00AM Robert Bossong	Isabel Bossong
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN</b>	
9:00 AM George Ihnen	Mary Morningway
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b>	
9:00 AM Rose Coviello	Petra Hammid
5:00 PM Tino Hammid	
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
7:30 AM Ginny O'Keefe	Betty & Chris Dunleavy
9:30 AM Cuomo Family	
11:30 AM John Nazzaro	Lisa & Frank Cirillo
6:00 PM Jiyoung Chun (Living)	Monica Lee

## 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  
**Fr. Ronald Gray, O Carm.**

Requested by:  
**Evelyn & Jerry Solokas**

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

## CONVALIDATION

Were you married civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? See Fr. Bryan for more details and to see if your marriage can be regularized with the Church.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

January 28-29, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00  
 Sunday Collections: \$ 6,672.00



## STEWARDSHIP

**MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY**

## 2023 Annual Appeal

**Pledge weekend for 2023 has arrived!**

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help St. John's reach it's goal of \$38,597. Your donation will make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a pledge and drop in the collection basket or go online today by visiting [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing). Thank you.

## What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz.

— **Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI**

## 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 Kathy Stendor at 201-956-7147 or Betsy Trautsch at 201-947-8679. Our monthly meeting is this Sunday in the lower hall following 11:30 a.m. Mass.

## Faith Formation News

**IMPORTANT:**

-- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING is TOMORROW (Monday, February 6th ) @ 7:00pm in the Lower Hall. If your child will be receiving First Holy Communion in May, at least one parent must attend this meeting. Children do not need to attend. Registration will be handled at this meeting.

-- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INVESTITURE will be next Sunday, February 12th , at our 9:30am Mass.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Just to keep you updated about what's happening:

1. The gym pipe repair has been completed at a cost of \$4,850.
2. Gym Floor repair estimates obtained through the Archdiocese - \$12,000 for the damage caused by the pipe leak. The Archdiocese is reviewing the proposal prior to approval.
3. The Convent had some plumbing issues which have been completed.
4. Painting of 2 rooms in the Convent has been completed.
5. The boiler leak which started in October and recurred again two days before Christmas required replacement of the tank. A temporary leak stoppage was put in place while awaiting a new tank. The delay in installation was a manufacturing/supply chain issue. The tank costs \$15,070 and was installed this week.

## 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 note: The cards are good at all ShopRite stores. Cards can be purchased at the entrance to church after all the Masses. Checks should be made payable to St. John's.

## You are invited

All are invited to stop by the Church on Wednesday evenings 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.

## GOING ON VACATION?

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for the locations of Catholic churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.



## Why do Catholics fast from meat?

This ancient tradition stems, ultimately, from love. Friday is to Sunday what Lent is to Easter.

The Church has always celebrated each and every Sunday as a mini-Easter. In harmony with that, Fridays are meant to be days of penance as a reminder of the Passion which Jesus suffered for us on Good Friday.

The first and most important practice for Friday penance is that of abstaining from meat. While this is no longer obligatory outside of Lent, the U.S. bishops have nonetheless strongly recommended it, and stated that another act of piety or penance should be done in its place if we are unable to do the meat fast.

### Why? Well

From the first century, the day of the crucifixion has been traditionally observed as a day of abstaining from flesh meat...to honor Christ who sacrificed his flesh on a Friday. —**Catholic Source Book by Rev. Peter Klein**

Furthermore, when the no-meat tradition first began, it appears that meat was special, a real treat, even celebratory—the Scriptures speak of “slaughtering the fattened calf” for a feast or celebration. Giving up meat was an important reminder that Christ suffered His Passion and death for us on a Friday. It was a way of loving and thanking Him, with this small gift of abstaining from something special.

Today, of course, meat isn't a rare commodity. It is easy to get, in many forms, and is sometimes even passed up for something more fancy, such as a fish delicacy.

This does not, however, mean that abstaining from meat on Fridays is pointless or not as helpful in our spiritual lives. The spirit of abstinence, the reason for a sacrifice on that day, remains just as important.

Most people still love meat, and the time and effort it takes to give up easy access to a quick meal (and the intention it takes to select a meatless one) is one more reason why it's a solid sacrifice.

~<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/why-do-catholics-fast-from-meat/>

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MON:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56  
**TUE:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13  
**WED:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23  
**THU:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30  
**FRI:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37  
**SAT:** : Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10  
**SUN:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

## Stewardship Reflection 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”**

**MATTHEW 5:16**

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

## Are You Registered?

Did you know that demographic studies estimate that more than 1/3 of all Catholics are not registered in a parish? If you are not registered in our parish, please consider doing so. Also, please encourage your friends and family to register!

Registering is important because:

- If a parish doesn't know who is out there, how can it adequately serve the needs of all – especially singles, divorced or young families who may not see the need to register?
- When the services of the Church are needed – such as for a wedding, Baptism or funeral – it is easier if the person is registered.
- Registered parishioners receive helpful information about our parish.

Registering is easy. Simply contact the Rectory by phone at 201-947-4545 or email [parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org) today!

**A Friend is a treasure. More precious than Gold,  
For love shared is priceless And never grows old.**

## KIDS KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Elizabeth.
2. St. Anne.
3. Eve.
4. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.
5. St. Gerard.

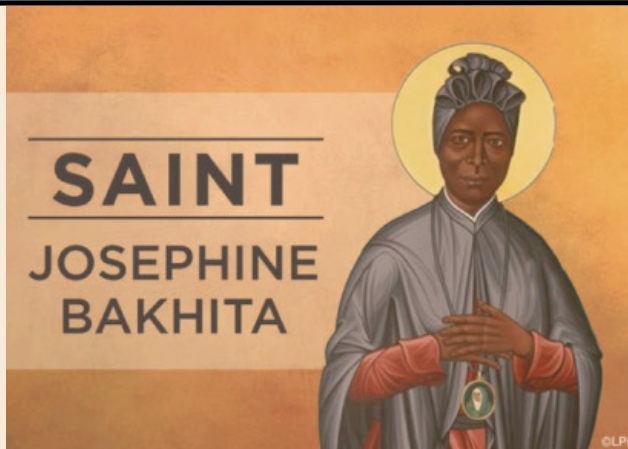
## St. John's Knights of Columbus



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 information or to join, please contact Vito Mazza at 201-446-4072. We are offering free membership in honor of Blessed Michael McGivney. Use the password: Blessed McGivney and join for FREE!!

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



### St. Josephine Bakhita | February 8

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869–1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. ©LPi

### SCRIPTURE QUESTION

When was the New Testament, as we know it, compiled and placed under one cover? In the year 397AD, by the Council of Carthage, from which all Christians derived their New Testament from the Catholic Church; NO other source was available. Up to 397AD, some Christians only had access to part of the New Testament. In this situation, how would "Bible Only" Protestants survive.

### World Marriage Day - February 12

We will celebrate World Marriage Day with a special blessing for couples at the 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses on February 12. All married couples are invited to attend these masses which will celebrate committed married love.

### 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 3:99 p.m.  
and or  
Daily at 7:00 p.m. for the Rosary only.  
All are welcomed.

Download the Zoom App to your phone, tablet or computer.  
Email Carol Riley at [momacar49@gmail.com](mailto:momacar49@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

"A person's most useful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others."

~ Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown

### Used Palm Collection

We begin Lent with ashes, the burnt remains of last year's palms. Please bring any palms you may have and leave them in the basket in the vestibule of church

### CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession at a minimum once a month. This sacrament is offered daily Monday-Saturday from 8:30AM-8:50AM, on Saturday afternoon from 4-4:30PM, as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

### KIDS KORNER



1. Who was St. John the Baptist's mother?
2. Who was the Virgin Mary's mother?
3. Who was the mother of Cain and Abel?
4. What famous American Saint was a mother of five children?
5. Who is the Patron Saint of expectant Mothers?

Answers on Page 4





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