

# *Saint John the Evangelist Church*

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**SUNDAY, February 19, 2023 A.D.**



## **Ash Wednesday**

# **February 22, 2023**

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

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## Upcoming Parish Events

2/18	Sat	Confessions 4pm
2/18	Sat	NA Meeting 7pm LH
2/19	Sun	NO Faith Formation Classes
2/20	Mon	Rectory Office Closed
2/21	Tue	Holy Hour & Rosary 7pm, Confession at 6:30pm
2/22	Wed	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Masses at 6:30 & 9:00am, 12Noon & 7pm Liturgy of the Word Service at 3:30pm
2/24	Fri	Friday Evening Mass 7pm, Stations of the Cross, Confessions at 6:30pm
2/24	Fri	AA 8pm LH
2/25	Sat	Confessions 4pm
2/25	Sat	NA 7pm LH
2/26	Sun	Faith Formation Classes
2/26	Sun	Blessing Cup Retreat following 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, Rhyann, 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, 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, Anne Vaughan, Al & 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.

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

## 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 7p.m. 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.

## Friday Night Mass & Stations of the Cross



During the season of Lent Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. each Friday evening, followed by the Stations of the Cross (Franciscan). A priest will be available to hear Confession before Mass, from 6:30 - 6:50 p.m. All are welcome attend.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

## 2023 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. 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 night) 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 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.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. 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.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 11, 2023**

*\*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.*

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please keep in your prayers the following:

**Geraldine Mingione**  
**Alice Picone**

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.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

--Lent begins **THIS WEDNESDAY** (February 22nd) with **Ash Wednesday!** Masses are at 6:30am, 9am, 12noon & 7pm. There is also a Liturgy of the Word Service at 3:30pm.

--The **BLESSING CUP RETREAT** for our children that are preparing for **First Holy Communion** is next Sunday, February 26th beginning with 9:30am Mass & continuing afterward in the Lower Hall. Each child must be accompanied by at least one parent.

--Faith Formation Classes resume next Sunday.

### 2023 Annual Appeal Update

The 2023 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$22,060 already pledged. This is approximately 57% of our goal of \$38,597.00.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing).

Thank you for your prayers and support.

### Mark Your Calendar—Altar Society Fish Fry Take-Out Dinner

St. John's Altar Society has once again arranged with Tastefully British to offer a take-out only Fish Fry Dinner. On Wednesday, March 29th, come pick up a delicious dinner hosted by the ladies of St. John's Altar Society. Please note that assigned pick-up times will be given in 15-minute intervals to allow for cooking time. Pick up times begin at 5:00 p.m. The dinner will include cod fish, French fries, coleslaw, malt vinegar, tartar sauce, bottled water and dessert. Ticket prices are \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Children under 12 years of age. Reservations required—no walk-ins. Order forms are available at the doors of the church—please complete and return along with check or cash. Times will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis. While we would love to serve everyone at the same time, it is just not possible so we appreciate your understanding.

### St John's Altar Society Thanks

Members of the Altar Society would like to thank all those who stopped by our Bake Sale last weekend. Your support of the ladies' efforts on behalf of our parish is greatly appreciated!!!

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 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.

### 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.

## 2023 Calendar Raffle

This year's Calendar Raffle will be drawn during the months of April, May & June. We are asking each family to sell 3 tickets between now and the end of March. If you have not already done so, please pick up your raffle ticket envelope at the front entrance of church this weekend and help make this year's Calendar Raffle Fundraiser a success. Our goal is to sell 600 tickets or more. Thank you.

## HELP EVANGELIZE

Why not face it? Most Catholics shy away from publicly engaging in evangelization. Those who know their faith will hesitate to discuss it with strangers, and those who don't know their faith as well as they should, usually find themselves running for cover when they think they may be asked to engage in evangelization. A simple way to help bring former Roman Catholics back to the practice of their faith might be as simple as taking an extra bulletin home with you and giving it to a neighbor who hasn't been to Mass since last Christmas or Easter. Invite them back to Mass; let them know what is going on at **OUR/ YOUR** parish especially during this season of Lent.

### Holy Hour & Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent Holy Hour will be held every Wednesday at 7 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross (Scriptural). A priest will be available to hear Confession before Mass, from 6:30 - 6:50 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

### Your Help is Needed!!

**Eucharistic Ministers** assist in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. Any Catholic who is confirmed may be commissioned to be an Extraordinary Minister. Training will be provided. If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister here at St. John's, please see Fr. Bryan or call the Rectory Office at 201-947-4545

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children in grades K-6 at the scheduled 9:30 am Sunday Masses. Volunteers are scheduled to serve once or twice each month. Training and weekly materials are provided. Please note that you will also need to be certified in Protecting God's Children (training provided). If you are interested please call the Rectory Office at 201-947-4545.

### St. John's Book Study Group

The New Book Study Group will begin on Wednesday, March 1st at 10:15 a.m. in the Lower Hall. The Book we will be using is "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin" by St. Louis de Montfort. All are welcome to join. So that the correct number of books are ordered, please register by calling the Rectory Office at 201-947-4545, or by email at [parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org).

## - 4 Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
(8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48  
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

### What are the nine choirs of angels?

God created the angels with a heavenly hierarchy. What is the structure of that hierarchy?

The order of the nine choirs—and the roles particular to each—are something of a mystery to us as far as details go, but they have a traditional order and descriptions that have been recognized by various saints and Doctors of the Church for centuries. Here is the most commonly-accepted structure:  
1. Seraphim: These angels are the ones closest to God. St. Bernard of Clairvaux says that “God, who is Love, has so drawn and assimilated them to Himself, so filled them with the ardor of affection that burns in Himself” that they seem to be one with Him.

2. Cherubim: The prophet Ezekiel describes them as having four wings and four faces (Ezekiel 1:5-11). Their four-faced representation signifies God’s omniscience. They have profound knowledge of divine secrets.

3. Thrones: They reflect God’s power, stability, and judgment. Being subservient to their Lord, the Thrones display special characteristics of submission and peace, and are involved with His judgments and decrees.

4. Dominations: They govern the cosmos and oversee the angels who are directly responsible for administering creation. They mediate God’s supreme power over the universe, and appoint the things which are to be done according to His ministrations.

5. Virtues: This choir wields “raw power” over the physical elements of our world, creating what we perceive as miracles.

6. Powers: These angels protect God’s creation from hostile forces; that is, they protect the very laws of creation from God’s enemies. They repel hostile powers and constrain evil spirits.

7. Principalities: They guard nations and peoples and are believed to aid the spiritual life and structure of the Church.

8. Archangels: They protect countries, dioceses, religious communities, and persons such as the Holy Father who have monumental responsibilities.

9. Angels: This choir is the one most immediately engaged with the activities of human beings. The name “angel” means “messenger” or “one sent.” Guardian angels come from this choir, though not every spirit in this choir is necessarily a personal guardian.

-<https://getfed.catholiccompany.com/what-are-the-nine-choirs-of-angels/>

### Are you an ADULT without CONFIRMATION, COMMUNION OR BAPTISM?

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For more information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation*, should also contact the rectory for preparation class information.

### MASS INTENTION

### REQUESTED BY

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, ST. SIMON

9:00 AM JORGE N. DISLA.....LUIS & ROSA DISLA  
5:00 PM BERNICE KENNELLY.....SYLVIA DONOHUE

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MARY MORNINGWAY SCHIETTINO.....MARY MORNINGWAY  
9:30 AM MICHAEL SANTOS.....THE DUMLAO FAMILY  
11:30 AM DEC'D. MEMBERS OF THE FUSCO FAMILY  
.....MARYANN & PAT FUSCO

6:00 PM RENEE ZIOTAS.....JOANNE & ED GARCIA

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, STS. JACINTA AND FRANCISCO MARTO

9:00 AM DIANE & TOM BOLES.....LISA & FRANK CIRILLO

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, ST. PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP &

#### DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00 AM JOSEFA PITA.....THE HANNONS

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM GEORGINA & CONRADO STA. ROMANA.....THE DUMLAO FAMILY

9:00 AM BERNICE PAUL.....FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF PEACE

12:00 PM DOROTHY STEFFENAUER.....JOE & CAROL RILEY

7:00 PM BERNARD NEUGEBAUER.....MARY RAUSCH

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR

9:00 AM PEGGY HORAN.....BRENDAN HORAN

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, ST. PRAETEXTATUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

9:00 AM JOSEPH & JOSEPHINE SCARMATO.....PAT & CARL CARBONERI

7:00 PM MARGARET MORNINGWAY.....MARY MORNINGWAY

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, ST. TARASIVUS

9:00 AM MARK URTULA.....THE DUNCGA FAMILY

5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO..DIANE & JERRY LEMBO

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM COVIELLO FAMILY

9:30 AM BERNARD NEUGEBAUER.....SYLVIA DONOHUE

11:30 AM URSULA & BILL WIEDMULLER.....MARILYN BADAMI

6:00 PM BERNARD NEUGEBAUER.....LENA BOGGIANO

### SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of

The Spiegel Family

requested by Marie & John Brainard

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of

Fr. Jim Boyce, O. Carm

requested by Evelyn and 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, Rectory and Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe Feb 11-12, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00

Sunday Collection: \$ 6,405.00

### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. 40.
2. Purple
3. Alleluia
4. Simon of Cyrene
5. Hot Cross Buns



## LENTEN OFFERINGS AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LEONIA

This Wednesday begins the season of Lent. We invite all to come and spend some special time with the Lord and are offering the following special programs:

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays following 9 a.m. Mass  
Wednesday following adoration at 7 p.m.  
Friday following 7 p.m. Mass each week during Lent

### PARISH PROGRAMS

#### Fr. Innocent Parish Retreat

Monday, March 6 & TUESDAY March 7  
7:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall

### ANOINTING/HEALING MASS

Saturday, March 25  
12 Noon

### PRESENTATION

#### Fr. Chris Ciccarino

Monday, March 27  
7:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall

### ALTAR SOCIETY FISH FRY

Wednesday, March 29  
5-7 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Daily Mon-Sat 8:30-8:50 a.m.  
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturdays 4-4:30 p.m.  
Monday, April 3, 6:30-8:30pm  
Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m.-12Noon

### HOLY WEEK 2023

#### SPY WEDNESDAY, April 5

Passion of the Christ movie at 7:00 p.m.

#### HOLY THURSDAY

April 6

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

#### GOOD FRIDAY

April 7

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.  
Last 7 Words of Christ from 12-3 p.m.  
Passion of the Lord Service at 3:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.

#### HOLY SATURDAY

April 8

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.  
Easter Food Blessing at 12:15 p.m.

#### EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 8

7:30 p.m.

#### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9

Masses at  
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

*Please note there is no 6:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Senior Citizen Transportation

Leonia has a door-to-door courtesy bus for Medical appointments, ShopRite & more for Leonia residents aged 60 or over and those 18+ and on Medicare Disability. Bus Service is FREE administered by the Senior Coordinator under the auspices of the Leonia Recreation Commission. Residents MUST fill out a Registration Form to use the Bus. To register, you can email the Senior Coordinator at: [mbrowne@leonianj.gov](mailto:mbrowne@leonianj.gov) or call at 201-302-9660 for a form to be emailed or sent to you. Online forms are at: <https://tinyurl.com/LeoniaBus>.

Forms are also available at the Recreation Center, 370 Broad Avenue, Leonia.

### CLOTHING BINS

What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? As the cold days of winter chill us to the bones, there are many homeless who don't even have a single blanket. Catholic Charities provides a warm haven (along with heavy blankets) in our 7 shelters. We need your help to continue this mission. We need all forms of used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books. Please contribute to the Donation Bins. Thank you with all our heart.

"If I am distracted, Holy Communion helps me to become recollected. If opportunities are offered by each day to offend my God, I arm myself anew each day for the combat by the reception of the Eucharist. If I am in special need of light and prudence in order to discharge my burdensome duties, I draw nigh to my Savior and seek counsel and light from him."  
-St. Thomas More



In Polish-American culture, Paczki Day (punch-key) is celebrated on Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras), the day before Ash Wednesday. Paczki are rich fried donuts filled with fruit or cream and then dusted with powdered sugar or glazed. The custom started during the Middle Ages and the people would use up their sugar, eggs and fruit in making a special treat to enjoy prior to their Lenten fast.

### KIDZ KORNER

1. How many days are there in Lent?
2. What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?
3. What word is never said or sung during Lent?
4. Who helped Jesus carry his Cross?
5. What food was traditionally eaten the day before Lent begins?

Answers on page four



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