Saint John the Evangelist Church

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THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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:

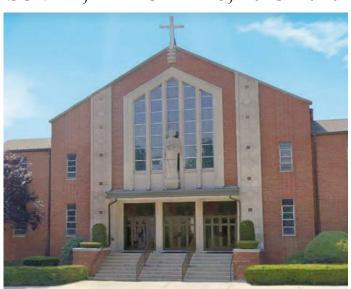
Call the Rectory for sick calls at any time in emergency.

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—11:45am Sunday—Grades 5 through 8 meet 10:30am—12:15pm SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 A.D.



WELCOME

To the Parish Family of St John's in Leonia Founded in 1912

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Mass Schedule

<u>Saturday</u>:5:00pm <u>Sunday</u>:.....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 7:00 p.m.
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 Phone: 201-947-4545 Email: parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org

St. John Convent 201-944-4362 St. John Religious Education 201-944-4346 religiouseducation@stjohnleoia.org

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Upcoming Parish Events

| 2/25 | Sat | NA Meeting—LH 7pm |
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| 2/26 | Sun | Faith Formation Classes |
| 2/26 | Sun | Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass |
| 2/28 | Tue | Knights of Columbus Meeting 8pm Lower Hall |
| 3/1 | Wed | Book Study Group 10:15am Lower Hall |
| 3/1 | Wed | 6:30pm Confessions Holy Hour at 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross |
| 3/1 | Wed | Bereavement Support Group 7pm Rectory |
| 3/2 | Thu | Confirmation |
| 3/3 | Fri | First Friday Mass 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross |
| 3/3 | Fri | AA 8pm LH |
| 3/4 | Sat | Confessions 4pm |
| 3/4 3/5 | Sat Sun | NA 7pm LH No Faith Formation Classes |
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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:

Christian, Rhyan, Shane, Vahide Atlas, Marilyn Badami, Sue Baniel, Chieko and Pauline Bernard, Albert Castro, Joe Catarcio, Sheila Conroy, Joseph Corbo, Barbara D'Amato, Lucy DeCarolis, Harold DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Kathleen Falotico, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Linda Gardner, 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, 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
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Lt. Col. Dennis Castro, USAF
Maj. Michael A. Franson, US Army
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| MASS INTENTION REQUESTED BY |
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| SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, ST. TARASIUS |
| 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 NEUGEBAUERSYLVIA DONOHUE |
| 11:30 AM URSULA & BILL WIEDMULLERMARILYN BADAMI |
| 6:00 PM BERNARD NEUGEBAUER LENA BOGGIANO |
| Monday, February 27, st. gregory of narek, abbott & doctor of |
| THE CHURCH |
| 9:00 AM MARIE ORRICO |
| TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, ST. OSWALD OF WORCESTER, ARCHBISHOP OF |
| YORK |
| 9:00 AM PASQUALE CHIARELLOVINCENT CHIARELLO |
| WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, ST. DAVID, PATRON SAINT OF WALES |
| 9:00 AM BIANCA REYES |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 2, ST. AGNES OF PRAGUE, VIRGIN & MARTYR |
| 9:00 AM AMALIA & GIUSEPPE PASCALI MARIA & FRANK STANCATO |
| FRIDAY, MARCH 3, ST. KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN |
| 9:00 AM DOROTHY STEFFENAUERANNETTE CIRILLO |
| 7:00 PM FR. ROBERT PACHANA |
| SATURDAY MARCH 4, ST. CASIMIR, PATRON SAINT OF POLAND, LITHUANIA |
| 9:00 AM JOSEPH BADAMI & VI DIGREGORIO |
| 5:00 PM ARTHUR KOCH, SR DIANE & RICH KOCH SUNDAY, MARCH 5, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT |
| 7:30 AM CUOMO FAMILY |
| 7.30 AM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR FR. BRYANELIZABETH KIM |
| 11:30 AM ELIZABETH COSPITO |
| |
| 6:00 PM BLESSINGS FOR FR. BRYANAL & LENORE VILLAVECCHIA |

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in Honor of Steven Chung requested by Brigitte Chung

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Nicholas Joseph Lombardi requested by Chris & Sue Leyden

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.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please keep in your prayers the following:

Lisa Cirillo Maria Gubernard Betty Sokol

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.

Thursday:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/

Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-

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Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

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.

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Did you know that every **Monday** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass we have a novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. We also pray the Rosary daily after the completion of the 9:00 a.m. weekday Mass.

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.

and/or

Daily at 7:00 p.m. for the Rosary only. All are welcomed.

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Email Carol Riley at: momcar49@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe February 18-19, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00 Sunday Collection: \$ 5,295.00

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

Lenten Reading

Question: Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer: On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team--successful or not--will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence. The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ. ©LPi

QUITE A PUZZLE

A father wanted to read the paper but was being bothered by his little daughter, Susie. Finally, he took a sheet out of his magazine, on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Susie, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together." After a few minutes, Susie returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was very surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in his place, then the world came out all right." ©LPi

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

--CONFIRMATION SESSION #7 is THIS THURSDAY (March 2nd) at 7:30pm in the Lower Hall.

Living Lent with Jesus Lenten Retreat—March 6 & 7

Franciscan Friar of the Renewal; Fr. Innocent Montgomery CFR; seen hosting the show ICONS on EWTN, will be preaching a Lenten retreat at St John the Evangelist in Leonia on March 6, 7 @ 7:30PM. The theme of the retreat will be "Living Lent with Jesus- Growing daily in a personal relationship with Jesus throughout the days of Lent."

St. John's Alter Society Fish Fry WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH

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. Please place your orders by March 26th.

MASS EXPECTATIONS

So it goes with meals AND WITH MASS. Many of us come to weekly Mass with certain expectations. We sit down and select (in our minds) from the pre-fix menu. We expect certain things to happen at certain times, and it usually goes off without a hitch. I have noticed over the years, and at different churches, that we get through the meal okay, but then we leave right before dessert.

The end of Mass is really important. Not only do we get a great hymn from our great choir, but more important we get to hear the announcements which tell us just what is important, even if you think you are too full. If you stay and partake, you just might get your glass refilled with the sweetest drink.

Sure our Mass is like a big meal so stay for all the courses...not only is everything included, but the best part about the Mass the check has already been paid in full for each and every one of us by Jesus Christ.

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Venerable William Gagnon, O.H.



Venerable William Gagnon, O.H. was born on May 16, 1905, in Dover, New Hampshire as the third of twelve children. Intrigued by a newspaper column about St. John of God and the community of brothers he founded to care for the sick all over the world, Gagnon entered the Hospitallers order and took his vows

in Montreal in 1935. Brother William then spent the first 20 years of his vocation directing schools as well as hospitals in Montreal and Quebec City as well as serving as Provincial Superior at the first Chapter of the Canadian Province in Montreal before following the dream that originally drew him to the Hospitallers, to serve overseas as a missionary. In 1952 Brother William was assigned to be the prior of his order's new foundation and hospital in Vietnam in Bui-Chu (North Vietnam). The Hospital du Sacre -Coeur de Bui-Chu and its dispensary served victims of war, ranging from children suffering malnutrition to adults wounded by the fighting. As refugees of war flocked to the hospital, Brother William relied on his deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as he was a person of deep reflection and prayer. These devotions helped steady him as he and his brothers cared for everyone who came through their doors. On occasion they would have to leave the mission for their own safety since they cared for soldiers on both sides of the conflict and that sometimes put them in harm's way. During his first year in Bui-Chu a bomb fell on the hospital's roof although, fortunately, nobody was injured. Eventually, the Brothers were forced Southward to continue to care for the refugees of the Vietnam conflict. As the stream of refugees moved from the South out of North Vietnam, the Brothers relocated to Bien-Hoa near Saigon which became the Vietnamese province of the Brothers Hospitallers. Here, Brother William continued his leadership work in the hospital but also became the novice master, training those seeking a vocation with the Brothers in Vietnam. A true servant leader, beside his administrative work and his efforts with the novices, Brother William had a hand in every task of the mission — general contractor, fundraiser, social worker, nurse, and spiritual leader. Brother Gagnon served his community in Vietnam until dying of heart failure in Saigon in 1972. Pope Francis recognized his heroic virtues and proclaimed him Venerable on December 14, 2015.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
- 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

February is dedicated to the Passion.

2023 Annual Appeal Update

The 2023 Annual Appeal is underway! We have **\$24,825** already pledged. This is approximately **63%** 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.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

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.

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 Vito Mazza at 201-446-4072.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT "THE STRUGGLE"

I don't want any of you to ever think that you are not going to have a struggle. Holiness is a constant struggle. It is not something you arrive at and enjoy while the rest of humanity wallows in imperfections. We are an imperfect, miserable bunch of people-and we're gonna be that way until we die. Sinners? Let's hope not. Imperfect? You bet. You're going to have inclinations, temptations to anger, lust, gluttony. Don't blame it all on the devil. You have a lot to do with it too, sweetheart. I think the old guy gets more credit than he deserves. So examine your own heart and keep struggling to make the right choices.

Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons.

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.

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 and encouraged to attend.

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. You may place your completed tickets (along with cash or check made payable to St. John) in the collection basket at church or during the week at the Rectory mail slot.

Godparent [Sponsor] Requirements

Canon [Church] law states a godparent [sponsor] must:

Be a Baptized and Confirmed Roman Catholic who attends weekly Mass and receives Eucharist. Be at least 16 years of age.

Not be one of the parents.

Lead a moral life in keeping with Church teaching, and be a good Catholic role model.

If married, be married according to Church law Be a registered member of their own current parish from which they must obtain an eligibility certificate; we can only give eligibility certificates to those registered in our parish!

Since only one Roman Catholic godparent is required, a baptized member of another Christian church [but not a Roman Catholic] may serve as a Christian Witness. Since godparents renew their baptismal promises during the Rite of Baptism, a non-baptized person cannot serve in this role.

"Put up willingly with the faults of others if you wish others to put up with yours."

—St. John Bosco

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 & Abstain from certain foods?

Answers on page four.







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