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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 A.D.



WELCOME

**To the Parish Family of
St John's in Leonia
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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 7:00 p.m.

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the month

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

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

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

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Upcoming Parish Events

- 3/18 Sat Confessions 4pm
- 3/18 Sat NA 7pm LH
- 3/19 Sun Faith Formation Classes
- 3/19 Sun Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass
- 3/21 Tue Stations of the Cross following 9:00am Mass
- 3/22 Wed Book Study Group 10:15am Lower Hall
- 3/22 Wed Holy Hour at 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross
- 3/24 Fri 6:30pm Confessions
Mass 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross
- 3/24 Fri AA 8pm LH
- 3/25 Sat Confessions 4pm
- 3/25 Sat NA 7pm LH
- 3/26 Sun Faith Formation Classes
- 3/26 Sun Children's Liturgy of the Word 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:

Carol, Christian, Joe, Madeline, Rhyen, Shane, Jeanne Aimone, 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, Joseph Garcia, Linda Gardner, Brendan Horan, Richard Hrbeck, Bob Kaiser, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyddon, Audrey Maguire, Jean Marrano, Fr. Richard McBride, Crystal Molina, Raven Moncada, 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, Maria Uhm, Loidya Valenzuela, 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.

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

SATURDAY MARCH 18, ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5:00 PM LIBRADO TUAZON CECILE ARCEBIDO

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM ARSENIO G. DURLAO VICTORIA TANCIO

9:30 AM MARIA DISLA LUIS & ROSA DISLA

11:30 AM RICHARD SAMPERI JOE & CAROL RILEY

6:00 PM ANGELA & CARLO CARBONERI PAT & CARL CARBONERI

MONDAY, MARCH 20, ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 AM DANIELLE SHAPIRO ELIZABETH KIM

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, ST. ENDA, ABBOT

9:00 AM JOSEFINA & CLEMENTE SANTA ROMANA THE DURLAO FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, ST. NICHOLAS OWEN, MARTYR

9:00 AM COVIELLO FAMILY

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

9:00 AM HASOK CHUNG (LIVING) MONICA LEE

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, ST. IRENAEUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

9:00 AM DOROTHY E. CHOI BRIGITTE CHUNG

7:00 PM MR. & MRS. FRANK SAPONARA, SR. THE PETTI FAMILY

SATURDAY MARCH 25, THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9:00 AM DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE FERRAO FAMILY ... THE FERRAO FAMILY

12:00 PM PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

5:00 PM GEORGE BRUST ISABELLE BOSSONG

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM MICHAEL PISARCZYK

9:30 AM VETTERL FAMILY BIZYK FAMILY

11:30 AM RUTH & JOHN BYRNES NUALA & RICHARD BYRNES

6:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO JERRY LEMBO

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of

Ruth & John Byrnes

requested by

Nuala & Richard Byrnes

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of

Nicholas Joseph Lombardi

requested by

Sue & Chris 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.

ANOINTING MASS AT ST. JOHN'S

On Saturday, March 25th at 12Noon in St. John's Church (handicapped accessible through side door Red Door) on Harrison Street), our parish will have a Mass for the Sick which will include the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. All those suffering physically, psychologically and spiritually are welcomed – please contact the rectory at 201-947-4545 if you have any questions.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please keep in your prayers the following:

Ronald D'Alessio

Viola Barnes

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.

- 3 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Mon: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1- 2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38

2023 Annual Appeal Update

The 2023 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$35,000 already pledged. This is approximately 91% 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.

2023 Calendar Raffle

This year's Calendar Raffle drawings start in 2 weeks!! The tickets 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. Please return your tickets as soon as you can and help make this year's Calendar Raffle Fundraiser a success. If you would like more tickets or have not yet picked yours' up, they are available at the Broad Avenue Entrance. Our goal is to sell **600** tickets or more. To date, we have sold **399**. 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.

THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

Did you know that on the 25th of every month, we have a novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague after the 9:00 a.m. Mass?

Final Four - Lee Clark Scholarship Fundraiser



Watch the NCAA Final 4 on a giant TV screen at the American Legion in Leonia on Saturday, April 1st. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Food is catered by Sedona Tap House. For any questions or more information, please call Fran Orlowski 201-944-6928.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

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

Budget: \$ 7,000.00

Sunday Collection: \$ 6,245.00

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

2023 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2023. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3:00p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Sunday, April 16, 2023 ---- 50 years

Sunday, May 7, 2023---- 25 & 5 years

Please call the rectory for more information.

Why Marry in a Church?

Question: Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Answer: Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place. ©LPI

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.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Jesus Christ is a 'King who loves' because He loved us humans to the point of shedding His own blood. Because He loves, He has liberated us from sin, because only love is capable of freeing us from sin."

Saint John Paul II, A Moment's Peace, p78.

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

--CONFIRMATION SESSION #8 is THIS THURSDAY (March 23rd) at 7:30pm in the Lower Hall.

EASTER EGG HUNT

On Easter Sunday morning St. John's will host an Easter Egg hunt for our younger children. The Hunt will take place after the 9:30 mass in the outside area (weather permitting) by the side entrance on Harrison Street.

YOUR ALTAR

O Lord, we bring to Your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption.

During Mass, parents (and others!) often admonish children to "behave themselves", because they are in God's house. But are we "grown-ups" fully attuned to what happens in this sacred place, at God's holy altar? Whatever we bring to a Catholic altar – we literally bring to Christ Himself! All the prayers we utter before, or vows we make before, or sacrificial gifts we offer before a Catholic altar – are offered to Christ! No wonder we bow before the altar, and the ordained ministers venerate it with a kiss at Mass! Are you aware of what is happening each time you stand before our altar, or when your gifts are brought to our altar, or when you or a loved one celebrates a Sacrament: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick before our altar, or when the bodies of our loved ones are honored before our altar?

This prayer asks Christ to receive EVERYTHING we bring to God's altar – and transform it into Himself! For the altar is the place of the ultimate exchange; at the altar, we offer back to God whatever He has entrusted to us; our service, our offerings, our very lives – which He receives and transforms into Himself! WOW!



ST. JOSEPH

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" One, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness, and hence it is really "right" for God to love him or her. By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage. It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he considered divorcing Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame" (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage. The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (see Luke 2:41–51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus' mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn't believe that He came from such humble beginnings: "Is He not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother named Mary...?" (Matthew 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46b).

**God's love is for anybody anywhere,
and everybody everywhere.**

KIDZ KORNERS ANSWERS

1. Dismas – the "good" thief and Gestus – the "bad" thief.
2. Peter.
3. John-the beloved.
4. Joseph of Arimathea.
5. Mary Magdala.



Rachel's VINEYARD

Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

RETREAT DATES 2023

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MARCH 24-26, 2023*

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SEPT. 22-24, 2023*

*ENGLISH & SPANISH



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Where do Ukrainian Easter Eggs come from?

The beautiful "pysanky" are an ancient celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Pysanky comes from the Ukrainian word pysaty, which means "to write." The eggs are so named because their intricate designs of beeswax wax and special dyes are not painted but "written" onto the egg.

Easter eggs are a pre-Christian practice. Before Christianity came to the Ukraine in 988, pagan Ukrainians heralded the coming of spring with their intricately-decorated and colorful pysanky. When the followers of Christ arrived in Ukraine and discovered this ancient practice, they did not ban the existence of the symbolic little eggs. They saw the beauty and meaning in them, and joyfully adopted the custom. They enriched the pysanky by incorporating Christian symbols and colors that represented their faith.

The Ukrainians would make pysanky and bestow them as special gifts. Children and godchildren received pysanky, and unmarried maidens and eligible young men in the community exchanged the delicate treasures each spring. People gave the intricate eggs to their priests as a sign of admiration and thanks. They left pysanky in the cemetery on the grave sites of beloved family members who had died.

The custom became so deeply ingrained in the Catholic culture of Ukraine that no external force could obliterate it. When Stalin banned the making of pysanky in an attempt to stamp out Christianity, the undaunted Ukrainians responded by hiding in closets in the dead of night and secretly writing the eggs in the dim light of a sputtering candle.

The vibrant pysanky remind us of Christ's ultimate triumph over evil and death. This ancient symbol of the Resurrection is a good way to keep in mind just what Easter is about.

<https://getfed.catholiccompany.com/where-do-ukrainian-easter-eggs-come-from/>

LAETARE SUNDAY

This is the Fourth Sunday in Lent, and it is known as "Laetare" or Rejoicing" Sunday. On this Sunday, ROSE, not pink, vestments are worn and flowers are permitted in the Church to signify that Lent is half over. In the past, when Lenten penitence and fast were more severe, today was a mid-point break on which the Church suspended the Lenten Fast for one day.

St. John's Altar Society Fish Fry Wednesday March 29th

St. John's Altar Society has once again arranged with Tastefully British for a take-out only Fish Fry Dinner. On Wednesday, March 29th, come pick up a delicious dinner that will include cod fish, French fries, coleslaw, malt vinegar, tartar sauce, bottled water and dessert. Assigned pick-up times will be given in 15-minute intervals to allow for cooking time. Pick up begins at 5:00 p.m.

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.

Join us for Fr. Chris Ciccarino's Lenten Presentation Monday, March 27, 2023

Fr. Chris Ciccarino, Academic Dean of the Immaculate Heart Seminary at Seton Hall will be discussing the **Parable of the Prodigal Son**. The talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you haven't attended one of his talks yet, come and enrich your Lenten season.

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.

"Life" An Owner's Manual

Call someone back before it's your turn. Good manners are like grooming: once you've formed the habit, you won't notice ~ but others will.

Remember, there is no "overnight success". Genius without perseverance is wasted.

Say "yes" more often.

Politeness is difficult to maintain in a context of intimate familiarity. This is the principal value of frequent houseguests.

It is natural and fitting to be proud of your accomplishments, but let someone else tell the stories.

The faults we resent most are the ones we recognize most readily. Think how much can be learned from someone we dislike.

Parenting Pointer



During Lent remember to keep your sense of humor. Consider the minister who prayed, "Dear Lord, without you, we are but dust." He would have continued but at that moment a child piped up, "Mom, what is butt dust?" Share a joke with your family today.

~by Susan Vogt, www.susanvogt.net

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who were the thieves crucified with Jesus?
2. Which disciple denied knowing Jesus?
3. Which male disciple stayed at the foot of the cross?
4. In whose tomb was Jesus buried?
5. Who saw the risen Christ first?

Answers on page four.



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