Saint John the Evangelist Church

470 Broad Avenue, Leonia, New Jersey 201-947-4545 www.stjohnleonia.org

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday of Holy Week

8:30-8:50AM Confessions in Church 9:00AM Mass in Church 6:30-8:30PM Confessions in Church

Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30-8:50AM Confessions in Church 9:00AM Mass in Church

Spy Wednesday

8:30-8:50AM Confessions in Church 9:00AM Mass in Church

7:00PM Passion of the Christ Movie—Lower Hall

Holy Thursday

8:30-8:50AM Confessions in Church 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper in Church Church will be open until 10:00PM for Visitation

Good Friday

8:30-8:50AM Confessions in Church 9:00AM Morning Prayer

12:00-2:50PM Meditations on the 7 Last Words 3:00 PM Lord's Passion Service in Church 7:30PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Holy Saturday

8:30-8:50AM Confessions in Church 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00AM–Noon 12:15PM Blessing of Easter Food 7:30PM Vigil Mass in Church

Easter Sunday Masses

7:30AM Mass in Church 9:30AM Mass in Church 11:30AM Mass In Church

There will be NO 6:00PM Mass on Easter

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Call the rectory for a special appointment or at a time listed above.

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.

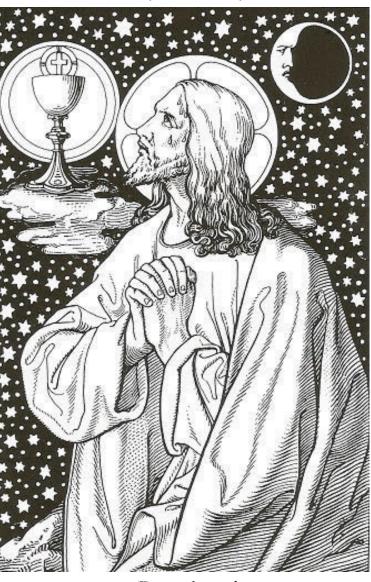
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

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 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Sunday—Grades 5 through 8 meet 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2023 A.D.



By death,
He conquered death
And to those in the grave,
He granted life.

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

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Upcoming Parish Events

4/1	Sat	Confessions 4pm	
4/2	Sun	Faith Formation Classes	
4/2	Sun	Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass	
4/3	Mon	Confessions 6:30-8:30pm	
4/5	Wed	Book Study Group 10:15am Lower Hall	
4/5	Wed	Passion of the Christ Movie—7:00pm Lower Hall	
4/6	Thu	9am Morning Prayer	
4/6	Thu	Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.	
4/7	Fri	9am Good Friday Morning Prayer	
4/7	Fri	12-3pm Last Seven Words of Christ Service	
4/7	Fri	3pm Passion of the Lord Service	
4/8	Sat	9am Morning Prayer	
4/8	Sat	11am-12noon Confessions	
4/8	Sat	12:15pm Easter Food Blessing	
4/8	Sat	7:30pm Easter Vigil	
4/9	Sun	EASTER SUNDAY—Masses at 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am THERE IS NO 6PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY	
4/9	Sun	Easter Egg Hunt after 9:30am Mass for young children	

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, Rachel, Rhyan, Shane, Jeanne Aimone, Vahide Atlas, Marilyn Badami, Sue Baniel, Chieko & 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, MaryAnn Torre, 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, APRIL 1, ST. HUGH, BISHOP	
9:00 AM GENEVIEVE KWIATKOWSKI	Fr. RICH KWIATKOWSKI
5:00 PM ALEX URTULA	THE DUNGCA FAMILY
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASS	SION OF THE LORD
7:30 AM EDYTHE IHNEN	MARY MORNINGWAY
9:30 AM EUGENE LUPETIN	ELAINE LUPETIN
11:30 AM DEC'D. MEMBERS OF THE FERRAO FA	MILY. THE FERRAO FAMILY
6:00 PM MARIE ORRICO	
MONDAY, APRIL 3, MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	
9:00 AM LAURENCE GAHEEN	ISABEL BOSSONG
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	
9:00 AM ALFRED DESANTIS	VINCENT CHIARELLO
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY V	VEEK
9:00 AM RUTH TRUJILLO	SYLVIA DONOHUE
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, HOLY THURSDAY	
9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER SERVICE	
7:30 PM CHRISTOPHER DEMICHELE	JEAN & PAT DEMICHELE
FRIDAY, APRIL 7, GOOD FRIDAY	
9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER SERVICE	
3:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE	
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, HOLY SATURDAY	
9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER SERVICE	
7:30 PM DOROTHY STEFFENAUER	
Brendan & Mai	RIANNE RAUSCH NARDOZZI
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RE	
7:30 AM DR. FRANCIS MOLINARI F	
9:30 AM JUDYTH M. DISLA	
11:30 AM MARY LORENZO	RITA & JOHN LORENZO
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SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of Ruth, Joe & Val Donatich requested by Ashleigh & Gunner Connor

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Lisa Cirillo requested by Jerry & Evelyn 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.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Help is always needed to keep our church sanctuary looking clean and welcoming. There is a group of parishioners who offer their time in the mornings to help keep our Church bright and shiny. If you would like to volunteer to become a "heavenly duster" or an "altar angel" please contact the parish office at pastor@stjohnleonia.org or call 201-947-4545.

Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to the area or simply have not yet registered, stop by the rectory 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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 3 -

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

What is the "Auspice Maria"?

This symbol reminds us that we have a particularly powerful helpmate. You've seen the symbol many times on various religious objects: the delicate capitals of M and A in-

Sometimes those letters are called the Marian Monogram, but they aren't a monogram properly speaking—they don't represent the initials of Mary's names. They actually stand for the Latin phrase Auspice Maria, meaning "Under the protection of Mary." Doesn't that phrase imitate the Blessed Mother's own words concerning herself?



"Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?" The phrase reminds us that Mary—the Mother of God—is also our mother.

From the cross, Our Lord generously bestowed His Mother on us, and in turn, entrusted us to His Mother. never leaves us without help; in His loving mercy, Jesus always gives us what we need when we need it. When we go astray, He always points to a path that will lead us back to Him. Often, that path back to Him is the same way that He came to us: through His Mother.

Mary took on her role as our mother wholeheartedly. Like the perfect mother she is, she never stops caring for us, listening to us, comforting us, and interceding for us. She's watching out for us. She's protecting us. She loves to hear us call upon her name and ask for her help.

Don't forget that you're always under her protection!

~www.https://getfed.catholiccompany.com/what-is-the -auspice-maria/

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

or 27:11-54

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11 Monday: Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and

17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-

22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16,17,

25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/

Jn 18:1-19:42

St John's Knights of Columbus



Friday:

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

For more info or to join, please contact Vito Mazza at 201-446-4072.

2023 Calendar Raffle

Calendar Raffle drawings start this week!!! Raffles are still available at the entrance to Church if you have not purchased yet! Raffle returns may be placed in the collection basket at church or in the Rectory mail slot during the week. Please help make this year's Calendar Raffle Fundraiser a great success!

Homebound???

If you know someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Rectory Office at 201-947-4545 or email: parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org and we will schedule a home visit.

TIMEIS

Too slow for those who wait, Too swift for those who fear, Too long for those who grieve, Too short for those who rejoice, But for those who love, Time is Eternity.

Henry Van Dyke

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe March 25-26 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00 Sunday Collection: \$ 6,403.00

4 - He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Lenten Confessions for our Faith Formation children will be held on: Monday, April 3rd from 3:30-4:30pm.

Please make sure to put this on your calendar, and that your children plan on it. (Also, please note that this does not apply to children that have not yet celebrated their First Reconciliation. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on **April 29th**.)

PLEASE NOTE there will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) or Faith Formation Classes on Easter Sunday. CLOW and Classes will resume on Sunday, April 16th.

Making Way for God

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: And you're not going to do anything about it?

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so. It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5 ©LPi

One for Every Room

One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand and said, "I'll take five." ©LPi

Why Become a Hospice Volunteer?

The simplest gifts are often the most profound. If you've got time, empathy, and compassion, you have the ability to support those nearing end of life. If you have been searching for meaningful ways to spend your time, we invite you to explore the role of hospice volunteer with VNA Health Group.

Companionship visits in patient's homes or facilities in Bergen County, administrative projects, or comforting phone calls from our Englewood office, are just some of the ways in which our volunteers support patients and their families. A Specialized 15-hour Training will be provided by members of the VNA Hospice Team, over the course of 3 weeks, in our office:

Mondays: May 1st, 8th, & 15th, 2023, 10:00am-3:00pm

15 Engle St., Englewood, NJ 07631

For more information please contact: Ruth Sorbanelli, MPH, CHES® Volunteer Coordinator (201) 510-6426

Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, we will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

What is a Pilgrimage?

Question: What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

Answer: A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far. ©LPi

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 today!

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. St. Paul.
- 2. Golgotha.
- 3. Barabbas.
- 4. Two thieves.
- 5. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting, right after his baptism and before his public ministry.

- 5 - April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 16

Beginning at 3pm St. John's will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Devotions associated with the Day. Confessions will be heard during the hour to fulfill OUR LORD'S request. Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109)

REVERENCE IN CHURCH

When we come to church we should be silent. It is striking how many people have lost the sense of the holy. When they come into church they speak no differently from the way they would at Grand Central Terminal and very often, people have to be told to be quiet and remember where they are. If we stood in the presence of Christ we would not be laughing and gossiping with each other. We'd be speechless. The question is why don't we do that when we come into the house of God? When you come into church, your eyes should be focused on the central point, which is the throne of God, His altar. Whenever you enter the church, whether the Mass is being celebrated or whether we are praying privately, God is present, dwelling in the tabernacle. Tabernacle means a tent. We have given God the tabernacle so that He who condescends to dwell within us may have a place as fine as we can offer in thanksgiving for the incarnation "word was made flesh", and "dwelt amongst us". God allows us to handle Him, but we are judged if we manhandle Him. God grants Himself to us. We are judged if we take Him for granted. The tabernacle reminds us that God is present. When we come into the church and the Blessed Sacrament is before us, we genuflect, "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow." God, in His mercy, allows His house to be our house, but that requires of us a special heavenly etiquette and the most civilized thing we can do is to come into the house of God and pray silently and reverently."

~ Fr. George Rutler - Church of Our Savior, NYC

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 For more information or to join, call Kathy Stendor at 201-956-7147 or Betsy Trautsch at 201-947-8679.

GOOD FRIDAY REGULATIONS

Good Friday is a day of both <u>Fast and Abstinence</u> which means only one <u>(1) full meal is permitted</u>. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On Good Friday <u>no meat</u> may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

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 to register or for more information.

EASTER EGG HUNT

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

Leonia Fire Department Celebrates 125 Years!!!

The Leonia Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 is preparing a Commemorative Ad Journal for their 125th Anniversary which will be celebrated this year. If you would like to congratulate them on their service to Leonia, please contact: Ifd125@leoniafire.org for ad sizes and pricing.

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 4. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession. Confessions are heard EVERY Saturday at 4pm,, every weekday morning at 8:30am, and First Fridays from 6:30-6:50pm. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

PALM SUNDAY

It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-



year old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by." Wouldn't you know it!" the boy fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go, He shows up!"

KIDZ KORNER

- 1. Who witnessed the stoning of Stephen the Martyr?
- 2. What was the name of the hill on which Jesus was crucified?
- 3. Pontius Pilate set what prisoner free instead of Jesus?
- 4. Jesus was crucified between whom?
- 5. Where did we get the idea for the Lenten 40-day fast?

 Answers on page four.







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