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SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 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

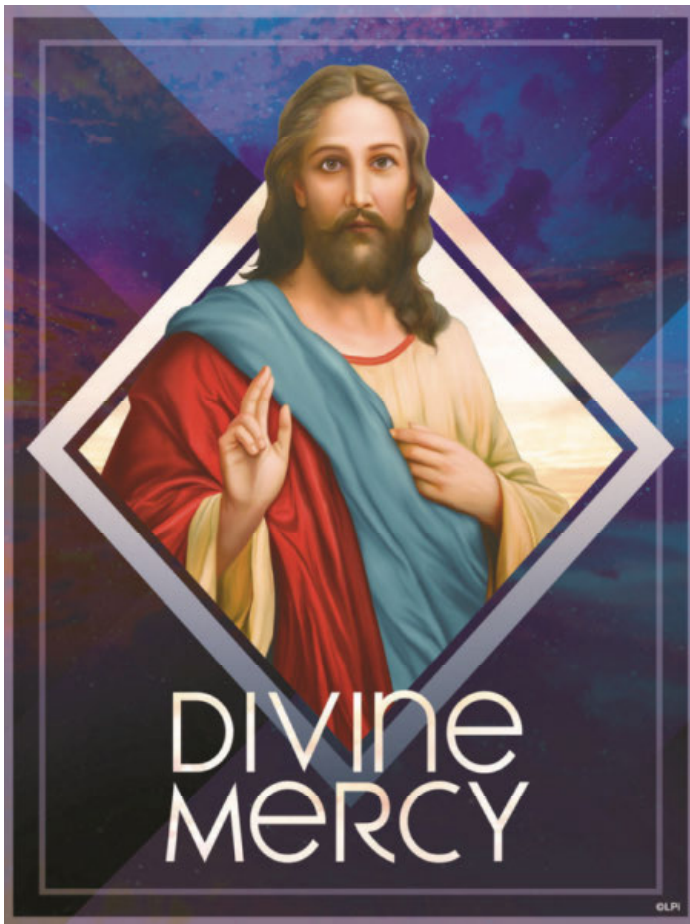
St. Jude and St. Anthony: Wednesday

Holy Hour: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the month

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

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



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Upcoming Parish Events

- 4/15 Sat Confessions 4pm
- 4/15 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall
- 4/16 Sun Faith Formation Classes
- 4/16 Sun Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass
- 4/16 Sun Altar Society Mtg. Lower Hall following 11:30am Mass
- 4/16 Sun Divine Mercy Holy Hour 3pm Church
- 4/17 Mon The Face of Mercy". 7pm Lower Hall
- 4/19 Wed Book Study Group 10:15am Lower Hall
- 4/19 Wed 6:30pm Confessions, Holy Hour with Rosary
- 4/21 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall
- 4/22 Sat Confessions 4pm
- 4/22 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall
- 4/23 Sun Faith Formation Classes
- 4/23 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, Madeline, Rhyann, Shane, Jeanne Aimone, Vahide Atlas, Sue Baniel, Ellen Barrett, Chieko and Pauline Bernard, Wendy Caldwell, 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, Brendan Horan, Richard Hrbeck, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyddon, Audrey Maguire, Jean Marrano, Raven Moncada, Mary Moran, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Rita Neugebauer, Alice Palmieri, Mark Patricola, Gloria Petti, Betty Pisarek, Sal & Mary Poppo, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Fabio Santos, Mark Savery, Angelo Shingello, 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. 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 15, ST. PATERNUS, BISHOP
 9:00 AM REGINA LASKO & KATHLEEN THOBEN DORIE SALZIG
 5:00 PM PANTALEON L. DUMLAO VICTORIA D. TANCIO
SUNDAY, APRIL 16, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 7:30 AM CUOMO FAMILY
 9:30 AM DEC'D. MEMBERS OF THE BURKE FAMILY
 BRIAN & BRIDGET BURKE
 11:30 AM BERNARD NEUGEBAUER PHILLIP & STEPHANIE BATTISTA
 6:00 PM AUNTIE LUZ UN OCAMPO JOANNE & ED GARCIA
MONDAY, APRIL 17, ST. STEPHEN HARDING, ABBOT OF CITEAUX
 9:00 AM EDYTHE IHEN MARY MORNINGWAY
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, ST. GALDINUS, ARCHBISHOP OF MILAN
 9:00 AM WILLIAM & GEORGE ADAMCIK THE ADAMCIK FAMILY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, ST. ALPHEGE, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
 9:00 AM KATHERINE KENNEDY THE DUKE FAMILY
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, ST. AGNES OF MONTEPULCIANO, VIRGIN
 9:00 AM ROSALIZA VENTURA JURIS & GUIA CASIMIRO
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, ST. ANSELM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 9:00 AM JUDITH DOUGHERTY FR. RICHARD KWIATKOWSKI
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, ST. THEODORE OF SKYEON, BISHOP
 9:00 AM ALICE GUNTHER (LIVING) TOM, CHRISTINE & TOMMY MUIR
 5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO JERRY LEMBO
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 7:30 AM DEC'D. MEMBERS OF THE PINTO FAMILY THE FERRAO FAMILY
 9:30 AM DIANE BOLES LISA CIRILLO
 11:30 AM PETER & MAURA KEENAN RICHARD & NUALA BYRNES
 6:00 PM ROSALIZA VENTURA BRIDGET & BRIAN BURKE

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Mulligan, Moore, Keogh & Gibbons Families
 requested by
Joan Mulligan

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
Charlie O'Donnell
 requested by
Ann O'Donnell

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.

Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to the area or have not yet registered and would like to become a member of St. John's Family, please complete a registration form available at the doors of church or by request at: parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org. Forms can be placed in the basket at Church on Sunday, at the Rectory Office, or by email.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe April 8-9, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00
 Sunday Collection: \$ 7,063.25

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)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

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 from 4:00-4:30pm and every weekday morning from 8:30-8:50am. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

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.

"Pray, and pray much; it is in prayer that you will find the greatest strength."

Saint Justin Bretenieres

St John's Knights of Columbus



All men over 18 are invited to join St. John's Parish Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. For more information or to join, please call Vito Mazza at 201-446-4072.

Spiritual Excerpt

"When you go to Confession, know this, that I myself am waiting for you in the confessional; I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in the soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy, souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity."

~Our Lord to St. Faustina

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

What Padre Pio says about the Deceased

The celebration of Holy Mass is extremely important for the release of a soul from Purgatory. The deceased still live among us spiritually.

We must come to accept the passing of someone we love (and be open to God's grace for such acceptance) because this is very helpful for the happy repose of their soul.

We are part of the Communion of Saints, so we must help the souls of the departed. We should not forget them in our daily prayers and Masses, and in our works of charity.

Maybe one day, from their place of joy in Heaven, those same souls will intercede with God for us, and ask Him to bring us into their company.

"Do as I have done. Pray, pray always for the souls of the dear departed. Even if your loved ones are in heaven we must always pray. If they no longer need prayers, they are applied to other souls." St. Pio of Pietrelcina

2023 Calendar Raffle Winners

April 4th Prize of \$50 was won by:
St. John the Evangelist Church, Leonia, NJ
April 6th Prize of \$25 was won by:
Teresa Aversa of Leonia, NJ
April 8th Prize of \$50 was won by:
Julie Diemer of Leonia, NJ
April 10th Prize of \$25 was won by:
Vito Mazza of Leonia, NJ
April 12th Prize of \$50 was won by:
Elaine Lupetin of Leonia, NJ
April 14th Prize of \$25 was won by:
Isabel Bossong of Englewood, NJ

Thanks to all who have participated in the raffle so far. Look in next week's bulletin for this weekend's winners.

IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase *"No rest for the wicked,"* is one that is meant to say, "I must be evil and that is why I am burdened with so much work," comes to us from Isaiah 48:22.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— Father John Muir @LPi

Confession & First Communion

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church. ©LPi

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Next Saturday, April 22nd our young men and women that are preparing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation next month will be attending an all-day retreat at the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Newton, NJ. Please keep them and their families in your prayers...

Burned Biscuits

A lesson we all should learn. When I was a kid, my Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! All my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that ugly burned biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing...never made a face nor uttered a word about it!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said, "Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Mom put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides--a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!" As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. And that's my prayer for you today...that you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship! "Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket--keep it in your own." So, please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burned one will do just fine.

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.

KIDZ KORNERS ANSWERS

1. Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation
2. The Bishop
3. Miter
4. Zucchetto
5. Crozier

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to our music ministry for providing such beautiful music at all the Holy Week services. Under the direction of Dennis DeSantis and Nicole Parente our choir has grown and we are blessed to have so many talented parishioners!

Thank you to all who arranged the flowers and readied our Church so beautifully for Easter: Deacon Brian & Bridget Burke, Mary Burke, Annette Cirillo, Vicky Cooke, Julie Diemer, Rosa & Luis Disla, Diane Koch, Bill & Elizabeth Kuhl, Reinhard Laban, Carol Riley, Helen Suarez, Mary, Rocco & Lucia Willi.

Thanks to Kelly O'Neill for organizing and preparing the Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters of the parish.

Bergen Catholic

Bergen Catholic will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please feel free to contact the admissions office at:

admissions@bergencatholic.org

BC Lead On Program

The Bergen Catholic LEAD ON Program is a three-week summer enrichment program designed for students entering 7th and 8th grades. It provides a stimulating classroom experience in which students will explore and enjoy a variety of topics. Program Descriptions and Registration can be found on the BC website. For more info please email: admissions@bergencatholic.org

OPEN HOUSE AT SAINT PETER'S PREP

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, April 30 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call 201-547-6389.

Open House—Dominican University

Dominican University, located in Orangeburg, New York is hosting an Open House for high school juniors, seniors, transfer students and their families on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, visit: www.duny.edu or call 844-3DC.INFO

25th Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five and twenty-five 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, May 7, 2023 --- 25 & 5 years

Please call the rectory for more info and to register.

Congratulations and God's Blessings

Our newly baptized:
Thomas Quinn O'Donnell

May God Bless Thomas and his parents as we welcome him into our parish family. May we all take a moment to reflect upon and renew our own baptismal promises and celebrate our own life in Christ.

Upcoming Events at St. John the Evangelist, Leonia

- ♦ On **Monday, April 17th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall there will be a special movie presentation of **"The Face of Mercy"**. Come join us and bring a friend!
- ♦ On **Monday, April 24th**, Fr. Chris Ciccarino will discuss another of the Parables of Jesus at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall. Fr. Chris is Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies of Immaculate Heart Seminary at Seton Hall University. All are welcome!!
- ♦ On **Thursday, April 27** at 7pm in the Lower Hall, St. John's Altar Society will be having a **"Tricky Tray"**. A donation of \$20 will give our guests 25 chances to win prizes while enjoying some fun and laughs with friends. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information call Lena at 201-944-3308.

GOD'S HOUSE

The Church is God's special dwelling place and some people come to pray, so please be aware of this and please refrain from idle chatter before and after Mass. We should behave differently in God's House as opposed to being at home, at the mall, a grocery store or a civic center.

**Attend Mass weekly,
not weakly.**

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

Each day after 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass, we pray the Rosary. For those unable to attend, there is also Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. followed by the Rosary of the Day. Also, the Chaplet of the Holy Face is prayed daily at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, download the **Zoom App** (free) to your phone, tablet or computer. Use this link any day you would like to join us in prayer:

<https://us02web-zoom.us/j/4845188113>

Use passcode: **prayer**

KIDZ KORNER

1. What are the Sacraments of Initiation?
2. Who usually administers the Sacrament of Confirmation?
3. What is the name of the Bishop's pointed hat?
4. What is the name of the purple skull cap worn by Bishops?
5. What is the name of the staff that the Bishop holds?

Answers on Page 4



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