# 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

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To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

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Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

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Please call the rectory for an appointment.

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

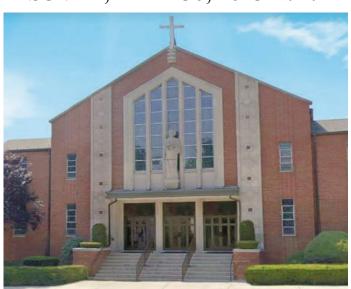
#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

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, APRIL 30, 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.

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@stjohnleonia.org

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## **Upcoming Parish Events**

4/29	Sat	First Reconciliation following 9:00am Mass
4/29	Sat	Confessions 4pm
4/29	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall
4/30	Sun	Faith Formation Classes
4/30	Sun	Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass
5/3	Wed	Book Study Group 10:15am Lower Hall
5/3	Wed	Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
5/5	Fri	AA 8pm Lower Hall
5/6	Sat	First Holy Communion 11:00am
5/6	Sat	Confessions 4pm
5/6	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall
5/7	Sun	Faith Formation Classes—Last Day
5/7	Sun	Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass
5/7	Sun	May Crowning 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: Rhyan, 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, Harold DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Kathleen Falotico, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Joseph Garcia, Alida Hernandez, Brendan Horan, Richard Hrbeck, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyddon, Audrey Maguire, Jean Marrano, 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 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. 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

Smile and forgive. It's the only way to live.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
9:00 AM THOMAS V. CLEMENTE, JRPEGGY WEISBERG
5:00 PM EVELYN GRIGGS BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS GINGER SCAMPORINO
SUNDAY, APRIL 30, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30 AM BRUCE CONNORELAINE LUPETIN
9:30 AM FRANK & DOROTHY MCNERNEY RITA & JOHN LORENZO
11:30 AM JAMES FISCHERPAOLA CASTRONOVO
6:00 PM ANDREW WIDHOLMARLEEN DILWORTH
MONDAY, MAY 1, ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
9:00 AM DR. CORAZON DUMLAO SADANGVICTORIA TANCIO
TUESDAY, MAY 2, ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
9:00 AM THERESA CHOELIZABETH KIM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, STS. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES
9:00 AM DANNY DUNGCA THE DUNGCA FAMILY THURSDAY, MAY 4, ST. SILVANUS OF GAZA, BISHOP & MARTYR
9:00 AM HELENA KUEHNE
DAVID VAUGHANKEITH VAUGHAN
FRIDAY, MAY 5, ST. HILARY OF ARLES, BISHOP
9:00 AM KYUNG YOON KIMELIZABETH KIM
7:00 PM STANLEY & KATHLEEN ZAIKOWSKI
JIM, ELAINE & JAMES MCKEE
SATURDAY, MAY 6, ST. JAMES OF NUMIDIA, DEACON & MARTYR
9:00 AM EUL LEE & SUNG CHUNGBRIGITTE CHUNG
11:00 AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN
5:00 PM BERNARD NEUGEBAUERKATHY & JOHN STENDOR
SUNDAY, MAY 7, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30 AM BRUCE (POP) CONNORASHLEIGH & GUNNER CONNOR
9:30 AM ROBERT WHITEGERRY WHITE ALIDA HERNANDEZ ALICIA ARANA & SOLEDAD PABON
11:30 AM CARL & MILDRED PARENTELINDA & NICOLE PARENTE
6:00 PM DOROTHY STEFFENAUERCARBONERI & FUSCO FAMILIES

#### SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of Josephine Valyo requested by Judy Ann Valyo

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Hailey Rose Ortiz requested by Marie Ortiz

## 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.

# FIRST FRIDAY MASS IS THIS WEEK

The First Friday of the month is a devotion that many Catholics around the world follow. First Friday devotions among Catholics are related to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ. First Friday practices date to the end of the 17th century, when Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary and spoke to her of His Sacred Heart. Please join us this Friday, May 5th at 7pm in the Church for Mass and devotional prayer.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

## 4th Sunday of Easter

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ..." Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

#### THE NEW BOSS

Arcelor-Mittal Steel, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning against a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business. He asked the guy, "How much money do you make a week?" A little surprised, the young man looked at him and said, "I make \$400 a week. Why?" The CEO said, "Wait right here." He walked back to his office, came back in two minutes, and handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and said, "Here's four weeks pay. Now GET OUT and don't come back." Feeling pretty good about himself the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?" From across the room a voice said, "Pizza deliver guy from Domino's".

## 2023 Calendar Raffle Winners

April 24th Prize of \$50 was won by:

Luis Disla of Leonia, NJ

April 26th Prize of \$25 was won by:

Joan Kapsuris of Englewood, NJ

April 28th Prize of \$100 was won by:

Deborah McPeek 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.

## St John's Altar Society Thanks

Thank you to all who attended the Tricky Tray—your support 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 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.

## IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "Divide the spoils", to describe splitting up the loot or booty, comes to us from Isaiah 9:3.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

St. John's Tithe April 22-23, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00 Sunday Collection: \$ 5,897.00

## **Spiritual Excerpt**

"Be watchful and diligent in God's service, and often think over why you chose to serve Christ in the first place. Was it not that you might live for God and become a spiritual person? Be fervent, then, in going forward, for you will soon receive the reward of your labors, and then there will be no more fear or sorrow in you. By working a little now, you will find great rest later; indeed, you will find endless joy. If you remain faithful and fervent in what you do, God will doubtless be faithful and generous in rewarding you".

~Thomas a Kempis, *IMITATION OF CHRIST* Book 1, Chapter 25.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1

Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
Tue: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wed: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Thu: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn

13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6 Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Academy of the Holy Angels, 315 Hillside Avenue, Demarest, NJ 07627. Tuesday, May 2nd from 5 to 7 p.m. Limited to 7th grade girls with their parents/guardians. Call (201) 768-7822 or visit our website at: https://www.holyangels.org/ for more info.

**Bergen Catholic**, 1040 Oradell Avenue, Oradell, NJ 07649 Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Should you have any questions, email Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions at: mrosa@bergencatholic.org or call 201-261-1844.

**Paramus Catholic**, 425 Paramus Rd, Paramus, NJ 07652. Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Call 201-445-4466 for more info. Please register at: www.paramuscatholic.com/

**St. Mary High School,** 64 Chestnut Street, Rutherford, NJ 07070. Visit www.stmaryhs.org/admissions/ to register for our open house. For more info, please call 201-933-5220.

**St. Joseph**, 40 Chestnut Ridge Rd, Montvale, NJ 07645 Please visit our website to register for a tour of our school: https://saintjosephregional.schooladminonline.com/ For more information, call 201-391-3300.

## 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.

## Bergen Chapter Knights of Columbus Diamond Jubilee—May 5, 2023

Dinner and Dancing at Sacred Heart Council in Rochelle Park. Catered by "A World of Food". Price is \$40 for 1 ticket, \$75 Per Couple. There will be a special drawing for a .75 Carat Diamond with Gold Necklace. For tickets or more info, please call or Text Vito Mazza at 201-446- 4072 or email him at vitom3@gmail.com

## - 4 - Jesus is a friend who walks in when the world walks out.

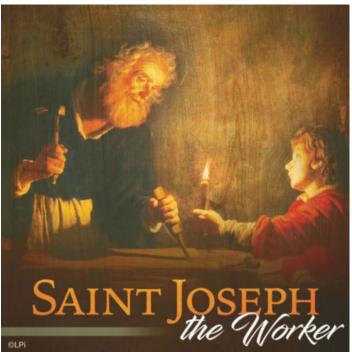
## Genuflecting & Kneeling

Question: Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

**Answer:** Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar. ©LPi



St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker.

## **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

#### Reminder:

- --Practice for First Holy Communion is this Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:00pm in the church. Each child must be accompanied by a parent.
- --The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Saturday, May 6th at 11:00am.
- --On Sunday, May 7 th our new First Communicants will lead us in a May Crowning after our 9:30am Mass.

## **Questions of the Week**

#### First Reading

After his speech in Jerusalem, the crowds asked Peter, "What are we to do?" He replied, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ . . . And you will receive the Holy Spirit." How open are you to receiving the Holy Spirit?

## **Second Reading**

Peter teaches us as followers of Jesus, we are called to be patient when we are suffering. What value do you see in this practice?

#### **Gospel Reading**

Jesus speaks of himself as the gatekeeper for the "sheep" (his followers) who are kept safe from strangers. When have you turned to Jesus in your life in times of trouble? ©LPi

## LITTLE JOHNNY

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?" "No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**Helpful Hint:** Most accident victims carry no next of kin information, yet most carry a cell phone. It's advised to list a contact person in the address book of your phone under the listing ICE (in case of emergency). Emergency crews and police officers know to look for emergency contact information under the ICE listing on cell phones. This helps them easily notify the identified person of the incident. The emergency contact person can, in turn, supply potentially vital health information:

#### Here's what to do:

- Type the acronym ICE followed by a contact name (ex. Mom or David) into the address book of your cell phone.
- 2. Save their phone number.
- 3. Tell your contact person that you have listed them as An emergency contact person.

## KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Israel
- 2. Mt. Sinai
- 3. Egypt
- 4. Mt. Ararat
- 5. Turkey and Armenia

## - 5 - April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.

#### **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 class-room 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

# Immaculate Heart Academy Summer Co-ed Enrichment Programs

Immaculate Heart Academy, located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676, is hosting its annual Summer@theheart co-ed enrichment programs beginning July 10, 2023. Two full sessions and four mini sessions will be offered from July 10 through August 3, Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m.to 12 p.m. Both boys and girls entering 6 th through 12 th grades are welcome. Courses include Intro to Python, Intro to Algebra, Intro to Geometry, Bio Bootcamp, Oil Painting, Creative Writing, Broadcasting, and Essay Writing Bootcamp. For specific grade requirements for each course and to register, please visit ihanj.com.

#### **DID YOU KNOW???**

The Chair of Peter was once vacant for three years. From 1268 to 1271, after the death of Pope Clement IV, the cardinals met at Viterbo, but could not agree on a successor. Trying to resolve the deadlock, the civic officials resorted to confining the cardinals under lock and key until they elected a sovereign pontiff. (From this originated the "Conclave of Cardinals," the Latin CLAVIS meaning key.) This was not the only measure taken to compel the cardinals to act. Their daily food allowance was curtailed. St. Bonaventure, one of the prelates, being asked when the cardinals would give the Church a new Pope, facetiously responded, "As soon as the Holy Ghost can get into that assembly." With that, the town officials removed the roof of the episcopal palace where the cardinals were confined.

## NVE COMMUNITY FIRST DONATION

The March 2023 Donation of **\$265.84** was received from the NVE Community First Rewards Program. Thanks to all those who participate to help our parish earn money. Anyone who has an account at NVE Bank can sign up—it costs you nothing. For more info, please call the Rectory Office or NVE Bank at 201-816-2826.

# Kindness is the oil that reduces the friction of life.





#### **Congratulations and God's Blessings**

Our newly baptized: **Ava Karen Shibuya** 

May God Bless Ava and her parents as we welcome her 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.

## LEONIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



## COMMEMORATING 125 YEARS—MAY 6, 2023

Join Leonia's Volunteer firemen as they celebrate 125 years of active service. All day, no tickets, no entrance charge. Antique fire trucks on display on Broad Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wood Park with food and refreshments from 12:30-7:00 p.m. Live Band. Inquiries to Robert Pawlick at Ifd125@leoniafire.org

# PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS CONCERT—MAY 16, 2023 AT 7PM EPIPHANY R.C. CHURCH, CLIFFSIDE PARK

The Filipino Apostolate Archdiocese of Newark (FAAN) will present the Concert *LIMANG DAANG BIYAYA* (500 Years of Blessing) featuring the Philippine Madrigal Singers on Tuesday, May16th at 7:00 p.m. at Ephiphany R.C. Church, 247 Knox Avenue, Cliffside Park.

The Group, headed by Mark Anthony A. Carpio, will be performing Popular Religious Songs and Original Filipino Music (OPM). Tickets start at \$45 each, first come first served.

Please contact Ed Ventura by phone at 201-218-0842 or by email at: edramirventura@gmail.com for tickets.

#### 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. Mt. Carmel is located in what country?
- 2. On what mountain did Moses receive the 10 Commandments?
- 3. In what country is that mountain located?
- What mountain did Noah's ark land on?
- 5. In what country is that mountain located?

Answers on Page 4







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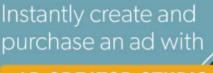
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