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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.

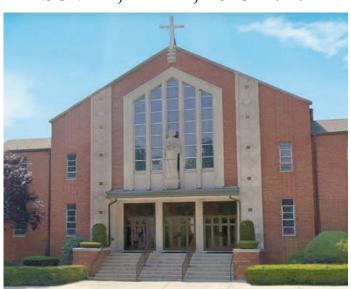
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

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, May 7, 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

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	First Holy Communion Certificates at 9:30am Mass
5/7	Sun	May Crowning following 9:30am Mass
5/9	Tue	Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
5/9	Tue	Baptism Prep Class 7:30pm (preregistration req.)
5/10	Wed	Book Study Group 10:15am Lower Hall
5/10	Wed	Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
5/12	Fri	AA 8pm Lower Hall
5/13	Sat	Confessions 4pm
5/13	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall
5/14	Sun	NO Faith Formation Classes
5/14	Sun	NO 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, 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

MASS INTENTION REQUESTED BY
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 NEUGEBAUER KATHY & JOHN STENDOR
SUNDAY, MAY 7, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30 AM BRUCE (POP) CONNORASHLEIGH & GUNNER CONNOR
9:30 AM ROBERT WHITE
ALIDA HERNANDEZ (FOR HEALING)
Alicia Arana & Soledad Pabon
11:30 AM CARL & MILDRED PARENTELINDA & NICOLE PARENTE
6:00 PM DOROTHY STEFFENAUERCARBONERI & FUSCO FAMILILES
Monday, May 8, pope st. benedict ii, pope
9:00 AM MARIA KANG (LIVING) MONICA LEE
TUESDAY, MAY 9, ST. GREGORY OF OSTIA, BISHOP
9:00 AM NOAH RYU (LIVING—BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)ELIZABETH KIM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, ST. JOHN OF AVILA, PRIEST
9:00 AM THE KOSEK & HAMMID FAMILYPETRA HAMMID
THURSDAY, MAY 11, ST. FRANCIS OF GIROLAMO
9:00 AM MONTELARO FAMILY
FRIDAY, MAY 12, ST. NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS OF TERRACINA, MARTYRS
9:00 AM ANNA & ALEX DUKETHE DUKE FAMILY
SATURDAY, MAY 13, OUR LADY OF FATIMA
9:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORYLUIS& ROSA DISLA
5:00 PM ALL MOTHERS LIVING AND DECEASED
SUNDAY, MAY 14, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30 AM ALL MOTHERS LIVING AND DECEASED
9:30 AM ALL MOTHERS LIVING AND DECEASED
11:30 AM ALL MOTHERS LIVING AND DECEASED
6:00 PM ALL MOTHERS LIVING AND DECEASED
SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

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The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Adele Russo
requested by
Jack & Carol Farese

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Loretta Baniel & Dorothy Solokas requested by Evelyn & Jerry 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.

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>St. John's Tithe April 29-30, 2023</u> Budget: \$ 7,000.00 Sunday Collection: \$ 7,197.89



The Priest . . . No matter where he is located, the diocesan priest has to be the sharer of secrets, the carrier of burdens, the foundation of consolation, and the pillar of strength. Solitary, he is called father by thousands; poor, he enriches the lives of thousands; weak, he give strength to thousands; unimportant, he does things each day whose im-

portance cannot be told in any tongue on earth. He is never too busy to hear another's sorrows; often too busy to realize his own burdens. He is a 24-hour-a-day man. He is called from his dinner; wakened from his sleep; disturbed at his prayers. He is at the beck and call of any of his people. He is the target of God's enemies, the magnet of God's needy. Occasionally, he attracts attention; but usually he works unnoticed and unacclaimed while he does the nobles work on earth—keeps Christ in the lives of the people. ~from Vocation Ministry

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

5th Sunday of Easter "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

Parenting Pointer

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other is wings." (Hodding Carter) If YOUR life is rooted in faith, let your child see it. If your child takes a different path, believe that the Spirit will take care of him or her. As a parent of adult children your job is to let go but not give up. ~"by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

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.

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

"Look to yourself, and beware of judging what others do. In judging others a person works to no purpose, often makes mistakes, and easily does the wrong thing, but in judging and analyzing ourselves, we always work to our own advantage." ~Thomas A Kempis, THE IMITATION OF CHRIST Book 1, Chapter 14.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn

Mon: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 Tue: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-

Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 Thu: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11 Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17 Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

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**

2023 Calendar Rafile Winners

May 2nd Prize of \$50 was won by: Elizabeth Trautsch of Fort Lee, NJ May 4th Prize of \$50 was won by: Joyce Jablonski of Northvale, NJ May 6th Prize of \$25 was won by: Justin Ferrao of Leonia, NJ

Thanks to all who have participated in the raffle so far. Look in next week's bulletin for this weekend's winners. Tickets can still be purchased at the entrance to church or at the Rectory. "Ya gotta be in it to win it!"

Homebound???

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

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US

It is through the generosity of our advertisers that we are able to place this bulletin into your hands without cost to the Parish. Why not get into the habit of looking through the ads and give these neighbors/merchants a chance to serve your needs. Tell them you read about them in the St. John's bulletin.

"The way to get things started is to quit talking and begin doing." ~Walt Disneu

4 - Jesus never taught us to preach, only how to pray.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PLEASE NOTE:

--Congratulations to all of our children who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday! May God watch over them and may they always stay close to Jesus!!

--Today marks the end of our 2022-23 Faith Formation Year with our last Sunday Faith Formation classes until September.

--Our last Confirmation Session (#11) is this Thursday, May 11th at 7:30pm in the Lower Hall, and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Saporito on Thursday, May 18 th at 7:00pm. Please keep our Candidates and their families in your prayers!

--Registration for the 2023-24 school year will open very shortly, so please stay tuned...

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 or former 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.

SCIENCE LESSON

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes," the class said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position, the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

TROUBLED MARRIAGE???

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you're thinking of separation or divorce, BUT you want to try again – then try the Retrouvaille program, it can help you. For more info., call the Family Life Ministries, at 973-497-4327. You may call anonymously. Please be assured that all inquiries are kept in confidence.

Mother's Day Novena Cards

Please remember to return Mother's Day Novena Cards in the Basket or you may drop off during the week. All intentions will be placed on the Altar during the Novena.

What is the "better part" that Mary chose?

What is the meaning behind Jesus' words to Martha? At first glance, we can all relate to Martha. When we have guests, we want to make sure they are comfortable. We get them drinks and prepare nice food and run around the house making sure everything is tidy and clean.

It's harder to relate to Mary—isn't it rude to let your sister rush about, doing everything alone, while you relax and listen to the guests? Wouldn't it be much better to help her and take some of the load off her hands?

It feels like a surprise each time we read that Jesus—instead of telling Mary to help—gently chides Martha. He does not blame either sister—He knows how necessary Martha's work is—but He points out that Mary is putting her time to good use in choosing the "better part."

Mary is sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to Him. She has turned all her thoughts to Jesus, hearing His voice and contemplating Him. But this is not what He means when He speaks of the "better part." He is pointing out that Mary acts with great love, while Martha performs her duties with worry and concern.

Jesus reminds us through Martha that whatever we do, whether working or resting or praying or recreating, we should do all with love. Love is the "better part," the "one thing needful" in all that we do. It is the love with which we perform our duties that makes those duties fruitful and worthwhile. ~from https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/what-is-the-better-part-that-mary-chose/

Support Group for Bereaved Parents St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge

Mary Davis is facilitating the "in person" Support group for Bereaved Parents on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 - 9 pm @St. Peter the Apostle, Rectory basement, 445 Fifth Ave, River Edge. Please contact Mary at 201-280-9881 for more information.

Please note that is specific to Bereaved Parents and not general bereavement support.

KEEP A CLEAN AND REVERENT CHURCH

Before and after Mass please observe SILENCE as other people may be engaged in personal prayer. After Mass please return the missalettes to the end of the pew. Also please do not take home the missalettes or music books. Please help the keep the pews and floor clean by removing the bulletins, paper, tissues, cheerios, etc. Alert the ushers, Deacon Brian or myself about any pew, kneeler, or area that needs attention or repair. Thank you,

Fr. Bryan

Love someone not because they are a Christian, but because you are.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Mother Cabrini
- 2. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- 3. Katherine Drexel
- 4. Mother Cabrini
- 5. Canonization.

- 5 - May is dedicated to the Virgin Mary

ORIGIN OF THE ROSARY

Since May is the month of Mary, it might be good to review the origin of the Rosary. The origin of the Rosary is most interesting. From its early days the Church urged its faithful to recite the 150 Psalms of David from the Bible. This custom still prevails today. Priests and consecrated religious are obliged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) each day which consists in a large measure of the Psalms of David.

In former days, before the printing press, it was not easy for anyone to memorize the 150 Psalms, and hand inscribed scrolls of Scripture were a rarity. The people who could not learn the 150 Psalms by heart, wanted to do something to make up for it. So they substituted 150 "Hail Mary's." They broke up these 150 Hail Mary's into 15 decades, or series. Each 10 Hail Mary's were said while meditating on different aspects of the life of Our divine Lord. We call them the mysteries.

To keep each decade separate, each series of 10 began with the "Our Father" and ended with the doxology or the "Glory Be" in praise to the Blessed Trinity. They would meditate on some mystery of Jesus Christ for the length of time it took to say 10 Hail Mary's, transporting little stones or beads from one pocket or hand to the other.

St. Dominic, who died in 1221, received from Our Blessed Mother the command to preach and to popularize the Rosary for the good of souls, conquest over evil, and the prosperity of Holy Mother Church. Thus as early as the 13th century, the Rosary was given its present classical form, bound together by string or wire. At Fatima the Mother of God insisted that the Rosary be prayed properly.

That means - meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary, the principle events of the life of Jesus Christ, the chief events of our redemption while praying the Hail Mary's. The Rosary properly prayed is centered on Jesus Christ. Pope Benedict XV said that when we have meditated on the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary we have meditated on all the chief events of our salvation.

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.

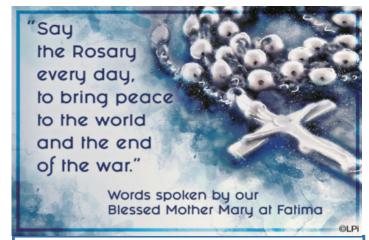
WASTING TIME???

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 Sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them.

So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this ... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!



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

Come see the **Philippine Madrigal Singers** in Concert and support the Filipino Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark (FAAN). The Concert *LIMANG DAANG BIYAYA* (500 Years of Blessing) will be on Tuesday, May16th at 7:00 p.m. at Ephiphany R.C. Church in Cliffside Park. The Group, headed by Mark Anthony A. Carpio, will perform 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 edramirventura@gmail.com for tickets.

KIDZ KORNER

- 1. Who was America's first Saint?
- 2. Who was the first Saint born in the United States?
- 3. What American millionairess became a saint?
- 4. What Saint actually lived in NJ Newark and Kearny?
- 5. What is the name of the ceremony which declares a person a saint?

Answers on Page 4







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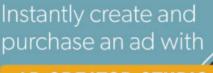
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