

# Saint John the Evangelist Church

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**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

## Upcoming Parish Events

- 5/27 Sat Confessions 4pm  
 5/27 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall  
 5/28 Sun Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass  
 5/30 Tue Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church  
 6/2 Fri St. Peregrine Novena following 9am Mass  
 6/2 Fri Confessions at 6:30pm  
 6/2 Fri First Friday Mass at 7pm followed by Sacred Heart Devotions  
 6/02 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall  
 6/03 Sat Confessions 4pm  
 6/03 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall  
 6/04 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: Shane, Jeanne Aimone, Sue Baniel, Ellen Chieko and Pauline Bernard, Albert Castro, Sheila Conroy, Barbara D'Amato, 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 Shingelo, Maureen Spadora, MaryAnn Torre, Maria Uhm, Loidya Valenzuela, Anne Vaughan, & 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**  
**Cmdr. Alexander McMahon, USN**  
**Cpt. Matt Meagher, US Army**

## Palm Collection



During the month of May, there will be a basket in the back of church to collect old palm from Palm Sunday.

## MASS INTENTION

## REQUESTED BY

**SATURDAY, MAY 27, ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP**  
 9:00 AM ADAM SHAPIRO (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS).....ELIZABETH KIM  
 5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO  
 ..... DIONNE & LUKE KUTNER  
**SUNDAY, MAY 28, PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
 7:30 AM CONNIE MUIR ..... MARY RAUSCH  
 9:30 AM ANNETTE STENDOR ..... BRIDGET & BRIAN BURKE  
 11:30 AM CORAZON GUSMAN SAMALA ..... MARIA & FRANK STANCATO  
 6:00 PM WALTER ZYGIEL ..... SYLVIA DONOHUE  
**MONDAY, MAY 29, THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**  
 9:00 AM PANTALEON G. Dumlao Jr..... VICTORIA D. TANCIO  
**TUESDAY, MAY 30, ST. JOAN OF ARC, VIRGIN & MARTYR**  
 9:00 AM MRS. ANNE CHAMBERS..... SEAN & MAURA O'NEILL & FAMILY  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 9:00 AM BOB CASTRO ..... THE Dumlao Family  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 1, ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR**  
 9:00 AM BARBARA MARINO ..... MARYANN FUSCO  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 2, STS. MARCELLINUS & PETER, MARTYRS**  
 9:00 AM JOSEFINA & CONRADO Dumlao ..... THE Dumlao Family  
 7:00 PM JOHN BENDELL ..... ANNABELLE & ROBERTO Dumlao  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 3, ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**  
 9:00 AM ANDREA LEE (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) ..... ELIZABETH KIM  
 5:00 PM JOHN LEE ..... MONICA LEE  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
 7:30 AM LENA BOGGIANO (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)..... HARVEY & BONNIE  
 9:30 AM ANNETTE STENDOR ..... ANNETTE CIRILLO  
 11:30 AM JOSEPHINE TRAUTSCH, AND ANN & RALPH RADICS.....  
 ..... BETSY TRAUTSCH  
 6:00 PM WALTER ZYGIEL ..... DOROTHY Baniel

## SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of  
**Geraldine Mingione**  
 requested by  
**The Zambrella Family**

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of  
**Felicidad & Adelfo Urtula**  
 requested by  
**The Dungca Family**

## 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.

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please keep in your prayers the following:

**Ellen Barrett**  
**Sabino Basso**  
**Dorothy Nelson Carletta**  
**Alida Hernandez**

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.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

## SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

### God in the Ordinary

On the contrary, you must realize now, more clearly than ever, that God is calling you to serve him *in and from* the ordinary, secular, and civil activities of human life. He waits for us every day, in the laboratory, in the operating theatre, in the army barracks, in the university chair, in the factory, in the workshop, in the fields, in the home, and in all the immense panorama of work. Understand this well: there is *something* holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it.

I often said to the university students and workers who were with me in the thirties that they had to know how to *materialize* their spiritual lives. I wanted to warn them of the temptation, so common then and now, to lead a kind of double life: on the one hand, an inner life, a life related to God; and on the other, as something separate and distinct, their professional, social, and family lives, made up of small earthly realities.

No, my children! We cannot lead a double life. We cannot have a split personality if we want to be Christians. There is only one life, made of flesh and spirit. And it is that life which has to become, in both body and soul, holy and filled with God: we discover the invisible God in the most visible and material things.

There is no other way, my daughters and sons: either we learn to find our Lord in ordinary, everyday life, or we shall never find him. That is why I tell you that our age needs to give back to matter and to the apparently trivial events of life their noble, original meaning. It needs to place them at the service of the kingdom of God; it needs to spiritualize them, turning them into a means and an occasion for a continuous meeting with Jesus Christ. St. JoseMaria Escriva, Passionately Loving the World pg. 5

## 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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tues: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wed: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thu: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Fri: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Sat: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

## 2023 Calendar Raffle Winners

May 22nd Prize of \$25 was won by:

**Rae Rinaldi of Washington Township, NJ**

May 24th Prize of \$75 was won by:

**Jan Connell of Englewood, NJ**

May 26th Prize of \$50 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!"

## COMPENDIUM

### of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Compendium is the shorter form of all the essential teachings in a question and answer format suggesting memorization. In this weekly column we will select a number of the questions and answers as they are listed in the compendium.

#### Q. What is prayer?

**A.** Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from Him in accord with His will. It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with His Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

#### Q. From whom did Jesus learn to pray?

**A.** Jesus, with his human heart, learned how to pray from his mother and from the Jewish tradition. But his prayer sprang from a more secret source because he is the eternal Son of God who in His holy humanity offers his perfect filial prayer to His Father.

#### Q. Who can educate us in prayer?

**A.** The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Daily family prayer is particularly recommended because it is the first witness to the life of prayer in the Church. Catechesis, prayer groups, and "spiritual direction" constitute a school of and a help to prayer.

#### Q. What are the essential forms of Christian prayer?

**A.** They are blessing and adoration, the prayer of petition and intercession, thanksgiving and praise. The Eucharist contains and expresses all the forms of prayer.

**Memory:** The Our Father is the best of all prayers because it is the Lord's Prayer, taught us by Jesus Christ Himself, and because it is a prayer of perfect and unselfish love.

## Meet the Apostle who was Jesus' extended family... What do we know of this quiet man?

St. James and his brother Jude were the only Apostles related to Jesus by blood; their mother was a relative of Our Lady. Jesus called James to be His Apostle in the second year of His public ministry, but after that James fades into the background of the gospels.

St. Paul tells us that Our Lord appeared to James alone after the Resurrection. Before Our Lord's Ascension, He commended the Church in Jerusalem to James's care, while the rest of the Apostles traveled the world to spread the Faith.

James became well-beloved in Jerusalem, gaining the name "James the Just" from the faithful. Jews and Gentiles alike respected him and revered his great holiness. He was very strict with himself and spent so much time in prayer that his knees grew very hard.

From his place in Jerusalem, James supported and defended the other Apostles and disciples. The early Church relied heavily on his wisdom and example, calling him—along with Peter and John—a pillar of the Church. He wrote the Epistle that bears his name in the New Testament.

In 62 A.D., hostile Jews attempted to make him apostatize before a huge crowd during the Pasch. James instead proclaimed his faith in Jesus Christ so that all could hear. He quoted Our Lord's words from the cross—"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"—as the crowd martyred him.

Although James was a great man in the early Church, he is still known to us by the non-flashy name of James "the Less," making him a good saint to look to for humility.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/meet-the-apostle-who-was-jesus-extended-family/>

## THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

### St. Peregrine Laziosi Novena Prayed

#### Every First Friday of the Month After 9:00am Mass

All are invited to join us in the church every First Friday following 9:00 a.m. Mass for devotional prayers to St. Peregrine. Peregrine Laziosi was born of a wealthy family at Forlì, Italy, in 1260. As a youth he was active in politics as a member of the anti-papal party. During one uprising, which the Pope sent St. Philip Benizi to mediate, Philip was struck in the face by Peregrine. When Philip offered the other cheek, Peregrine was so overcome that he repented and converted to Catholicism. Following the instructions of the Virgin



Mary received in a vision, Peregrine went to Siena and joined the Servites. He had a reputation for fervent preaching and being a good confessor. When he was afflicted with cancer of the foot and amputation had been decided upon, he spent the night before the operation, in prayer. The following morning he was completely cured. This miracle caused his reputation to become widespread. He died in 1345 at the age of eighty-five, and he was canonized in 1726. St. Peregrine relic will also be available for a special blessing.

## CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Thank you Carol, Lena, Helen & Sylvia for cleaning the church for Confirmation! 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 [parish@stjohnleonia.org](mailto:parish@stjohnleonia.org) or call 201-947-4545.

## 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.

## A Time to Relax



Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? We also need small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels, and children's books. Please donate them to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) located on the Church ground. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**St. John's Tithe May 20-21, 2023**

Budget: \$ 7,000.00

Sunday Collection: \$ 7,027.00

## Parenting Pointer



Parenting can be time consuming and stressful – especially if you are juggling a job and/or volunteer work. What are the "time bandits" in your family's life? (TV, e-mail, sports, commuting). Discuss if you can reduce some time commitments to create some fun time together.

~by Susan Vogt, [www.susanvogt.net](http://www.susanvogt.net)

## KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Tongues of Fire
2. God-the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person of the Trinity
3. Mary
4. Speak and understand all languages
5. Confirmation



## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LEONIA

### Mass Schedule

Saturday:.....5:00pm  
 Sunday:.....7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am  
 and 6:00pm

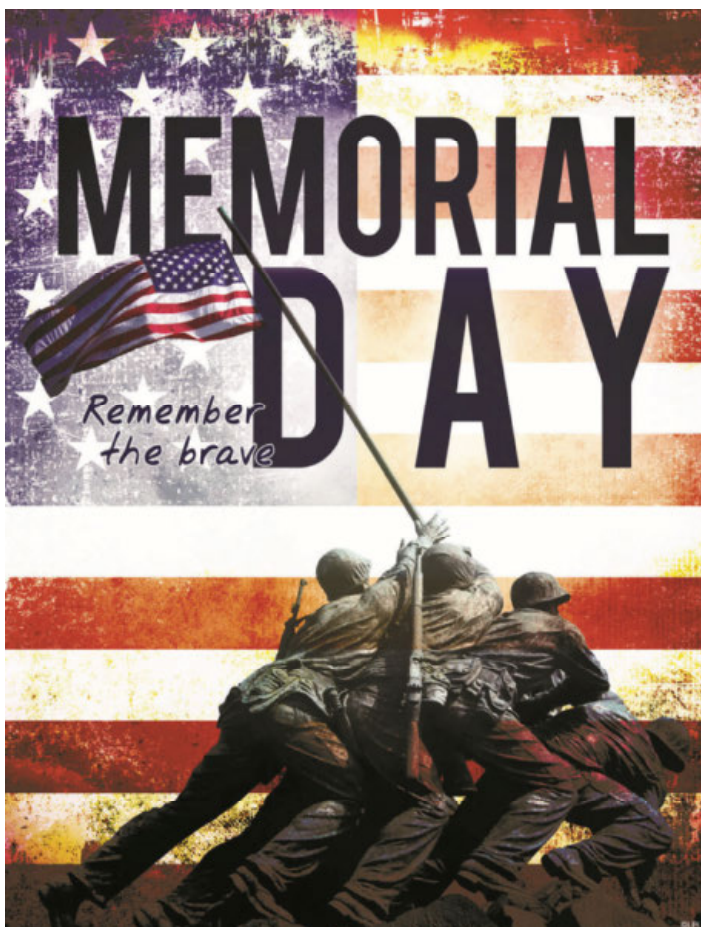
Monday-Saturday:.....9:00am

### Confession Schedule

Monday - Friday.....8:30-8:50am  
 Saturday.....4:00-4:30pm  
 First Friday.....6:30pm

## BEREAVEMENT SUMMER PROGRAM

If you are grieving, have lost someone over the past few years, and would like to share with others in the same situation, the Bereavement Ministry at **St. John's** is planning 6-week summer program July/August Wednesday evenings in the Rectory at 7pm. Our group will meet in the Rectory where those who come can share their experiences with others, learn about the process of grief and be supported by your parish family during a difficult time. Meetings are confidential. Although weekly attendance is best, absences for vacation are allowed. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please call the Rectory office at 201-947-4545 or email Fr. Bryan at pastor@stjohnleonia.org. Registration is required.



## A CHRISTIAN

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted an assignment to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, 'You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.' Then he thought, 'Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; it will never miss a quarter. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.' When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change...' The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new preacher in town?' 'Yes', he replied. 'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.' When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.' Our lives are the only 'Bible' some people will ever read. This is an example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard and remember -- we carry the name of Christ on our shoulders when we call yourself 'Christian.' Watch your thoughts ; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny. God bless you.

## Thanks to the Altar Society!

Many thanks to the ladies of the Altar Society who presented the parish with a check for \$7,000. Thank you for hard work and dedication to St. John's Parish. Your tireless efforts and support of our parish is very much appreciated.

~Fr. Bryan

## FIRST FRIDAY MASS—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, June 2nd at 7pm in the Church for Mass and devotional prayer.

## KIDZ KORNER

1. The Holy Spirit appeared as what on Pentecost?
2. Who is the Holy Spirit?
3. What woman was in the Upper Room when the Holy-Spirit arrived?
4. After the Holy Spirit left, the apostles were able to do what?
5. What Sacrament is closely associated with the Holy Spirit?

Answers on Page 4



**Frank A. Patti**

Kenneth Mikatari

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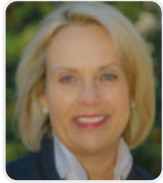
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