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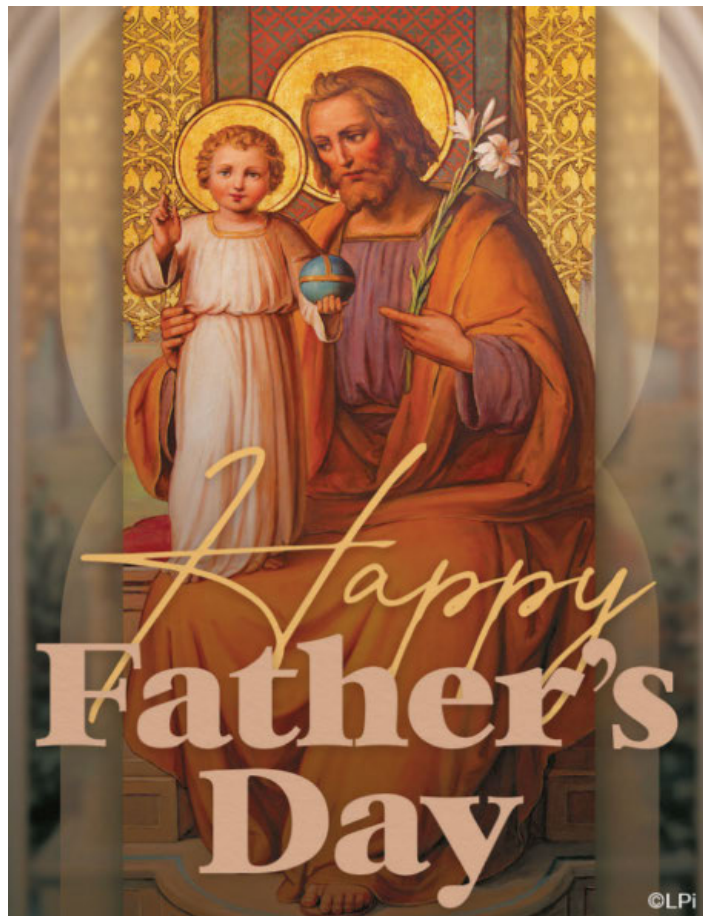
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SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023 A.D.



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 9:00 a.m. Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 8:50am. First Friday at 6:30pm

Saturday at 4:00pm - 4:30pm

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 8 meet 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

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Upcoming Parish Events

- 6/17 Sat Confessions 4pm
 6/17 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall
 6/18 Sun Happy Father's Day!
 6/20 Tue Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Church
 6/21 Wed Viewing of **The Chosen** 10:15am Lower Hall
 6/21 Wed Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
 6/23 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall
 6/24 Sat Confessions 4pm
 6/24 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall

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, Vincent & Gloria Petti, Betty Pisarek, Sal and Mary Poppo, Jim Purdy, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Fabio Santos, Newman 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

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**

MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, SAINT ALBERT CHMIELOWSKI

9:00 AM EDDIE HERRERA..... ROBERT & CRISTINA TANTEO

5:00 PM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

9:30 AM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

11:30 AM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

6:00 PM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

MONDAY, JUNE 19, ST. ROMUALD, ABBOT

9:00 AM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, ST. SILVERIUS, POPE AND MARTYR

9:00 AM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

MARGOT HAMMER.....GUDRUN GRYWATSCH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

9:00 AM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA, BISHOP

9:00 AM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

THOMAS F. CACCIOLA.....JOSEPHINE CACCIOLA

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, ST. THOMAS GARNET, MARTYR

9:00 AM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, ST. BARTHOLOMEW OF FARNE, MONK

9:00 AM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

5:00 PM BETTY ROESER.....MARION CASSIDY

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM ARTHUR TANCIO.....VICTORIA TANCIO

9:30 AM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO.....DIANE LEMBO

11:30 AM ROSARIO CASTRONOVO.....PAT & CARL CARBONERI

6:00 PM ALL FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of

Anne Wiley

requested by

Judy Ann Valyo

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of

Paulino Trujillo

requested by

Sylvia Donohue

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.

Do you need home repairs but can't afford them?

Rebuilding Together North Jersey can help. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit makes critical home repairs at no cost for low-income homeowners in Bergen and Passaic Counties. Call 201-447-8886 or email info@rtnorthjersey.org. More info at: www.rtnorthjersey.org.



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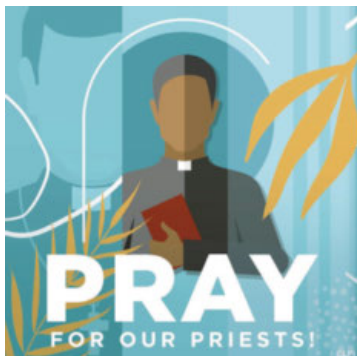
TWO FRIENDS

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand, "today my best friend slapped me in the face." They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone "Today my best friend saved my life." The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" The friend replied "when someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it." Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone. They say it takes a minute to find a special person. An hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then, an entire life to forget them.

WHO WILL REPLACE HIM . . .

If a priest preaches over 10 minutes, he's long-winded.
If his homily is short, he didn't prepare it.
If the parish funds are high, he's a businessman.
If he mentions money, he's money-hungry.
If he visits his parishioners, he's nosy.
If he doesn't, he's being snobbish.
If he has fairs and bazaars, he's bleeding the people.
If he doesn't, there isn't any life in the parish.
If he takes time in a confession to help and advise sinners, he takes too long.
If he doesn't, he doesn't care.
If he celebrates liturgy in a quiet voice, he's boring.
If he puts feeling into it, he's an actor.
If he starts Mass on time, his watch is fast.
If he starts late, he's holding up the people.
If he tries to lead the people in music, he's showing off.
If he doesn't, he doesn't care what the Mass is like.
If he decorates the church, he's wasting money.
If he doesn't, he's letting it run down.
If he's young, he's not experienced.
If he's old, he ought to retire.

**But . . . if he dies . . .
there may be no one to replace him.**



Did you know that St. Joseph built a staircase in New Mexico?

The sisters at the Loretto Chapel needed a miracle. St. Joseph used his carpentry skills to help them!

In 1873, construction on the Chapel of Our Lady of Light in Santa Fe, New Mexico hit a roadblock. The beautiful Gothic-style chapel had no staircase to get from the main level to the choir loft. The original architect had died, and his plans for a staircase were unknown.

The sisters of Loretto, who had commissioned the chapel, were distraught. They consulted with several architects and carpenters, but the answer was always the same: it couldn't be done. There just wasn't enough space to build a staircase to the choir loft. They were going to have to accept that they couldn't access the choir loft.

Not quite ready to give up, the sisters said a novena to St. Joseph, the master carpenter, asking him to help them find a builder with a solution. As soon as the sisters finished the novena, a man arrived at their doorstep saying that he could build them a staircase—his only request was to work in complete privacy. The sisters agreed, and the man locked himself in the chapel to work. Some say it only took him one night, while others say it took months. However long it took to build, the staircase the man crafted for the sisters was nothing short of incredible.

The man departed just as mysteriously as he had arrived, leaving behind one of the most marvelous pieces of wood-working ever seen. The staircase has two 360-degree spirals in it and was built with no central support, resting only on its base. It was built without nails—just wood pegs. Carpenters and scientists have said that the construction is nearly impossible and shouldn't be able to support anyone walking on it. Yet the staircase stands solid to this day.

The chapel has become a museum now, but it is a must-see if you're ever in New Mexico.

And who was the mysterious builder? Well, the Sisters of Loretto were confident that their mystery man was none other than St. Joseph himself.

~<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/did-you-know-that-st-joseph-built-a-staircase-in-new-mexico/>

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"As you go, make this proclamation:

'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" **MATTHEW 10:7**

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

ShopRite Cards

When you purchase a \$25, \$50, or \$100 ShopRite card at the church you receive the full value of the card you purchased. ShopRite donates back to St. John's 5% of what we sell.

- 4 - There is only one way to fail, and that is to quit.

Mass

Question: I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer: The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity. ©LPi

2023 Calendar Raffle Winners

June 13th Prize of \$25 was won by:
Brendan Horan of Leonia, NJ
June 15th Prize of \$50 was won by:
Marie Brainard of Englewood, NJ
June 17th Prize of \$75 was won by:
Nancy Talarico 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 Office.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Without cost we have received, without cost we are to give. Do we open our hearts to one another with the same reckless love and mercy that God opens His heart to us? How quickly the world could change if we did. ©LPi

Parenting Pointer



"Brothers and sisters, rejoice, mend your ways, encourage one another...live in peace" (2 Corinthians 13:11)
Sooo, translated to today's family we might say, Laugh together, Say, "I'm sorry, I'll do better", Support each other, Forgive. Which is easiest/hardest for your family?

~by Susan Vogt, www.susanvogt.net

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe June 10-11, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00

Sunday Collection: \$ 6,826.21

Faith Formation Registration

If you haven't yet registered your child for September Faith Formation Classes, please do so now. For convenience you can download the registration form from our website at: <https://stjohnleonia.org/>
Please complete and drop in the collection basket along with your payment (or indicate Payment done online—we are notified when those payments are made). **If you sign up and make payment by Friday, June 30th you qualify for our "Early Registration Fee".**
If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mirela Tarabokija, Director of Faith Formation at 201-944-4346 or by email at: religiouseducation@stjohnleonia.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

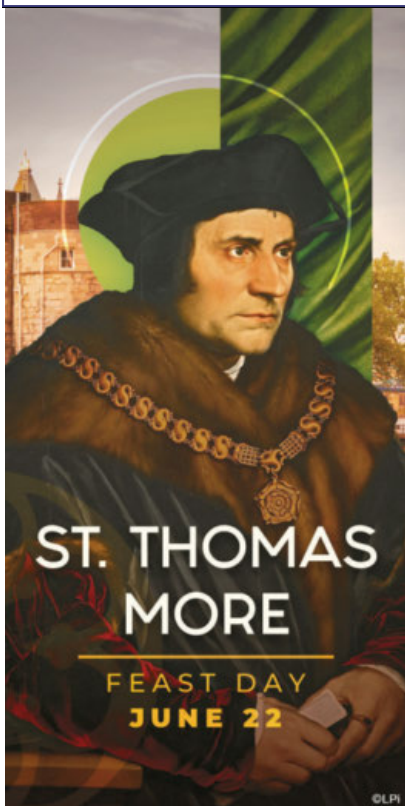
Sun: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/
Mt 9:36—10:8
Mon: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tue: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wed: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Fri: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23
Sat: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**When we get tangled up in our problems, be still.
God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.**

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Zechariah
2. St. Joachim
3. Adam
4. St. Joseph
5. God

- 5 - June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



"I am the King's good servant, but God's first." So said St. Thomas More, whose feast we celebrate on June 22nd. St. Thomas More was once Sir Thomas More, a lawyer and statesman in the court of King Henry VIII. When the king wished to dissolve his marriage to Catherine of Aragon -- who was infertile -- the pope held up the validity of the marriage. Desperate to generate an heir, King Henry declared himself the head of the Church of England and granted himself an annulment. Most leaders signed the "Oath of Supremacy," declaring the King's power over the English Church. Thomas More, then the Lord

Chancellor, refused to sign. He was sentenced to death. St. Thomas More reminds us of our call to integrity and to the defense of truth in the public square. Thomas More is the patron saint of lawyers, politicians, and civil servants. St. Thomas More, pray for us!

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT HOLINESS COMES SLOWLY

"St. Paul, the same man who had a violent argument with Barnabas, said, "Love is patient, love is kind" (1 Cor. 3:4). He got to that point, growing one step at a time. Sometimes in a family we don't give each other enough time to grow. You don't become a saint overnight. The growth is constant and often slow."

Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 45.

EWTN

Did you know that there is a truly Catholic Television Station carried on cable TV? **Channel 285 (FIOS), 52 (Spectrum) is EWTN** – Eternal Word Television Network. It was started by a convent of Cloistered Nuns over twenty-five years ago. So if you are tired of the nonsense on regular TV, try channel 285 (FIOS) or 52 (Spectrum) for a welcome change.



GOING ON VACATION?

Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches & Mass schedules, throughout the USA.

Fatherhood – Priesthood

We would be remiss if we failed to recognize our own parish Fathers – our priests and deacons and their anniversaries.

Fr. Bryan and Fr. Chris – 27 years a priest

Fr. Innocent – 7 years a priest

Fr. Rich Kwiatkowski – 51 years a priest

Deacon Brian —7 years a deacon

Father's Day Novena Cards

A special 9-day novena (June 17th-26th) of Masses will be offered for any living or deceased father that is enrolled in our special Father's Day Novena. To enroll your loved one, take one of the Father's Day cards from the entrance tables inside the church and fill in the name (living or deceased), and place it in the Sunday offering basket at Mass.

Caring & Sharing

You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. The Bereavement Ministry at **St. John's** is offering a **6-week summer program on Wednesday evenings during July and August** in the Rectory at 7pm. Our group of friendly, caring people 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 more information, please call the Rectory office at 201-947-4545 or email Fr. Bryan at pastor@stjohnleonia.org. There is no fee but registration is required.

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



Fundraiser forms for the Altar Society Metropolitan Plant Sale Fundraiser are expiring June 30th. Just present the form when making your gardening and floral purchases at any of the Metropolitan Plant Exchange locations, and they will donate \$10 for every \$50 you spend. The forms are available at the doors of church or you can download from our

website. Your support is greatly appreciated!

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who was John the Baptist's Father?
2. Who was the Virgin Mary's Father?
3. Who was the father of Cain and Able?
4. Who was the foster father of Jesus?
5. Who was Jesus' real father?

Answers on Page 4



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