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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 A.D.



WEAR THE SCAPULAR—PRAY THE ROSARY

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Upcoming Parish Events

- 7/15 Sat Confessions 4pm
 7/15 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall
 7/17 Mon Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena after 9am Mass
 7/18 Tue Rectory Office Closed
 7/18 Tue Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
 7/19 Wed St. Jude and St. Anthony following 9am Mass
 7/19 Wed Viewing of **The Chosen** 10am Lower Hall
 7/19 Wed Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
 7/19 Wed Bereavement Meeting 7pm Rectory
 7/21 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall
 7/22 Sat Confessions 4pm
 7/22 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, 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 & Stefan Wiklinski.

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

MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, JULY 15, ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 9:00 AM TOM IGNACIO..... LINDA SALAMANTE & FAMILY
 5:00 PM VICTORIO DIMAGIBA..... PAMELA CASIMIRO KIRKBRIDE
SUNDAY, JULY 16, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 AM CAROL ALLEN..... JOE & CAROL RILEY
 9:30 AM DOROTHY STEFFENAUER..... BRIAN & BRIDGET BURKE
 11:30 AM PHYLLIS BLOOMER..... SEAN & MAURA O'NEILL & FAMILY
 6:00 PM COVIELLO FAMILY
MONDAY, JULY 17, CARMELITE NUNS OF COMPIEGNE, MARTYRS
 9:00 AM SIENA SHAPIRO (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)..... ELIZABETH KIM
TUESDAY, JULY 18, ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST
 9:00 AM PEGGY HORAN..... BRENDAN HORAN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, ST. ARESNIUS THE GREAT, DEACON
 9:00 AM ANTOINETTE & RICHARD SAMPERI..... ZAMBRELLA FAMILY
THURSDAY, JULY 20, ST. APOLLINARIS OF RAVENNA, BISHOP & MARTYR
 9:00 AM VICTORIO DIMAGIBA..... PEGGY VALLES WEISBERG
FRIDAY, JULY 21, ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 9:00 AM ANTONETTE DEMICHELE..... JEAN & PAT DEMICHELE
SATURDAY, JULY 22, ST. MARY MAGDALENE
 9:00 AM STEVEN RUSSO..... CHRISTINE RUSSO
 5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO..... DAWN LEMBO
SUNDAY, JULY 23, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 AM BERNARDINE & JOE RILEY..... JOE & CAROL RILEY
 9:30 AM MILAGROS B. AGILBUT..... ADRIAN & JEHAN BERNARDO
 11:30 AM CLARA ELENA JONES..... SEAN & MAURA O'NEILL & FAMILY
 6:00 PM BOROWSKI/CORRADO FAMILY..... GLORIA & VINCE PETTI

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Fr. Jack Lord, O. Carm
 requested by
Evelyn & Jerry Solokas

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
Mary Lorenzo
 Requested by
Rita & John Lorenzo

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 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**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
 Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tues: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
 Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
 Thu: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
 Fri: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
 Sat: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"When the Hail Mary is well said, that is, with attention, devotion and humility, it is, according to the saints, the enemy of Satan, putting him to flight; it is the hammer that crushes him, a source of holiness for souls, a joy to the angels and a sweet melody for the devout. It is the Canticle of the New Testament, a delight for Mary and glory for the most Blessed Trinity. The Hail Mary is dew falling from heaven to make the soul fruitful. It is a pure kiss of love we give to Mary. It is a crimson rose, a precious pearl that we offer to her. It is a cup of ambrosia, a divine nectar that we offer her. These are comparisons made by the saints." ~ pg. 120 *True Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary* by St. Louis De Montfort.

COFFEE CUPS

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups -- porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite -- telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

All the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is but normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee in most cases, just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups...and then began eyeing each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us. God brews the coffee, not the cups...enjoy your coffee! Reminding you not to get caught up in the trivial material side of life. Enjoying life's abundances is a blessing, but don't confuse it with the bigger picture.

**Money will buy a fine dog
but only kindness will make him wag his tail.**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."

- MATTHEW 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, please bless and sanctify Pope Francis, the shepherd of our Catholic Church, who leads our priests of the future. May You give all these men who have dedicated their lives to Your holy way the strength and perseverance in faith and devotion. Anoint their hands which daily touch Your Sacred Body and their words that teach Your Gospel message. Protect them from the temptations of this world. Consecrate their labors with abundant fruit. Fill them with compassion for the conversion of souls. Walk beside them as they minister at home and in distant lands. Keep them always within the shelter of Your Most Sacred Heart. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

The term "bleeding heart," often used in a derogatory sense when applied to image-conscious (read hypocritical) liberals, had a very Catholic and Incarnational origin. The term came into use not long after the revelations of our Lord to St. Margaret Mary concerning the wounds inflicted by sinful Catholics on His Sacred Heart. In the revelations given to the Visitation nun in 1675, our Lord opened His bosom and exposed before her eyes the very flesh of His human Heart wrapped in a ring of thorns and oozing droplets of His precious blood. "Behold," He said to the saint, "the Heart that has so loved men." Within Catholic Christendom of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, a "bleeding heart" was a heart consumed with true Christian charity for the poor and sick.

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.

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. Please consider taking part in the Fundraiser for St. John's.

- 4 - Moments spent with God reap benefits that last a lifetime.

THE BROWN SCAPULAR- MARY'S GIFT QUESTION?

What is a Brown Scapular and what is the Sabbatine Privilege? The Brown Scapular was given to the Prior General of the Carmelite Order, St. Simon Stock, at a crucial period in the Order's history. Tradition tells us that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon at Aylesford, England, in 1251, holding out to him the Brown Scapular and making the "great promise," "This shall be a sign for you and for Carmelites. Whoever dies in this shall not suffer eternal fire." The Church's understanding is that the scapular is a miniature religious habit and as such is a highly indulgenced sacramental. The Scapular inspires those who wear it and who commit themselves to our Lady's way of life, a life in which Mary expressed her total openness to the will of God when she said, "Be it done to me according to your word." The message of the Scapular is the same advice she gave to the servants at the Cana wedding: "Do whatever He tells you,"— to follow Christ in faith, hope, and charity. The second scapular promise concerns prompt deliverance from Purgatory. Known as the Sabbatine Privilege, it stems from a bull or decree issued on March 3, 1322 by Pope John XXII, it links the Scapular to Saturday, Our Lady's day, and spells out the requirement of a genuine Christian life: prayer, penance, purity, and fidelity to the sacraments. Our Blessed Mother in speaking with St. Simon Stock promised that those who wear Her Brown Scapular, "On Saturday, as many as I shall find in Purgatory I shall free."



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Bereavement Meetings Begin this Week

The Bereavement Ministry at St. John's is offering a 6-week summer program beginning July 19 on 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 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Have you registered your children yet? Please do so as quickly as possible so that we can plan accordingly for the 2023-24 school year. The Faith Formation Registration Form can be downloaded from our website & payments can be made by credit card online or by check. Forms with checks can be dropped off in an envelope (attn.: Religious Ed.) at the Rectory or in the collection at Mass. If payment is made online forms may be emailed to: religiouseducation@stjohnleonia.org. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to Mirela Tarabokija, Director of Religious Education, at the above email.

TWO HORSES

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing. If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow. As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray. When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell. Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way...Good friends are like that. You may not always see them, but you know they are always there.

DID YOU KNOW??

$$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$$

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Solemnity of Mary, Assumption, All Saints, Immaculate Conception, Christmas
2. To go to Mass and refrain from servile work on Sundays and holy days, To go to Confession at least once a year (traditionally done during Lent), To receive the Eucharist at least once a year, during the Easter Season (known as the "Easter duty"), To observe the days of fasting and abstinence, To help to provide for the needs of the Church according to one's abilities and station in life, To obey the marriage laws of the Church
3. Mary as The Immaculate Conception
4. Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe
5. Jesus had no brothers or sisters

ONLY ONE

My Child... I've often heard your question... and this message is My answer... hear Me well:

- You're concerned about the hungry world, the millions who are starving... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Feed One.**
- You grieve for all the unborn children murdered every day... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Save One.**
- You're haunted by the homeless souls who wander city streets...and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Shelter One.**
- You weep for those who suffer pain, disease and hopelessness... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Comfort One.**
- Your heart aches for the lonely, the imprisoned, the abused... and you ask, "What can only one do?" **Love One.**

Remember this, My Child... two thousand years ago,
the world was filled, just as it is today,
with those in need...

and when the helpless and the hopeless
cried out to Me for mercy,
I sent a Savior...

Hope Began ... With Only One...

~B.J. Hoff



Rachel's VINEYARD

Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office is hosting Rachel's Vineyard Retreat the weekend of September 22-24 (English & Spanish). Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2), or e-mail:

Cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English) or

elvinedoderaguelfinfo@rcan.org (Spanish)

*"He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)*

RIFF RAFF

The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

RETIREMENT

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

QUESTION: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday - Friday, NOTHING. Saturday & Sunday, I rest.

THE SENILITY PRAYER

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference. Always remember this: you don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing!

Homebound???

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

KIDZ KORNER

1. Name the 5 Holy Days of Obligation in the U.S.
2. Name six laws or precepts of the Church.
3. Name the Patroness of the United States.
4. Who is the Empress of the Americas?
5. Name Jesus' brothers and sisters.

Answers on page four.



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