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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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

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 8 meet 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 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 9:00 a.m. Mass

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Upcoming Parish Events

7/22	Sat	Confessions 4pm	
7/22	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall	
7/23	Mon	Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass	
7/25	Tue	Infant of Prague Novena following 9am Mass	
7/25	Tue	Choir Rehearsal 7pm Church	
7/26	Wed	St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass	
7/26	Wed	Viewing of <i>The Chosen</i> 10:15am Lower Hall	
7/26	Wed	Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm	
7/28	Fri	AA 8pm Lower Hall	
7/29	Sat	Confessions 4pm	
7/29	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall	
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PRAY FUR 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, 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 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			
MONDAY, JULY 24, ST. SHARBEL MAKHLOUF, PRIEST				
9:00 AM ROSE NAIMO	Rosemarie Naimo			
TUESDAY, JULY 25, ST. JAMES, APOSTLE				
9:00 AM VISITACION MENDOZA				
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE,				
PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY				
9:00 am Helen Siemborski	PHYLLIS & MARTIN STEEIL			
THURSDAY, JULY 27, ST. PANTALEON, MARTYR				
9:00 AM SUZANNE STETS	SYLVIA DONOHUE			
FRIDAY, JULY 28, ST. INNOCENT I, POPE				
9:00 AM PANTALEON DUMLAO, SR				
SATURDAY, JULY 29, STS. MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS				
9:00 AM MARY GIORDANO & ANGELINA				
5:00 PM PETTI & CIMINO FAMILY				
SUNDAY, JULY 30, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
7:30 AM PATTY JO BEYER				
9:30 AM NEREIDA GONZALEZ				
11:30 AM CORNELIUS MCSWEENEY				
6:00 PM ROSALIZA VENTURA. CARMEL COUNC	IL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS			

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of **Mariana Macias** requested by Sylvia Donohue

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **Suzanne Stetts** 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.



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please keep in your prayers the following:

John Spadora

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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Mon: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42 Tue: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

28/Mt 13:1-9

Thu: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/

Mt 13:10-17

Fri: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23 Sat: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or

Lk 10:38-42

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"How can we fail to thank God and express genuine appreciation to our brothers and sisters in the faith throughout America who are committed to defending life by every legal means and to protecting the unborn, the incurably ill and the handicapped? Their work is all the more praiseworthy if we consider the indifference of so many people, the threats posed by eugenics and the assaults on life and human dignity perpetuated everywhere each day."

~Pope John Paul II, Ecclesia in America, No. 63

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

Did you know that on the 25th of every month, we have a novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague after the 9:00 a.m. Mass?

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Why Use Incense?

Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses,

helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the every-

day details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

THE TEST OF THREE

In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance that ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?" "Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the **Test of Three.**" "**Test of Three?**" "That's correct," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student, let's take a moment to test what you're going to say. The first test is **Truth.** Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?" "No," the man replied, "actually I just heard about it." "All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not.

Now let's try the second test, the test of **Goodness**. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?" "No, to the contrary..." "So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him even though you're not certain it's true?" The man shrugged, a little embarrassed. Socrates continued, "You may still pass though because there is a third test, the filter of **Usefulness**. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really." "Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?" The man was defeated and ashamed, and said no more. This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

Can you name the different parts of a church? Here's your quick guide for identifying those important

spaces.

We all know the general structure of a Catholic church like the back of our own hand. We could walk into a church anywhere in the world—whether it's in the States or in Europe or in New Guinea—and feel at home.

There usually comes a time, however, when we want to name a specific part of the church and simply can't think of the right word. Next time that happens, just think of Get Fed's quick guide:

Vestibule: The fover between the outside doors leading off the street, and the inside doors opening into the church

Nave: Area of the church in which the faithful attend Mass. In early churches, the nave is a wide, unbroken space; in most churches now, it is divided into aisles and sections of pews. The four walls of the nave symbolize the four Gospel writers.

Looking down the nave towards the sanctuary in Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica in Ottawa, Canada

Transept: Many churches are built in the form of the cross. The wings intersecting the nave are called the transept. Similar to the nave, the transept's four walls also represent something—the four cardinal virtues.

Sanctuary: Like the Holy of Holies in Scripture, the sanctuary is separated from the lay faithful, usually with steps; it is the sacred space in which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Altar: The consecrated stone—traditionally containing relics of the saints—on which the Sacrifice of Mount Calvary is again offered. The altar is stone because it represents Christ, "the stone whom the builders rejected" Who became the cornerstone.

Sacristy: The priest and altar servers prepare for Mass in this room, which is usually attached to the sanctuary. Symbolically, the sacristy is considered the Blessed Mother's womb, from which Christ-in the person of the priestgoes out to His flock.

Baptistry: The baptismal font usually stands against a wall in the church now, but in the earlier centuries of the Church, it was housed in its own special room. This unique arrangement can still be seen in many famous churches and cathedrals.

https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/canyou-name-the-different-parts-of-a-church/

GOD'S HOUSE

The Church is God's special dwelling place and some people come to pray, so please be aware of this and please refrain from idle chatter before and after Mass. We should behave differently in God's House as opposed to being at home, at the mall, a grocery store or a civic center.

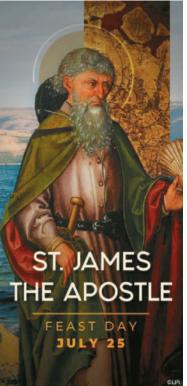
IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "The salt of the earth", to describe a person of great value, comes to us from Matthew 5:13

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe July 15-16, 2023

\$ 7,000.00 Budget: Sunday Collection: \$ 6,062.00



Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament. According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

JUST A REMINDER

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

GOING ON VACATION?

Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.



- 1. Tabernacle
- 2. Chalice
- 3. Purificator
- 4. Altar
- Chasuble

- 5 - JULY is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF SILUVA

The First Apparition of the Mother of God in Europe Our Lady of Siluva is invoked for fallen-away and lukewarm Catholics and for the conversion of non-Catholics. Siluva was originally a deeply Catholic village in Lithuania, but the Catholic Faith was ruthlessly crushed out by the fury of persecution at the time of the Protestant Reformation. The Catholic priest heard at that time of the plans to raze the church, and buried its treasures beside a nearby rock where Our Lady of Siluva would appear some eighty years later. Among these treasures was the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Siluva. This apparition was officially authenticated by Pope Pius VI. The Immaculate Conception Church was built around the rock Our Lady of Siluva stood on in 1608.

One summer day, in the year 1608, while a group of boys and girls played near the rock, they were startled when they heard weeping. When they turned around to see who was crying, they saw a beautiful woman holding a baby. She cried bitterly, but said nothing, and after a few moments suddenly disappeared. The children's report brought the whole village to the scene. The ruling Calvinist pastor was among the 100,000 villagers who flocked to the site to see if the children were telling the truth. He rebuked the children for their superstitions, but as he was speaking, the weeping woman suddenly appeared again as everyone stood transfixed by the sight. The pastor demanded to know who she was and why she wept. She replied, "I am weeping because my beloved Son is no longer worshiped as He has once been." The people, moved by her words, returned to the Catholic Faith in a mass conversion, and Siluva became once more fervently Catholic.

The 1608 apparition of Our Lady of Siluva was approved by the Catholic Church and is the first Eastern European apparition of Our Blessed Mother which came in an effort to bring her children back to the True Faith.

Prayer to Our Lady of Siluva

h Miraculous Virgin of Siluva, you brought back the fallen ones to their ancestral faith. Refuge of sinners, be moved by our humble prayer. Bring us to our Father's house to partake of the "Bread of Life". As God heard our plea centuries ago, pray for our loved ones who wander today. Bring them home we pray, this we ask for the greater honor and glory of God. Amen.

For more complete information visit the following website: www.OurladyofSiluva.com'

St John's Altar Society

This is our 90th year of service to St. John's and we invite all women over 18 to become part of this dedicated group. St. John's Altar Society is made of 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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

St. John's Parishioners are called to join the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception, Washington DC on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

Under the leadership of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R, "The day will include music, confessions offered in multiple languages, the Holy Rosary, a procession of parish banners representing the Archdiocese's 212 parishes, and Holy Mass in the Great Upper Church. Called "America's Catholic Church," the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception reflects the ethnic and cultural diversity of the United States and the unity and universality of the Catholic Church. It is also a Marian shrine, housing more than 80 chapels and oratories honoring Mother Mary as the patroness of our nation under her title of the Immaculate Conception. A pilgrimage is a personal and communal journey that has been part of Catholic devotional practice throughout the world for years. The spiritual aspect of this pilgrimage is a tribute to Mary, Mother of the The trip itself is planned as a Marian Devotion."

~from: https://jerseycatholic.org/parishioners-are-called-to-join-the-archdiocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-national-shrine-2023

With enough interest, we will be arranging for a bus to and from the Basilica. If you are interested in participating in this pilgrimage, please contact the Rectory Office at 201-947-4545 or by email at: parishoffice@gmail.com

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

THE WATER PISTOL

When my three-year old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. I was not so pleased. I turned to Mom and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?" Mom smiled and then replied ... "I remember."

KIDZ KORNER

- 1. In Church, what is the golden 'box" that contains the Hosts?
- 2. In Church, what is the name of the "cup" that the Priest uses?
- 3. What is the name of the cloth that the Priest uses to wipe out the cup?
- 4. In Church what is the name of the big stone "table"?
- 5. At Mass what is the name of the colored vestment that the priest wears?

Answers on page four.







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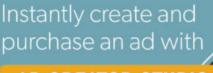
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