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Call the Rectory for sick calls at any time in emergency.

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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 30, 2023 A.D.



## **WELCOME**

To the Parish Family of St John's in Leonia Founded in 1912

## **COME WORSHIP WITH US**

## Mass Schedule

<u>Saturday</u>: ........5:00pm <u>Sunday</u>: .....7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 6:00pm <u>Weekdays</u>: ......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**

7/29	Sat	Confessions 4pm
7/29	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall
7/31	Mon	Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass
8/01	Tue	Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
8/02	Wed	St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass
8/02	Wed	Viewing of <i>The Chosen</i> 10:00am Lower Hall
8/02	Wed	Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
8/04	Fri	St. Peregrine Novena following 9am Mass
8/04	Fri	Confessions 6:30 pm, First Friday Mass 7pm
8/04	Fri	AA 8pm Lower Hall
8/05	Sat	Confessions 4pm
8/05	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, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Joseph Garcia, 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 Wiklinkski.

#### 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

A parish is not like a bus on which you pay your fare, and then sit passively to be driven by someone else to your destination.

A parish is like a rowboat; there is a seat for everybody, and by every seat there is an oar.

	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY			
	SATURDAY, JULY 29, STS. MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS				
	9:00 AM MARY GIORDANO & ANGELINA				
	5:00 PM PETTI & CIMINO FAMILY	VINCE & GLORIA PETTI			
	SUNDAY, JULY 30, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
	7:30 AM PATTY JO BEYER	CHRISTINE RUSSO			
	9:30 AM NEREIDA GONZALEZ	THE JORGE FAMILY			
	11:30 AM CORNELIUS McSWEENEY	THE DUGGAN FAMILY			
	6:00 PM ROSALIZA VENTURA				
	MONDAY, JULY 31, ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST				
	9:00 AM PEGGY HORAN	Brendan Horan			
	TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, ST. ALPHONSUS LIGU				
	9:00 AM MSGR. CAESAR ORRICO				
	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST				
	9:00 AM MARY GIORDANO				
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, ST. LYDIA PURPARIA					
	9:00 AM EDYTHE VAN NOSDALL MORNING	GWAY MARY MORNINGWAY			
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST					
	9:00 AM JAMES GERAGHTY				
	7:00 PM JANINA KLIM				
	BOZIDAR SAFRAN				
	SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, THE DEDICATION OF 1				
	9:00 AM DOROTHY STEFFENAUER				
	5:00 PM NORA & JOHN MULLIGAN				
	SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD				
	7:30 AM ROSE COVIELLO				
	9:30 AM CONNIE BIZYK				
	11:30 AM NITU DUNITRU				
	6:00 PM GERMANA RERECICH	KLAUDIA & FRANKO DUMICIC			

### SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Beatrize Beinvenido Duncga
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:

#### **Brendan Horan**

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.



### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128,

129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44- 46

Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-

35

Tue: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/

Mt 13:36-43

Wed: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46 Thu: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/

Mt 13:47-53

Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-

11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman The Falling Action and the Field

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids. I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field. I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." — Psalm 119 ©LPi

## 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.

# 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.

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



ummertime and the living is easy but not free from our responsibility as followers of Christ to help those in need. The hot, leisurely days of summer provide an excellent opportunity to get caught up on some of those tasks which we postponed during the demanding days of winter. 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 this blistering winter season? Please donate any unwanted clothing to the Catholic Charities bins located on the Church ground. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

#### QUIET IN CHURCH

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to Mass, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



## FIRST FRIDAY MASS Is this Friday

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, August 4th at 7pm in the Church for Mass and devotional prayer.

"Act as if everyday were the last of your life, and each action the last you perform." -St. Alphonsus Liguori

#### SDIRITUAL EXCERDT

Experience has taught me time and time again that all the answers are in that tabernacle. I can go to many people in my life and ask them what they think I should do in a given situation, but nothing compares to sitting before Jesus in the tabernacle and placing my question before him.

So here is my invitation to you: Stop by a church for ten minutes each day this week and spend time in the quiet. Sit before Jesus in the tabernacle. If you can, do it first thing in the morning. You will find that your days are more fruitful and focused, and filled with a passion that is invigorating and a joy that is intoxicating.

Jesus awaits you in the Eucharist. Come into the silence and let Him change your life.

~from Beautiful Eucharist by Matthew Kelly

#### TODAY GOD LOVES THE WORLD THROUGH US!

The Father is the most beautiful gift that Jesus gave us on earth. He said it to Philip: "To have seen Me is to have seen the Father, I am in the Father and the Father is in Me." And when He taught us to pray, He said: "Say this when you pray, 'Our Father,' your Father and My Father, 'Our Father." And on another occasion He told us "Love one another, as I have loved you. As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you." Jesus was so sure of His Father's love for Him, and of His love for His Father, that all the time He wanted to make us realize how much the Father loves us too.

God loves us tenderly with a love He has proved, and so tender is His love that He will never force Himself on us. God will never disturb a soul, rather He draws a soul. God lifts a soul and then fills it with His love. God cannot fill what is already full though that is why we need to be empty for Him to be able to fill us. That is why, if we want to fill His presence, we need a pure heart, for a pure heart can see God and if we see God, then that's the beginning of love: our love for God and His love for us.

Today God loves the world through us, just as before He proved His love for the world by giving His Son to Mary the most pure, and she went "in haste" to give Him to others. And He loved us so much, He made Himself the Bread of Life. And we too must love, we too must give until it hurts. Today God loves the world through us, He keeps on loving the world by sending us into the world, to be His love, His compassion." ~Saint Mother Teresa

#### 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 you may email: <a href="mailto:parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org">parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org</a> and we will schedule a home visit.

## 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.

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

St. John's Tithe July 22-23, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00 Sunday Collection: \$ 6,634.00

### **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.

### **Stress In Your Marriage?**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for

married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is August 18-20, 2023. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email: 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

#### 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 Forli, 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.

#### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Israel
- 2. Mt. Sinai
- 3. Egypt
- 4. Mt. Ararat
- 5. Turkey and Armenia

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

#### BERGEN CATHOLIC OFFERINGS

Bergen Catholic will be hosting Open Houses on Tuesday October 3rd at 6:30pm and Sunday November 5th at 1pm. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please call the admissions office at:

admissions@bergencatholic.org

Attention ALL 8th grade students: Bergen Catholic will be hosting an HSPT prep course for interested students applying to local catholic high schools in November. Course dates and registration information can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Matt Rosa '08, VP of Admissions at <a href="mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org">mrosa@bergencatholic.org</a>.

#### What is a "votive" Mass?

- What does a priest often do if there is no feast day?
- It doesn't directly correspond to the liturgical calendar like other Masses do.
- It encourages devotion to the saints and mysteries of the Church.

#### What is a "votive" Mass and why is it so important?

A votive Mass is a type of Mass to honor Our Lord, Our Lady, a saint, or a mystery of the Faith at other times besides their assigned feast days. A priest can celebrate a votive Mass on any weekday during Ordinary Time where there is an optional memorial or no other feast.

There are certain days of the week that are traditionally devoted to a specific mystery or saint. For instance, Our Lady is honored on Saturdays, St. Joseph on Wednesdays, and the Trinity on Mondays. The Church uses votive Masses to honor her greatest saints and mysteries and encourage the faithful's devotion to them.

Some parishes also have particular devotions and special patrons and want to celebrate them outside of the regular feast days. With votive Masses, this is possible.

The liturgy is rich with meaning and contains the greatest Mystery of all: Jesus Christ becoming present in the Eucharist. It is important to understand the different ways the Mass can be celebrated and to take advantage of the numerous devotions and traditions the Church has to offer.

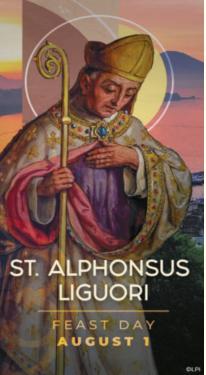
The Holy Mass is truly heaven on earth, when God Himself, the King of Heaven, makes Himself present among us. **~From:** <u>https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/what-is-a-votive-mass/</u>

## GAS PUMP

A priest waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Father," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The priest chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."



## St. Alphonsus Liguori | August 1



Saint Alphonsus was born into a wellrespected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

Saint Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called "mission among the people," he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying

for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, Saint Alphonsus taught about God's redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.

## KIDZ KORNER

- 1. Mt. Carmel is located in what country?
- 2. On what mountain did Moses receive the 10 Commandments?
- 3. In what country is that mountain located?
- 4. What mountain did Noah's ark land on?
- 5. In what country is that mountain located?

Answers on page four.







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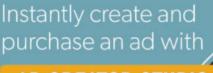
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