

# *Saint John the Evangelist Church*

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023 A.D.**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

**Masses will be celebrated:**

**Monday—Vigil Mass at 7:00pm**

**Tuesday Masses at 9:00am, 12 noon and 7:00 pm**

## Upcoming Parish Events

08/12 Sat Confessions 4pm  
 08/12 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall  
 08/14 Mon Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass  
 08/14 Mon Vigil Mass 7pm Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 08/15 Tue Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 9am, 12noon and 7pm  
 08/15 Tue Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Lower Hall  
 08/16 Wed St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass  
 08/16 Wed Viewing of **The Chosen** 10am Lower Hall  
 08/16 Wed Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm  
 08/18 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall  
 08/19 Sat Confessions 4pm  
 08/19 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, Chieko and Pauline Bernard, Albert Castro, Sheila Conroy, Barbara D'Amato, Harold DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Joseph Garcia, 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 Poppo, Jim Purdy, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Fabio Santos, Newman Santos, Mark Savery, Angelo Shingelo, Maureen Spadora, MaryAnn Torre, Maria Uhm, Loidya Valenzuela, Adam Villavecchia and 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**

### Confession Schedule

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

## MASS INTENTION

## REQUESTED BY

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS**  
 9:00 AM DIANE BOLES.....BRIDGET & BRIAN BURKE  
 5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO.. DIANE & JERRY LEMBO  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 7:30 AM HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY.....THE FERRAO FAMILY  
 9:30 AM ANTHONY CIRILLO.....ANNETTE CIRILLO  
 11:30 AM DOROTHY STEFFENAUER.....JOSEPHINE CACCIOLA  
 6:00 PM CUOMO FAMILY  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 14, ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST & MARTYR**  
 9:00 AM LILLIAN & HAROLD SCALA.....MARIE CARBONE  
 7:00 PM CARLO BACHIA.....ELAINE LUPETIN  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 9:00 AM JACK FARESE.....CAROL & JACK FARESE  
 12:00 PM UTOO ESTHER RIZK & BROTHERS.....ELAINE LUPETIN  
 7:00 PM DOROTHY MILINARIC.....JOE & CAROL RILEY  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY**  
 9:00 AM LOUIS & ANGELINE RIZK.....TARA & ELAINE LUPETIN  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, ST. JOAN OF THE CROSS, RELIGIOUS**  
 9:00 AM SAPONARA & GIORDANO FAMILIES.....VINCE & GLORIA PETTI  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, ST. HELENA,**  
 9:00 AM DOROTHY STEFFENAUER.....MARILYN BADAMI  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, ST. JOHN EUDES, PRIEST**  
 9:00 AM BIENVENIDO G. DUMLAO.....VICTORIA D. TANCIO  
 5:00 PM GUIDICE & CORRADO FAMILIES.....VINCE & GLORIA PETTI  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 7:30 AM ANNE DEVOL.....JANE BARNES & MICHAEL FERRANTE  
 9:30 AM DIANE BOLES.....ANNETTE CIRILLO  
 11:30 AM PALK & LOPEZ FAMILIES.....RICH & CHARLENE PALK  
 6:00 PM AUSTIN STEWART.....THE BALDASSARI FAMILY

## SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in Honor of

**The Corbo & Baniel Families**

requested by

**Evelyn & Jerry Solokas**

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of

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## 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:

### Grace Zucaro

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 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/  
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33  
Mon: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27  
Tue: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,  
13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:*  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/  
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Wed: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20  
Thu: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt  
18:21—19:1  
Fri: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt  
19:3-12  
Sat: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

## SAY A HAIL MARY

Father Gabriel Amorth, Chief Exorcist of the Vatican writes: One day a colleague of mine heard the devil say during an exorcism: "Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end." The secret that makes this prayer so effective is that the Rosary is both Prayer and meditation. It is addressed to the Father, to the Blessed Virgin, and to the Holy Trinity, and is a meditation centered on Christ.

## Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." – Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPI

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org) and we will schedule a home visit.

## AUGUST 15

### THE ASSUMPTION

**Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the ASSUMPTION.** In the United States it is a **Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses will be Monday at 7:00pm and Tuesday at 9am, 12Noon and 7pm.

## THE ASSUMPTION

**A**ugust 15th is the Feast of the Assumption. It is the oldest exclusively Marian feast, and her most important day. It is Mary's "Easter". In the Western (Latin) Church it is the only Marian Feast with a vigil Mass; in the Eastern Churches, it is preceded by a two-week Lent-style fast. Although the Church believed in Mary's Assumption since the 5<sup>th</sup> century, it was not until 1950 that it was universally declared a dogma of the Church. We may never know which came first, the chicken or the egg; perhaps it is not even that important. However, on certain Marian Feasts, like Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we can easily stray into heresy if we do not know who came first; Mary the Mother or Jesus Christ the Son. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance, body and soul, into heaven, an awesome event which was made possible because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven! Mary's assumption into heaven is the result or fruit of her Son's Death, Resurrection and Ascension. As the Preface on Christ's Ascension says, "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." So why should we doubt that Mary, who was born without Original Sin, now enjoys this hope, and is already in heaven? To the Eastern Churches, this feast is called the "Dormition" or "Falling Asleep" of Mary. Since Mary was free from original sin, she did not have to suffer the worst consequence of Original Sin – Death. According to Eastern Tradition, at the end of Mary's earthly journey, Mary "fell asleep" and was taken body and soul into heaven. An ancient legend about St. Thomas the Apostle, a.k.a. Doubting Thomas, concerns this feast. According to Scripture, St. Thomas did not believe in the Resurrection until he saw the Risen Lord and probed his hand in Jesus' nail prints in his hands, feet and side. According to legend, Thomas would not believe that Mary was assumed into heaven until Mary dropped her belt from heaven to prove that she was "up there". Legends aside, why should WE doubt that Mary is in heaven. This is exactly what Jesus promised to all who follow His Way, and trust in God, and place their lives in His Father's Hands. Mary's Assumption is important and comforting to us because it shows what Jesus promised, what Jesus has done for His Mother, and what He will do for each of US – His faithful people.

## St John's Altar Society

All women over 18 are invited to join the St. John's Altar Society, a group of women who have quietly been serving our parish for 90 years! The ladies 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.



## THINK ABOUT IT

When something happens to you, good or bad, consider what it means. There's a purpose to life's events, to teach you how to laugh more or not to cry too hard. You can't make someone love you; all you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to the person to realize your worth.

**"The Church is not a museum for saints,  
it is a hospital for sinners."**

~Abigail Van Buren

### 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 **ASAP**.

### DID YOU KNOW?

"In 1537, 45 years after Columbus "discovered" America, Pope Paul III issued the bull *Sublimis Deus*, which contains the following words:

Satan, who envies the human race, promotes the false belief that the Indians of the West and the South, and other peoples of whom we have come to know in these times, should be treated as dumb brutes to be subjugated for our service. We recognize that these same Indians are truly human beings. We declare that the said Indians, and all other peoples who may later be encountered by Christians, must not be deprived of their liberty or the possession of their property, even though they be outside the faith of Jesus Christ, and that they may and should, freely and lawfully, enjoy their liberty and the possession of their property, nor be reduced to slavery.

There is absolutely nothing ambiguous about this. It is not hypocritical. It was simply ignored by those who placed self-interest above the claims of their religion and have thus forfeited any claim to be counted among Christ's faithful. And it is being ignored still. ~by David Daintree in *New Oxford Review*, July-August 2023, pg. 37.

**O LORD, THOU GIVEST US EVERYTHING  
AT THE PRICE OF AN EFFORT.**

Leonardo da Vinci



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](mailto: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.

### SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

Did Jesus go on a mountaintop and yell, "I love you, I love you"? No, He got on a cross, stretched out His hands, was nailed to that cross, and said, "I thirst" (John 19:28). For what? Water? No. He thirsted for your love. Every cross we have brings us closer to the Lord because it detaches us. It's easy to have faith when times are good. It's in the cross that our faith is proven. Sometimes, when it just seems too heavy and you can't seem to carry it any longer, go carry it a little longer. **MOTHER ANGELICA Little Book of Life Lessons** page 116.

### PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

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### A Marriage Moment



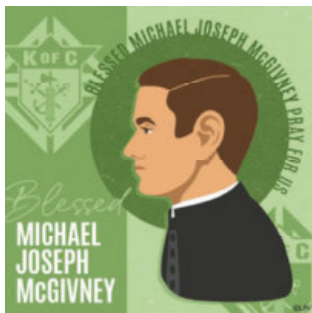
Ideally spouses find recreational pursuits that both enjoy but couples can become trapped in habit or society's definition of fun. Identify what REALLY feeds your spirit. Is it conversation or quiet, going out or staying home, being a participant or a spectator, with a crowd or just by yourselves?

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

### KORNER ANSWERS

1. 30 years
2. 33 years
3. The Wedding in Cana
4. Mary

## BLESSED MICHAEL JOSEPH MCGIVNEY



Michael Joseph McGivney was born on August 12, 1852, the first child of Irish immigrant parents in Waterbury, Connecticut. His parents went on to have 12 other children, half of whom died either as young children or infants due to their harsh living conditions. Michael left school at age 13 to work alongside his father and

help support the family, but at age 16 he decided to enter the seminary. He studied in Quebec, Canada as well as in New York until he was called home to help work to support his family once more due to the death of his father. Michael eventually returned to his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and was ordained into the diocese of Hartford, Connecticut in 1877.

Fr. McGivney's first assignment was to St. Mary's Parish in New Haven. While there, he quickly became very active in the community. Alongside his priestly duties, he served as director of public plays and community fairs. He even volunteered to foster a child whose father had passed away, leaving the boy's family in poverty and unable to care for him. It was during this time that McGivney envisioned the need for a Catholic mutual aid society. His intention was to create an institution where Catholic men could provide financial security to families in need who had lost their primary breadwinner.

At that time in the U.S., Catholics were often discriminated against and denied membership into labor unions as well as being barred from joining the popular fraternal organizations of the day. In some cases, such as with Freemasonry, the Catholic Church forbade their membership. It was plain to see the charitable advantage of these fraternal organizations so, while formulating his plan to start a mutual aid program, Fr. McGivney began

to research similar Catholic-founded societies elsewhere in the USA. He researched two organizations which both provided family insurance benefits to members of their churches in need — the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters and the Catholic Benevolent League. Originally, he considered starting a chapter of the Foresters for the men at St. Mary's but ran into obstacles because their charter didn't allow for groups outside of their region. As an answer, he decided to form a committee of men at home and, together, they designed an original Catholic fraternal organization that could provide for families in need but also had membership rituals that could compete with the excitement of the other popular secret societies of the time. On February 6, 1882, Fr. McGivney and his men launched the Knights of Columbus. Immediately after its launch, Fr. McGivney started spreading the word to invite men into membership and sent a letter appealing for new members to every priest in the diocese.

The order, whose founding principles were charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, grew rapidly. The Knights appealed to college campuses and, eventually, churches throughout the entire United States. By the early 1900s there were thousands upon thousands of Knights across the U.S. and councils being established worldwide. There are now 16,000+ local councils and over two million members who donate hundreds of millions of dollars and tens of millions of volunteer hours yearly to benefit charities worldwide. Membership is still restricted to practicing Catholic men, although women may participate through the Columbiettes, an auxiliary for Catholic women.

Fr. McGivney fell ill with the flu during the 1889 pandemic, contracted tuberculosis, and, subsequently, pneumonia. He passed away at age 38 on August 14 of the next year. He's remembered by those who knew him as being friendly and cheerful, a champion for the poor, and loyal to and fond of his community. In 2008, Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI.

## OLD AGE

At a nursing home in Florida, a group of senior citizens were sitting around talking about their aches and pains. "My arms are so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one. "I know what you mean. My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee," replied another. "I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a third. "My blood pressure pills make me dizzy," another contributed. "I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man. Then there was a short moment of silence. "Thank God we can all still drive," said one woman cheerfully.

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LEONIA

### Mass Schedule

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

### SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions  
**First Saturday:** 9:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary



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## KIDZ KORNER

1. How old was Jesus when He started His ministry in Israel?
2. How old was Jesus when He was imprisoned and crucified?
3. Where did Jesus perform His first miracle?
4. Who was taken up to Heaven on the Assumption?
5. According to Tradition, was Mary an only child?

**Answers on page four.**





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