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WELCOME

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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

- 9/02 Sat Confessions 4pm
 9/02 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall
 9/04 Mon Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass
 9/04 Mon Labor Day Holiday—Rectory Office Closed
 9/05 Tue Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
 9/06 Wed St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass
 9/06 Wed Viewing of *The Chosen* 10am Lower Hall
 9/06 Wed Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
 9/08 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall
 9/09 Sat Confessions 4pm
 9/09 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, Vahide Atlas, Sue Baniel, Chieko and Pauline Bernard, Albert Castro, Sheila Conroy, Jerry Cornacchi, Harold DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Joseph Garcia, Estrella Juele, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyndon, Sr. Elaine Maguire, Audrey Maguire, Jean Marrano, Raven Moncada, Mary Moran, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Rita Neugebauer, Alice Palmieri, Mark Patricola, Gloria Petti, Betty Pisarek, Sal Poppo, Den Reeves, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Fabio Santos, Newman Santos, Angelo Shingelo, Maureen Spadora, MaryAnn Torre, Maria Uhm, Loidya Valenzuela, Adam Villavecchia, Stefan Wiklinkski and Mary Xavier.

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.

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 Cmdr. Alexander McMahon, USN
 Cpt. Matt Meagher, US Army



MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, ST. ZENO, MARTYR
 9:00 AM JOSEPH FASCHING..... BETTY FASCHING
 5:00 PM LENA BOGGIANO (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)..... BONNIE & HARVEY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 AM GEORGETTE DIEMER..... JULIE & JIM DIEMER
 9:30 AM MIRIAM STEEIL PHYLLIS & MARTIN STEEIL
 11:30 AM MARLENE NAZZARO LISA & FRANK CIRILLO
 6:00 PM JOSEPH LORENZO SR. RITA & JOHN LORENZO
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, ST. ROSE OF VITERBO
 9:00 AM STEVEN RUSSO CHRISTINE RUSSO
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA, RELIGIOUS
 9:00 AM FRANK PROVENZANO JEAN & PAT DEMICHELE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, ST. ELEUTHERIUS, POPE
 9:00 AM RAFAEL ARCEBIDO CECILE ARCEBIDO
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, ST. CLOUD, MONK
 9:00 AM ROSE COVIELLO
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 9:00 AM GERMANA RERECICH DAVOR GOBIN & FAMILY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST
 9:00 AM ROMEO MENDOZA THE DURLAO FAMILY
 5:00 PM WALTER ZYGIEL FAY & GLORIA GALLO
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 AM ANNE DEVOL TAMMER RASHDAN
 9:30 AM ROMAN T. "ROY" SALALILA THE DURLAO FAMILY
 11:30 AM JEAN MATERA CAROL & BEN MATERA
 6:00 PM JOHN CONNELL EILEEN HUNT

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Miriam Steeil
 requested by
Phyllis & Martin Steeil

The Sanctuary Lamp is
 For the Health of Family & Friends
 Requested by
 The Disla 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:

Anna Lyn Daproza

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: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27
Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/
Lk 4:16-30
Tue: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wed: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thu: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Fri: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16,
18-23 or 1:18-23
Sat: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow Your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise.

Teach me to reach out to You in my need, and help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. Amen

Are you an ADULT without CONFIRMATION, COMMUNION OR BAPTISM?

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For more information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation*, should also contact the rectory for preparation class information.

St John's Altar Society Meeting September 10

On Sunday, September 10th the Altar Society will attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass and will have their monthly meeting in the Lower Hall immediately following Mass.

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.

Congratulations and God's Blessing



Our newly baptized:

Keane Mace Dela Rosa
Jon Isaac Ulazka

May God Bless these children and their parents as we welcome them into our parish family. May we all take a moment to reflect upon and renew our own baptismal promises and celebrate our own life in Christ.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

TROUBLED MARRIAGE???

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you're thinking of separation or divorce, BUT you want to try again – then try the Retrouvaille program, it can help you. For more info., call the Family Life Ministries, at 973-497-4327. You may call anonymously. Please be assured that all inquiries are kept in confidence.

QUESTION?

What is an Indulgence? "Every sin has consequences. It disrupts our communion with God and the Church, weakens our ability to resist temptation and hurts others. The necessity of healing these consequences, once the sin itself has been forgiven, is called temporal punishment. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other works of charity can take away entirely or diminish this temporal punishment. Because of the fullness of redemption obtained for us by Christ, the Church attaches to certain prayers and actions an indulgence or pardon, that is, the full or partial remission of temporal punishment due to sin. Christ, acting through the Church, brings about the healing of the consequences of sin when an individual uses such a prayer or engages in such an action." **US Catechism for Adults, Chapter 18**

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COMFORT

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement. The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night, the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile.

He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night. Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited.

Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. "Who was that man?" he asked. The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered. "No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life." "Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?" "I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed." The next time someone needs you ... just be there. Stay. WE ARE NOT HUMAN BEINGS GOING THROUGH A TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. WE ARE SPIRITUAL BEINGS GOING THROUGH A TEMPORARY HUMAN EXPERIENCE.

A Smooth Transition?



September is a month of transition. Many young people will transition from the leisurely recreational activities of summer to the rigors of a new school semester. The seasons transition in September. As the seasons shift now from summer to autumn, may we shift some of our time to find items to donate to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin (s). The following items are needed: clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, knickknacks, tools, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, novels and children's books. Thank you.

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.

Church Teaching About suicide

Question: What does the Church say about suicide?

Answer: Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults reflects, "Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can "diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide" (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And, communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255). ©LPi

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**

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. The Blessed Mother
2. The Our Father
3. 9 days of prayer
4. St. Dominic
5. The Joyful Mysteries

- 5 - September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

MARY'S BIRTHDAY SEPT 8TH

Tradition has it that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was born to parents named Joachim and Ann in Jerusalem at the end of the first century BC. In fact, all that we know for certain is that Mary was born. The names of Joachim and Ann first appear in a legend dating from the turn of the third century. In the story, the wealthy Joachim is ridiculed in his old age for having no children. Joachim turns to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The despairing Ann, at prayer in her sorrow, beheld an angel who promised she would conceive. The story bears similarities to the birth of Samuel (1 Sm), whose mother Hannah sang a prayer resembling Mary's magnificat. The strongest tradition places the birth of Mary in Jerusalem near the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus would later heal a cripple. A church dedicated to St. Ann stands near the pool today. Beneath the church lay the ruins of a house where it is believed that Mary was born. The place has witnessed Christian worship since the third century. Other traditions place the birth of Mary at Nazareth or Bethlehem, but in each case the evidence is too slight to be certain. The date of Mary's birth has similarly been lost. Because the Church of St. Ann in Jerusalem was dedicated on Sept. 8th in the fifth century, that day entered the calendar as the celebration of Mary's birth.

FIGHT

"When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive. So I took her to a gas station ... and then the fight started..."

A Clear Victory

The Hawaiian name "Maria Lanakila" roughly translates to "Our Lady of Victory" in English. The original church was built in 1858, replacing a ramshackle wooden structure set up by the first Catholic missionaries to Hawaii in 1846.

It was in this structure that Fr. Damien DeVeuster preached to gain support for his mission to the lepers of Molokai. The current church of concrete block was built in 1928 on the foundations of the earlier church. And then in 2023, the worst fire in Hawaii's history didn't touch it.

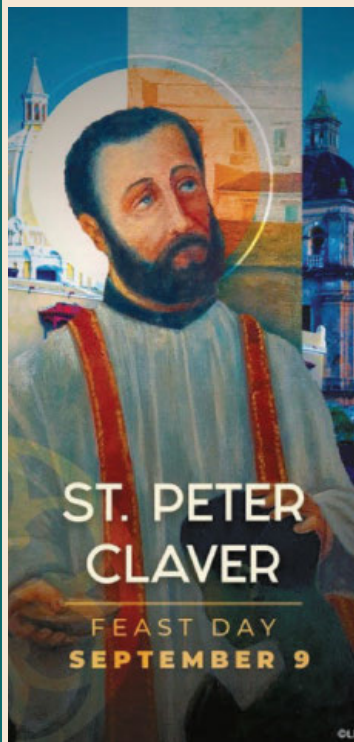
Can we say it was mystically protected by its namesake, Our Lady of Victory? Why not? Grace works in strange and mysterious ways, but we must have eyes to see and hearts to believe.

Not every Catholic church is saved from catastrophic damage by any means, but this one seems to be a sign from Heaven to our faithless age: it speaks of divine protection. Here, the miracle was protection from a natural evil, but the deeper message is that Christ offers us protection from something worse: spiritual evil.

Our society used to believe this truth, but in recent times a significant portion of the culture has vigorously rejected the Christian faith, whether in theory or, more commonly, in practice.

Maybe, just maybe, God is showing us the kind of spiritual peril we risk by rejecting His protection. The hellscape around the Catholic parish in Lahaina would be a fitting warning. ~<https://sacredwindows.com/three-churches-that-miraculously-survived-disasters/>

St. Peter Claver - Feast Day September 9



"Who is my neighbor?" Jesus' answer to this question was the parable of the Good Samaritan. In short, the person you least expect. Peter Claver was born in 16th century Spain. Peter became a Jesuit and was deeply influenced by the missionary call. At age 30, he set out for modern-day Colombia. At the time, Cartagena was one of the largest slave markets in the New World. As a priest, Peter knew his role was spiritual service. He quickly dedicated his ministry to these "neighbors" whom the world rejected. When a slave ship entered the harbor, Peter would rush on board with food, water, and a human touch. He introduced some slaves to Christ in a more formal

way. As these new converts were moved to plantations, he would visit them, stay in their quarters, and advocate with the masters to act humanely. St. Peter Claver called himself "the slave of the slaves forever." May we, too, have a powerful sense of our neighbor. ©LPi

REMINISCE

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

Homebound???

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

KIDZ KORNER

1. The Holy Rosary is a special prayer we say to honor who?
2. Which prayer is prayed at the beginning of each decade of the Rosary?
3. What is a novena?
4. The most common form of the Rosary was made popular by what saint?
5. What Mysteries of the Rosary signify happy times in the Blessed Mother's Life?

Answers on page four.



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