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WELCOME

To the Parish Family of

St John's in Leonia

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Mass Schedule

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.

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

- 9/09 Sat Confessions 4pm
 9/09 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall
 9/10 Sun Altar Society Mtg. LH following 9:30am Mass
 9/11 Mon Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass
 9/12 Tue Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
 9/13 Wed St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass
 9/13 Wed Viewing of **The Chosen** 10:15am Lower Hall
 9/13 Wed Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
 9/13 Wed Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7pm Lower Hall
 9/15 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall
 9/16 Sat Confessions 4pm
 9/16 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 Lydon, 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, Mary Xavier and Special Intention.

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

IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "*Climbing the walls*", to describe someone who is very restless and feeling caged up with nowhere to go and nothing to do, comes to us from Joel 2:7

MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST
 9:00 AM ROMEO MENDOZATHE 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
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, SAINT JEAN-GABRIEL PERBOYRE, PRIEST
 9:00 AM FLORENCE FARESE CAROL & JACK FARESE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
 9:00 AM LAURENCE DOOLEYBETTY & CHRIS DUNLEAVY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 9:00 AM FRANK FALCONIERI DOLORES & JIM CIANI
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
 9:00 AM JAMES GONZALES..... MOM , DAD & BROTHERS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, OUR LADY OF SORROWS
 9:00 AM MIKE LEAHY ANNIE O'DONNELL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, STS. CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN, BISHOP MARTYRS
 9:00 AM IGNATINS CHOELIZABETH KIM
 5:00 PM QUAGLIETTA FAMILY GLORIA & TOM PFEIFFER
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 AM TIMOTHY FITZPATRICK..... ANNIE O'DONNELL
 9:30 AM YOLANDA NOBILE.....CHRISTINE RUSSO
 11:30 AM MR. & MRS. F. SAPONARA SR.....VINCE & GLORIA PETTI
 6:00 PM COVIELLO FAMILY

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Vincent Petti
 requested by
Anthony & Kathleen Courtney

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
Vincent Petti
 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.

September 14th



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20
Mon: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tue: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wed: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thu: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman
for the house of Israel..." - EZEKIEL 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

St John's Altar Society

This Sunday following 9:30 a.m. Mass, the Altar Society will meet in the Lower Hall for their monthly meeting. Next Sunday the ladies will be having a Bake Sale after the morning Masses—please come support them and purchase some goodies for you and your family! 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.

Worth Pondering

Love starts with a smile, grows with a kiss, and ends with a tear. Don't cry over anyone who won't cry over you. Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget. You can only go as far as you push. Actions speak louder than words. The hardest thing to do is watch the one you love, love somebody else. Don't let the past hold you back, you're missing the good stuff. Life is short. If you don't look around once in a while you might miss it. A best friend is like a four leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have. Some people make the world special just by being in it. Best friends are the siblings God forgot to give us. When it hurts to look back and you're scared to look ahead, you can look beside you and your Best Friend will be there. True friendship never ends. Friends are forever. Good friends are like stars – You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Don't frown. You never know who is falling in love with your smile. What do you do when the only person who can make you stop crying is the person who made you cry? Nobody is perfect until you fall in love with them. Everything is okay in the end. If it's not okay, then it's not the end. Most people walk in and out of your life, but only friends leave footprints in your heart. Remember, every minute spent angry is sixty seconds of happiness wasted.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Should a Catholic Pursue an Annulment?

Question: After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer: Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you. ©LPi

Teacher Applicant

After being interviewed by the school administration, the eager teaching prospect said: "Let me see if I've got this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids, and fill their every waking moment with a love for learning, and I'm supposed to instill a sense of pride in their ethnicity, modify their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse and even censor their T-shirt messages and dress habits.

You want me to wage a war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for weapons of mass destruction, and raise their self esteem. You want me to teach them patriotism, good citizenship, sportsmanship, fair play, how to register to vote, how to balance a checkbook, and how to apply for a job.

I am to check their heads for lice, maintain a safe environment, recognize signs of anti-social behavior, and make sure all students pass the state exams, even those who don't come to school regularly or complete any of their assignments. Plus, I am to make sure that all of the students with handicaps get an equal education regardless of the extent of their mental or physical handicap.

I am to communicate regularly with the parents by letter, telephone, newsletter and report card. All of this I am to do with just a piece of chalk, a computer, a few books, a bulletin board, a big smile AND on a starting salary that qualifies my family for food stamps! You want me to do all of this and then you tell me...
I CAN'T PRAY?"



● Serve ● Support ● Help

Leave a great legacy
to the ones you love

Become a
Knight

Contact
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- 4 - Christians, keep the faith – but not from others.

What is the Green Scapular?

It's a sacramental for those in need of conversion or healing. Our Lady knows how hard we pray for our loved ones who have left the Faith. She knows how much we suffer alongside our friends and family who are dealing with physical or emotional afflictions.

She also knows that people in need of conversion are often closed to our attempts to lead them to the truth.

In 1840, she brought us a simple and powerful devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a devotion designed for such difficult (and delicate) situations.

On the Feast of her Nativity, September 8th, 1840, she appeared to Sister Justine Bisqueyburu in Paris. Sister Justine was a Daughter of Charity, the same order as St. Catherine Labouré who had received the Miraculous Medal just ten years earlier.

Our Lady appeared with her Immaculate Heart in her right hand and a scapular in her left. The scapular was really a cloth medallion rather than a true scapular, since it only had one piece of cloth. It depicted Our Lady on one side—her flaming Heart in her hands—and on the other, her Heart, pierced and flaming, rays coming forth from it, and a cross surmounting it. Around her Heart are the words:

"Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death."

An interior voice told Sister Justine that God wished to establish in the world a greater and more tender devotion to the Immaculate Heart. Graces of conversion would abound for those who were devoted to her under this title and using the image Sister Justine saw.

Since it is not a form of a religious habit like other scapulars, there is no enrollment process—it need only be blessed by a priest. The person needing healing or conversion should wear it and say the above-quoted prayer to the Immaculate Heart every day.

Our Lady also explained that if the person in need is unable or unwilling to wear it, you can slip it—unbeknownst to them—into their belongings or home or work environment! (A wise Mother indeed!)

If (as in the case of someone unwilling to wear it) the intended wearer cannot or will not say the prayer, you can pray it for them.

Since the apparition, the Green Scapular has become famous for the conversions and healings Our Lady has effected through it. Some of the most common types of miracles associated with it include: healings of people on the brink of death or suicide, sudden wisdom and understanding in the midst of dangerous relationships or behaviors, and, most importantly, quiet or drastic changes of heart which lead people to (or back to) the Catholic Church.

If you have a friend or family member in need of spiritual conversion, enlightenment, or any kind of healing, place them in the safe haven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Green Scapular is Our Lady's special means of rescuing these souls—even when they don't want to be rescued.

~<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/what-is-the-green-scapular/>

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe September 2-3, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00

Sunday Collection: \$ 7,912.02

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.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"In this world we must not become attached to anything, not even the things most innocent, for they fail us at the moment when we are least expecting it. The eternal alone can satisfy us." **St. Therese of Lisieux, Letter to Sr. Marie of the Sacred Heart**

A Marriage Moment



"Marriage is our last, best chance to grow up." (Joseph Barth) Don't waste it by always having to have your way.

"by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

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>

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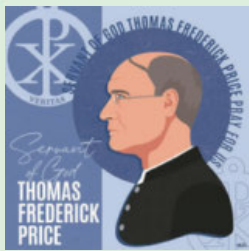
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KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Elijah
2. Peter
3. Mark
4. Zacchaeus
5. Love your wives

- 5 - September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows



Thomas Frederick Price

Thomas Frederick Price was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on August 19, 1860, to parents who were Catholic converts. As a child he was an altar server and developed a deep faith. He was mentored and influenced by many of the priests who served the church his family attended over the years. Upon graduating from high school, he decided to pursue the priesthood.

At the time, his parish priest, Fr. Mark Gross, helped him enter St. Charles College in Catonsville, Maryland to start his studies. To get there, Price traveled as a passenger on a wooden steam cargo ship called the Rebecca Clyde. The ship was to travel from Wilmington to Baltimore hauling lumber, cotton, and other goods. While en route, on September 17, 1876, the steamer was caught in a hurricane and wrecked. The ill-fated vessel was completely destroyed and only a few survived. Frederick, being one of the survivors, attributed his fortune to Blessed Mary, the Mother of God's intercession as he and his mother had a deep devotion to Mary. After this traumatic experience, Price returned home for a year to regroup.

In 1877 he forged ahead and started his studies at St. Charles. He then entered the St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained a priest in 1886 back in his hometown of Wilmington, making him the very first person born in North Carolina to be ordained a priest.

Early in his priesthood he began a statewide evangelization program through a magazine he published that he entitled Truth. His efforts with this publication continued from 1897 until 1912 when he passed the work of creating it into the care of the International Catholic Truth Society. Early in his priesthood he also started an orphanage — the Nazareth Orphanage. The idea behind the orphanage was to help those in need locally as well as to win over the many in his local community who were

anti-Catholic. The orphanage's success paved the way for Price to organize local seminarians into catechizing teams and open a training house for these missionaries. This training house became the Regina Apostolorum, a preparatory seminary focused on the formation of missionaries for their home missions. He became the primary spiritual director and educator for this institution.

Following the success of the Apostolorum, Father Price met Father James Anthony Walsh of Boston, and they formulated a vision for the establishment of a seminary for foreign missionaries. After receiving approval, they traveled first to Rome to meet with the Pope and then to France to take a pilgrimage to Lourdes. This trip was transformative for Price and propelled him and Father Walsh forward in their missionary vision. Upon their return they purchased property in Ossining, New York, for their new organization — the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America — better known today as **Maryknoll**. By 1918 the seminary had prepared their first three priests for overseas missions. Price joined them as superior during their first mission to China while Father Walsh stayed back in the U.S. to direct the seminary. The missionaries established their mission in Yeungkong, now called Yangjiang, near the South China Coast.

While in China, Price became seriously ill. He had to travel a long way to Hong Kong via primitive means to secure adequate medical care. By the time he reached St. Paul's Hospital in Causeway Bay, run by the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres, he was found to have an advanced case of appendicitis. Despite operations to help, he died of a burst appendix on September 12, 1919. His death date was on the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary which held significance to those who knew him due to his deep devotion to Mary. He was originally buried in Hong Kong but, he was transferred to the Maryknoll Cemetery in 1936 and then interred in the crypt below Maryknoll Seminary Chapel alongside Fr. Walsh's remains in 1955. ©LPi



NEVER FORGET

9/11

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Prayer for Grandparents

Dear Lord,

What a beloved idea you had with grandparents, relationships of care and support that bridge generations.

Bless those in this role today, biological or beyond,
all those who care for little ones with patience,
wisdom, and love.

St. Anne and St. Joachim pray for us!

Amen.

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KIDZ KORNERS

1. Who in the Bible was fed by ravens?
2. Which Apostle was given miraculous powers?
3. Which of the Gospel writers was a cousin of Barnabas?
4. Who climbed a tree to see Jesus?
5. What was St. Paul's advice to husbands?

Answers on page four.



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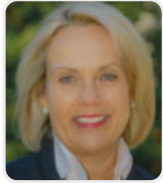
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