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WELCOME

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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

- 9/23 Sat Confessions 4pm
 9/23 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall
 9/25 Mon Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass
 9/25 Mon Confirmation Candidate/Parent Meeting LH 7:30pm
 9/26 Tue Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
 9/27 Wed St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass
 9/27 Wed Viewing of **The Chosen** 10:15am Lower Hall
 9/27 Wed Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
 9/29 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall
 9/30 Sat Confessions 4pm
 9/30 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, Christopher Basso, 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, Frank Lynam, 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

**He had a photographic memory
 which was never developed.**

MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, ST. PIUS OF PIETRELICINA, PRIEST
 9:00 AM HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY.....THE FERRAO FAMILY
 5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO.....JERRY LEMBO
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 AM JAMES J. KENNEDY.....BARBARA & BARRY DAVIS
 9:30 AM MARGARET & HARRY DUKE.....THE DUKE FAMILY
 11:30 AM NOE ESPENILLA.....NANCY VENTURA
 6:00 PM SUSAN GILBRIDE.....ANNIE O'DONNELL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, ST. FINBARR, BISHOP & ABBOT
 9:00 AM CUOMO FAMILY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS
 9:00 AM PATRIZIO DE MICHELE & FRANK PROVENZANO
JEAN & PAT DEMICHELE
 GWEN GALLEGOS.....JOHN GALLEGOS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST
 9:00 AM ROBERT A. WHIRE, JR.....GERRY WHITE
 ALIDA VEGA VEGA.....ALICIA ARANA & SOLEDAD PABON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, ST. WENCESLAUS, PRIEST
 9:00 AM DAVID GEORGE (LIVING).....ELAINE GEORGE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS
 9:00 AM SCIORTINO FAMILY.....PAT & CARL CARBONERI
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, ST. JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 9:00 AM ELAINE GEORGE (LIVING).....ELAINE GEORGE
 5:00 PM FIORE AMATO.....CAROL & JACK FARESE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 AM ANNA MINGIONE.....THE ZAMBRELLA FAMILY
 9:30 AM BERNARD NEUGEBAUER.....MARILYN BADAMI
 11:30 AM RITA & MARIA STANCATO.....MARIA & FRANK STANCATO
 6:00 PM LIZ & WILLIE DALY.....ELLEN KERINS

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Dorothy Mc Nerney
 requested by
Rita & John Lorenzo

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
Milagros B. Agilbut
 Requested by
Jehan & Adrian Bernardo

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:

Irma Nieves

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: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
 Mon: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tue: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
 Wed: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thu: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Fri: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde 3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
 Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last".

- MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

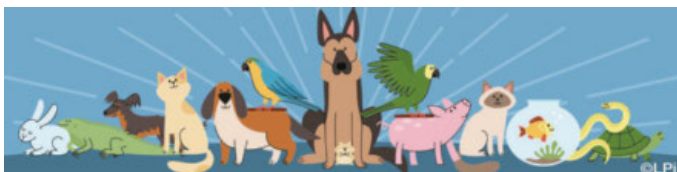
Counseling and other Referrals

The Archdiocesan Family Life Office is able to make referrals to Catholic licensed mental health professionals for individual, marriage and family therapy. We can also help with referrals to Archdiocesan and outside programs that can assist families with specific needs, such as, troubled marriages, same sex attraction, pornography, substance use disorders, post-abortion healing, healing the wounds of physical, emotional, sexual, and spiritual abuse. Please call 973-497-4327 or email familylife@rcan.org to inquire about referrals.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Prayer, for me, is simply a raising of the heart, a simple glance towards Heaven, an expression of love and gratitude in the midst of trial, as well as in times of joy; in a word, it is something noble and supernatural expanding my soul and uniting it to God. Whenever my soul is so dry that I am incapable of a single good thought, I always say an Our Father or a Hail Mary very slowly, and these prayers alone cheer me up and nourish my soul with divine food."

~from *The Story of A Soul* by St. Therese of Lisieux



In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the blessing of pets on the church lawn next Sunday, October 1, at 1 p.m., weather permitting. So remember to bring your favorite pet whether it is a dog, cat, gerbil, hamster, parakeet, even a gold fish for the special blessing.

The Invitation to the Vineyard

I have been working since I was 17, and in that time, I've encountered my fair share of bosses who don't like being, well, fair.

There was the retail gig that paid me less than the official minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave seventh period early so I could waitress on a busy dinner shift (totally illegal, by the way). There was the unpaid internship with the editor who had no sense of work/life balance.

Our resumes are all full of these experiences — it's capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves, because we know no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter the reckless mercy of God.

Most of us work hard for what we have in this life, and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That's all right and good when we're talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.

I am not the laborer who has borne the heat of long hours in the sun. I am the straggler, the lost one, the idler at the marketplace as the day draws to a close.

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." — Isaiah 55:9
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GREED

Greed, or avarice, is the love of money and wealth in an inappropriate or even destructive way. It comes in different forms, so we must be on guard to recognize it. In Catholic moral theology, it is treated as a serious vice because it raises money to the purpose of life itself. If greed was a problem in a poor, agrarian community two thousand years ago, it must be exponentially more so in our contemporary consumer culture. Billions of dollars are spent each year on advertising and marketing: new technologies, styles, flavors, models, and brands hit the stores daily. And every day, our culture reminds us of what we don't have, encouraging us to believe that if we had it, we'd be happy. We buy the lie and spend like no others in human history

ShopRite Cards

When you purchase a \$25, \$50, or \$100 ShopRite card at the church you receive the full value of the card you purchased. ShopRite donates back to St. John's 5% of what we sell.

**Nobody can do everything
 but everybody can do something.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe September 23-24, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00
 Sunday Collection: \$ 7,207.31

- 4 - We are called to be witness for Christ, not lawyers and judges.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

27 Words That Matter

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions. There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they think they want. A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture. Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt. When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions. "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

— Matthew 22:40 ©LPI

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Will you be the voice of those who cannot speak for themselves? Everyone can make a difference! For more info visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>

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.



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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

THANK YOU to all our families who helped us kick-off Faith Formation 2023-24 here at St. John's last week! We are off to a great start and look forward to a fruitful and productive year with our children and their families. If you have not registered yet...it's not too late! We look forward to welcoming you.

Reminders:

-CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Our Confirmation Registration Meeting is Monday, September 25th at 7:30pm in our Lower Hall. Please note that both the Confirmation Candidate and a parent/guardian must attend this meeting.

-FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT/CHILD MEETING

Next Sunday, October 1st at 10:30am in the Lower Hall. Each child must have at least one parent present.

The Holy Hour

The Holy Hour is a collection of hymns, poetry, prayers and reflection for Adoration to inspire us to stay close to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, guide our prayer and contemplation in His presence and spark the revival of silent Adoration that the world so desperately needs.



St. John's invites you to join us at our weekly Holy Hour on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTED

Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoption; I was adopted." "What does it mean to be adopted?", asked another child. "It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy!"



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! Through weekly sessions, *non-Christian adults* are prepared for *Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist*, and *non-Catholic Christians* are prepared for *Confirmation and First Eucharist*, which takes place at the Easter Vigil Mass. For more information, contact the Rectory.

KIDZ KORNERS ANSWERS

1. None! Popes don't even have a bank account!
2. Absalom.
3. A seminary.
4. A white zucchetto (skull cap).
5. Red.

- 5 - September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

MINISTRY FAIR THIS WEEKEND AT ST. JOHN

After mass, next week we're having a ministry fair and coffee social in Peter Kramer Hall. The purpose of the fair is to offer everyone the ministry opportunity that fits your talents and calling.

There are opportunities to serve in the following areas: Lectors, Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy, Choir Members, Ushers, Faith Formation Teachers and Aides, Eucharistic Ministers at mass and taking the Eucharist into people's homes, Bereavement Ministry, Ushers, Soup Kitchen Volunteers, Knights of Columbus, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Building and Grounds, Altar Society, Filipino American Committee, Respect Life, Rosary & Adoration AND MORE!

This is your opportunity to get involved, get to know people and make a contribution. Our skilled ministry leaders will help you find the area of your gifting and equip you to serve. We will give you the support you need to be successful and your spiritual growth will take off in an amazing way! Stop by the tables in the Gym to learn more.

BERGEN VOLUNTEER MEDICAL INITIATIVE

Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative provides free, high-quality healthcare to working, uninsured adult Bergen County residents. BVMI receives no reimbursements from insurance companies and does not charge patients for services provided. BVMI relies primarily on contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations. If someone in your household is working your income is: 1 person household to \$36,450 annually/ \$700 weekly 2 person household to \$49,300 annually/ \$945 weekly 3 people household to \$62,150 annually/ \$1,195 weekly 4 people household to \$75,000 annually/ \$1,442 weekly you may qualify for this free service. Call 201-342-2478 to learn more and see if you qualify. Visit www.bvmi.org BVMI always welcomes doctors, nurses, medical professionals, social workers, people who can translate Spanish or Korean, people with administrative skills to volunteer a few hours a month in the clinic. To learn more about volunteering contact Elaine Posner at 201-518-8488.

Leaf It to a Kid

While visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Grandma, look what I found," he called out.

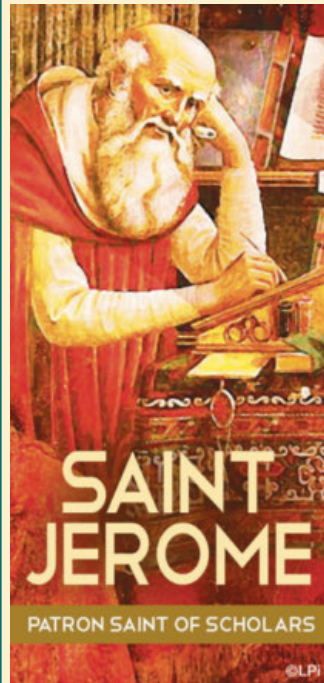
"What have you got there, dear?" she asked.

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!" ©LPi

**Mix a little foolishness with your prudence;
it's good to be silly at the right moment.**

~Horace

St. Jerome - Feast Day September 30



St. Jerome (345–420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366–384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the

people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day. ©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 you may also email: parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org and we will schedule a home visit.

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? All are welcome!

KIDZ KORNER

1. What salary do Popes receive from the Vatican for their service?
2. Which of King David's sons tried to take over his father's throne?
3. A pontifical college is known by what other name?
4. What hat is used only by the pope?
5. What color shoes does the pope traditionally wear?

Answers on page four.



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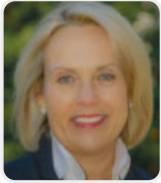
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