# Saint John the Evangelist Church

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

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To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

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Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

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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.—11:45 a.m.

**OCTOBER 8, 2023 A.D.** 



# WELCOME

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

# **COME WORSHIP WITH US**

# 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

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## **Upcoming Parish Events**

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10/7	Sat	Confessions 4pm
10/7	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall
10/9	Mon	Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass
10/9	Mon	Columbus Day—Rectory Office Closed
10/10	Tue	Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
		Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:30pm Lower Hall
10/11	Wed	St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass
10/11	Wed	Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
10/13	Fri	Confessions 6:30 pm, First Friday Mass 7pm
10/13	Fri	AA 8pm Lower Hall
10/14	Sat	Confessions 4pm
10/14	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, Oscar Escobar, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Joseph Garcia, Estrella Juele, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyddon, Frank Lynam, Sr. Elaine Maguire, Audrey Maguire, Jean Marrano, Raven Moncada, Mary Moran, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Rita Neugebauer, Alice Palmieri, Elidia Patch, Mark Patricola, Gloria Petti, Betty Pisarek, Sal Poppo, Den Reeves, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Fabio Santos, Newman Santos, Angelo Shingelo, Maureen Spadora, Marimel Tolentino, MaryAnn Torre, Maria Uhm, Loidya Valenzuela, Joan Veneman, 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

# LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one of us. We must be ready to bring forward the goodness of God into each and every day. ©LPi

MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY			
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY				
9:00 AM HUGO CHIARELLO	VINCENT CHIARELLO			
5:00 PM WALTER ECKEL	RITA & JOHN LORENZO			
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUN	IDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
7:30 AM LOUIS MINGIONI				
9:30 AM NICHOLAS J. LLIC	CHRISTINE RUSSO			
11:30 AM JOSEPHINE SAPONARA	VINCE & GLORIA PETTI			
6:00 PM ROSE COVIELLO				
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, ST. DENIS, BISHOP & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS				
9:00 AM CAROL BLAIR	CECILE ARCEBIDO			
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, ST. FRANCIS BORGIA, PRIEST				
9:00 AM FREDERICK KUEHNE	JULIE & JIM DIEMER			
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE				
9:00 AM LUKE RYU	ELIZABETH KIM			
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, ST. WILFRID, BISHOP				
9:00 AM DOLORES FABIANO	MARY ANN FUSCO			
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR				
9:00 AM ANTHONY & STEPHANIE SAPONARA	VINCE & GLORIA PETTI			
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, ST. CALLISTUS I, POPE & MARTYR				
9:00 AM MARIA M. SANCHEZ				
5:00 PM THE PFEIFFER FAMILY	GLORIA & TOM PFEIFFER			
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, TWENTY-EIGHTH SUN				
7:30 AM JAMES GERAGHTY				
9:30 AM ERNEST & JOSEPHINE CICCONI				
11:30 AM DOROTHY & FRANK MCNERNEY				
6:00 PM FRED & TERESA IORIO	Inc. O. Canon Durey			

#### SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of Jean Fasching requested by Betty Fasching

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
The Mingione Family
requested by
The Zambrella 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.

# New Jersey Right to Life Raffle

Members of Knights of Columbus and the **The Right To Life** committee will be selling Raffle Tickets next weekend after all the Masses. Prizes this year are:

- ~ 1st prize 2024 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV Valued at \$43,000
- ~2nd prize \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card
- ~3rd prize \$750 ShopRite Gift Card
- $\sim 4th\ prize$  \$500 ShopRite Gift Card

Support LIFE - buy a \$10 ticket or 10 for \$100! Drawing will be held on November 17, 2023.

# THE INCORRUPTIBLES

The incorruption of certain saints' bodies is a remarkable phenomenon. Preserved bodies found in countries around the world can be divided into three classifications: 1) The deliberately preserved, 2) the accidentally preserved, and 3) the incorruptibles. Specimens of the accidentally or naturally preserved were found before Egyptian Pharaoh times, when the art of embalming originated, producing for the first time the deliberately treated mummies which have survived for as many as three thousand years. The incorruptibles, however, have existed only since early Christian days. Their preservations since that time have challenged the opinions of skeptics and contradicted and defied the laws of nature, all to the dismay of many examining physicians and the admiration of succeeding generations. The more carefully we consider the preservation of the incorruptible, the more baffling does the subject become, for their conservation seems to be neither dependent on the manner of burial, nor on the temperature or place of interment. Nor were they adversely affected by extended delays between the time of death and their burials, by moisture in the tombs, by rough handling, by frequent transferences, by covering with quicklime, or by their proximity to decaying corpses. The greater majority were never embalmed or treated in any manner, yet most were found life like, flexible, and sweetly scented, many years after death, in sharp contrast to the specimens of the other two classifications above, who without exception were found stiff, discolored, and skeletal. The mystery of their preservations is further compounded by the observance of blood and clear oils which have proceeded from a number of these holy relics - a phenomenon which again, needless to say, was never recorded with regard to the deliberately or accidentally

Fifty-six years following the death of **ST.CATHERINE LABOURE** (1806-1876), her body was found perfectly white and natural looking, even though her triple coffin had been affected in various ways by excessive moisture. The body of **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA** (1347-1380), also endured abuses from dampness, but was found unaffected after it had been placed in a cemetery where BI. Raymond of Capua found that "it was much exposed to the rain." Her burial garments were said to have suffered severely from dampness.

ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879), The body was first exhumed thirty years after her death. On September 22, 1909, in the presence of representatives appointed by the postulators of the cause, two doctors, and the sisters of the community, the coffin was removed by workmen from the place where it had been entombed thirty years before. On opening the lid, they discerned, no odor and the virginal body lay exposed, completely victorious over the laws of nature. The aforementioned saints are only a fraction of the many saints venerated by the Catholic Church whose bodies are incorrupt. Catholics are privileged, indeed, not only to have these unique relics, but also to be able to look upon the very faces of these religious paragons who fought a good fight, who finished the course of life in a most edifying manner, and who kept and practiced the Faith to a heroic degree.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/

Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Mon: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 Tue: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42 Wed: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4 Thu: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13 Fri: JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Sat: JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-2

#### MISSING!!!!!

Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew all about it. If any mischief occurred in their town, the two boys were probably involved. The boys' mother heard that a Priest in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The Priest agreed, but he asked to see them individually. So the mother sent the 8 year old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the Priest in the afternoon.

The Priest, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?" The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open. So the Priest repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?!" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The Priest raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God?!"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time," "GOD is missing, and they think we did it!"

# 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.

# St. John's Knights of Columbus

Council Gathering Tuesday October 10th Lower Hall Refreshments at 7:30 Meeting at 8:00 PM



#### SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"You cannot visit the child without visiting the mother; you cannot, in life, approach the child except through the mother. If we are to think of Christ in this aspect at all, the other idea follows as it is followed in history. We must either leave Christ out of Christmas, or Christmas out of Christ, or we must admit, if only as we admit it in an old picture, that those holy heads are too near together for the haloes not to mingle and cross."

G.K. Chesterton: The Everlasting Man.

#### **RECOGNIZE GOD** IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman The Gift that Gives Back

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life. Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real fleshand-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... full. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet? In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - *Matthew 21:43* ©LPi

# **HE MUST PAY**

A husband and wife had a tiff. The wife called up her mom and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you." The Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."

# QUESTION?

How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America?

Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?

Why do I have to swear on the Bible in court when the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed outside?

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

REMINDERS re: Mass Attendance and Sign-in Sheets

-Please remember that all Faith Formation students are asked to sign-in every week when they attend mass. The sign-in sheets are at the Broad Avenue entrance and each grade has their own sheet.

-Everyone is asked to attend our 9:30am Mass each Sunday. During this Mass there will be Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) for our younger children and our older grades (Gr. 6 thru 9) will have their Class Masses.

-If your family needs to attend a different mass that is ok as long as the children sign-in when you do attend.

-EXCEPTION—They DO NEED TO BE at that 9:30am for their scheduled Class Masses so that they can partici-

On these Sundays they will need to arrive BY 9:20am (AT THE LATEST) and will sit together with their Catechist at the front. These are scheduled and they will know ahead of time...

#### A Distraught Senior Citizen

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

#### **QUESTION**

What is the "Communion of Saints"? The "Communion of Saints' is the union of the Faithful on Earth, the Blessed in Heaven, and the Souls in Purgatory with Christ as their Head. The Saints in Heaven are called The Church Triumphant, because they have overcome all the enemies of their salvation, that is, the world, their own evil desires and the devil. The Faithful on Earth are called The Church Militant, because they still have to fight against the enemies of their salvation. The Souls in Purgatory are called The Church Suffering, because, before entering heaven, they have to suffer for a time for venial sins, or because they have not paid the debt of temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven.

# Congratulations and God's Blessings

Our newly baptized: **Louie Dumlao Gibbings Robert Dumlao Gibbings** 

May God Bless Robert and Louie and their parents as we joyously 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.

#### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

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

# - 5 - October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Christopher Columbus felt called by God to discover new lands and bring them to the Catholic Faith. The literal meaning of the name "Christopher" is "Christbearer." (Christo, from the Greek word Christos meaning "Christ" and –pher, from the Greek word pherein, to "carry"). From his youth, Columbus felt that his name would be prophetic.

After his discovery of the New World in 1492, returning to Spain, Columbus encountered a fearful storm on his departure from San Salvador (which means Holy Savior). Praying to Our Lady to save his fleet, a request that was indeed granted to him, he promised to make a pilgrimage to Guadalupe, her great shrine in Spain, after he arrived home.

On his second journey to the New World, he named a beautiful Caribbean island Santa Maria De Guadalupe (Holy Mary of Guadalupe), now known by its French name Guadeloupe. Thirty-eight years later, the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to an Aztec Indian named Juan Diego graced the Americas. This miraculous event was responsible for the mass conversion of Mexico to the True Faith.

The name of Columbus' little fleet form a sentence that prophesied the miraculous image of Our Lady on Juan Diego's cloak. In Spanish, *La Nina, Santa Maria, se Pinta*, means, *The girl, Holy Mary, painted herself.* 

# Back in Columbus's day, did people think the earth was flat?

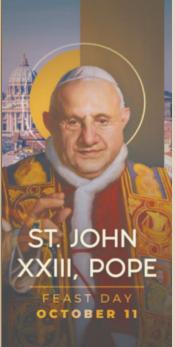
Let's set the record straight on this common misconception. No educated person believed the earth was flat in 1492, when "Columbus sailed the ocean blue." As Dr. Michael Foley explains in his delightful work *The* Politically Incorrect Guide to Christianity: "...the truth is that no educated Westerner or sailor at the time thought such a thing; the only point of contention was the size of the earth's circumference, which Columbus had vastly underestimated. The crown's geographers advised Queen Isabella against backing Columbus's voyage not because they were superstitious ignoramuses but because they had calculated that Columbus could not reach China in the manner he proposed (and they were right)." In fact, it's the Catholic Church that has been the greatest supporter of the sciences throughout history, and such institutions as the Vatican Observatory-Rome's center for astronomical research—stand as living testaments to her love for exploring God's marvelous creation. Many names you will doubtless recognize have been both happy members of the Catholic Church and brilliant scientists: people like Copernicus, Albert the Great, and Louis Pasteur.

from:www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/back-in-columbuss -day-did-people-think-the-earth-was-flat/

# ST. JOHN'S PAC

St. John's Filipino American Committee (PAC) is holding a Simbang Gabi Planning Meeting for October 15 at the Lower Hall at 1:00 p.m.

#### Saint John XXIII, Pope | October 11



Saint John XIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing into retirement, however, was not in God's plan for the saint.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John. His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the

papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War.

Saint John XXIII's kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014. ©LPi

## 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. Please consider purchasing these cards for your grocery shopping at ShopRite. Cards are available for purchase after all the masses.

# KIDZ KORNER

- 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?
- What was St. Paul's advice to husbands? Answers on page four.







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