# 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 15, 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
<b>Sunday</b> :7:30am, 9:30am, 11:3	0am, 6:00pm
Weekdays:9:0	0am 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**

#### 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: Alex, Gina, Shane, Jeanne Aimone, Vahide Atlas, Sue Baniel, Christopher Basso, Chieko and Pauline Bernard, Alberto Castro, Sheila Conroy, Jerry Cornacchi, Harold DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Kathleen Falotico, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Joseph Garcia, Patty Gowers, Cara Hanson, Estrella Juele, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyddon, Frank Lynam, Audrey Maguire, Jean Marrano, Raven Moncada, Mary Moran, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Rita Neugebauer, Alice Palmieri, John Michael Pasquale, Elidia Patch, Mark Patricola, Gloria Petti, Betty Pisarek, Sal Poppo, Dan 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, Ali Wilcox, Susan Wong, 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

MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, ST. CALLISTUS I, POPE & MARTYR		
9:00 AM MARIA M. SANCHEZ	Luis & Rosa Disla	
5:00 PM HE PFEIFFER FAMILY	GLORIA & TOM PFEIFFER	
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
7:30 AM JAMES GERAGHTY	JAKE & ELLEN KERINS	
9:30 AM ERNEST & JOSEPHINE CICCONI	GERRY WHITE	
11:30 AM DOROTHY & FRANK MCNERNEY	RITA & JOHN LORENZO	
6:00 PM FRED & TERESA IORIO		
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, ST. HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS		
9:00 AM LAWERENCE RAUSCH		
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR		
9:00 AM RIZK & LUPETIN FAMILYASHL		
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST		
9:00 AM FRANK SAPONARA		
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, STS. JOHN DE BREBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES,		
PRIESTS & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS		
9:00 AM PETER TROMOLONE		
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST		
9:00 AM MICHAEL BUTLER	Mary Lyons	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, ST. HILARION		
9:00 AM CUOMO FAMILY		
5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO		
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, TWENTY NINTH SUNDA		
7:30 AM EUGENE LOUGHLIN		
9:30 AM BRIGITTE CHUNG (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)		
11:30 AM TERESITA F. EARLEY		
6:00 PM GERALDINE MINGIONE	THE ZAMBRELLA FAMILY	

## SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of Marlene Nazzaro requested by Lisa & Frank Cirillo

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Richard Davis
requested by
Judy Valyo

## **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.

#### Soup Kitchen—Monday, October 23.

Next Monday, October 23 we will be participating in the Family Promise Walk-in Dinner Program in Hackensack. As a giving parish, St. John's parishioners prepare food in their own home (from a predetermined menu and recipes) and bring the hot cooked food, water or other donations to Jean DeMichele. One of our Coordinators brings the food to the facility in Hackensack to serve to those less fortunate. Just a reminder to those who have already volunteered, please bring your warm cooked food to Jean's house by 2 o'clock. If you haven't yet signed up, but would like to, please call Jean DeMichele at 201-281-5864 or Alex Do at 212-203-7495. Thanks to all who have signed up for this month's cooking!

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-

14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32 Tue: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41 Wed: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk

Thu: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

#### **ONLY GOD, WAITING FOR US**

Confession is the cure for the heavenly burden of selfjustification. I wonder how many hours of our life are lost to explaining away our faults. "You hear how she talks to me?" "Do you see the way he's dressed?" "How dare they? After all I've done for them." We treat the whole world as a giant television talk show where we sit, spilling the details of every hateful encounter and exchange. We always have a reason, an excuse - a good one - for what we've done. And we don't merely want you to listen, we want you to agree with us. Think about it: most of our hearts are like junk closets, filled with old clothes we can no longer wear. Useless piles take up room in our lives, but we can't bear to throw them away. We go through the sweaters, wondering if there might be a season for this one, a need for that one, a new detergent that will get out these stains. It is so liberating to stop dithering, to fill a trash bag with our refuse and then take it to Goodwill. Confession is like finally cleaning the closet. No more waffling or nostalgic grasping or wriggling to squeeze into what no longer fits; just get rid of it. Haul the trash bag in to the priest and put it down. Let it go. The gift of confession is the gift of the short, and true, declarative sentence. "I belittle my husband. I nag at my children. I'm sorry." We hand over our rags and receive treasure in return, the graceful words of absolution, "You are forgiven." No one is left bereft, or the poorer for giving away everything she pulled from the dark corners. God fills our empty hands with mercy. God salves our burning ears with the words we heard first at Baptism, the sound of our true names in Christ: Forgiven, Redeemed, Set Free. It sounds like a trade: trash for treasure, but it isn't that, any more than cleaning out a closet brings a new closet. The room was always there, the space, so open and full of promise, just waiting to be revealed. In confession, God gives us what we have been offered all along: Mercy, mercy, and still yet more mercy. But we can't receive what is poured out upon us until our hands are open and empty and able to receive. As long as our hands and hearts are full of excuses and self-justification, as long as our lips are imploring all to hear "our side," we can neither hear nor accept the good news, which is this: There are no sides; there is only God, ~God bless you, Father Bryan waiting for us.

## PRAY

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning mass. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

# 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.

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month - be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**The Wedding Garment** 

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river. All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness. I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. "I haven't committed any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy." I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin. I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands." I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us - can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast. Is my van stocked for that?

"The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?"" ~Matthew 22:12 ©LPi

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe October 7-8, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00 Sunday Collection: \$ 6,850.66



## 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. ~ from Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons, page 116

#### TREMENDOUS VALUE OF HOLY MASS

- •At the hour of death the holy Masses you have heard devoutly will be your greatest consolation.
- •Every Mass will go with you to Judgment and will plead for pardon for you.
- •By every Mass you can diminish the temporal punishment due to your sins, more or less, according to your fervor.
- •By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord.
- •Through the Holy Sacrifice, Our Lord Jesus Christ supplies for many of your negligences and omissions.
- •He forgives you all the venial sins which you are determined to avoid. He forgives you all your unknown sins which you never confessed. The power of Satan over you is diminished.
- •By piously hearing Holy Mass you afford the Souls in Purgatory the greatest possible relief.
- •One Holy Mass heard during your life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death.
- •Through Holy Mass you are preserved from the dangers and misfortunes which would otherwise have befallen you. You shorten your Purgatory by every Mass.
- During Holy Mass you kneel amid a multitude of holy Angels, who are present at the Adorable Sacrifice with reverential awe.
- •Through Holy Mass you are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs.
- •When you hear Holy Mass devoutly, offering it to Almighty God in honor of any particular Saint or Angel, thanking God for the favors bestowed on him, etc., you afford that Saint or Angel a new degree of honor, joy and happiness and draw his special love and protection on yourself. Every time you assist at Holy Mass, besides other intentions, you should offer it in honor of the Saint of the day.

# 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

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) has gotten off to a great start thanks to our amazing volunteers!

CLOW is a ministry where our children gather for an ageappropriate experience of sacred scripture at our 9:30am Sunday Mass. Leaders are scheduled on a rotating basis and detailed resources for preparation and reflection are provided. Please consider volunteering for this very rewarding ministry.

Our children really enjoy participating and we need a few more volunteers. Please reach out to Mirela Tarabokija at 201-944-4346 for more information. Thank you in advance for your dedication to the children of St. John's!

# Altar Society Holiday Bazaar

**November 4-5, 2023** 

The Altar Society members are busy getting ready for the Annual Holiday Bazaar—this year on Saturday, November 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come and join us—in Peter Kramer Hall—something for everyone!

# Why God Allows Pain

This is one of the best explanations of why God allows pain and suffering that I have seen... A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things." The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!" "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." "Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me." "Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Nimrod.
- 2. Nazareth.
- 3. Sarah.
- 4. Rebecca.
- 5. Leah and Rachael.

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

# The Bishop who defied the Nazis —and survived...

Against a powerful and destructive regime, Blessed Clemens August von Galen stood strong. Clemens August von Galen was born into a noble family of Oldenburg, Germany, in 1878. Even more than by his blood lineage or the high ecclesiastical rank he would attain, he would distinguish himself by his lion-hearted defense of the truth against a machine of the most harrowing evil.

Ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Münster in 1904, Fr. von Galen served twenty-nine years first as vicar to the Cathedral and then at various parish assignments both in Münster and around Berlin.

In 1933, just as Hitler was coming to power, Fr. von Galen was consecrated the Bishop of Münster—the first diocesan bishop ordained under the Nazi regime. Standing six and a half feet tall and with the courage of a lion, he immediately made his voice heard about the "neopaganism" of the Nazi government in a pastoral letter of 1934.

Pius XI called both him and the Bishop of Berlin to Rome in 1937 to discuss what was happening in Germany as well as a forthcoming encyclical. Soon afterwards, the Holy Father published *Mit brennender Sorge* ("With Burning Concern"), his address to the German Bishops about the evil of Nazism.

Bishop von Galen circulated it without concern for governmental wrath.

When war broke out, the "Lion of Münster" didn't back down. He delivered his most famous sermons against Nazism in 1941: three speeches condemning the Nazi confiscation of Church property, their unjust imprisonment of innocents, and their wicked euthanasia program. Although he knew he was gravely risking his own life in speaking out, he considered it his duty as a pastor of the Church, and was willing to do that duty unto death.

They hated von Galen for his courage and opposition, but the Nazi leaders decided not to make a move against the popular Bishop. They planned their revenge for later, instead. Fortunately, there would be no "later" for the Nazis: Berlin fell in May of 1945.

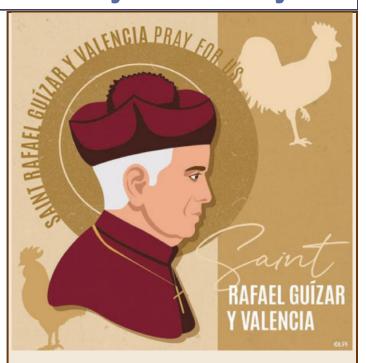
The brave Bishop had survived the war, and was made a Cardinal in 1946. Before the ruins of the bombed-out Münster Cathedral, the Cardinal—with 50,000 people listening—thanked them for their fidelity during the dark days of the Nazi regime.

Having done his work so faithfully, Cardinal von Galen died only a month later in March of 1946. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2005.

~https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/the-bishop-who-defiedthe-nazis-and-survived/

## Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

Saint Peter's Preparatory School hold its Fall Open House on Sunday, October 15, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information, please call 201-547-6389 or visit <a href="https://www.spprep.org">www.spprep.org</a>.



**Saint Rafael Guízar y Valencia** was a Catholic bishop who cared for the poor in Mexico. He bravely continued his mission while in exile, in the face of constant lifethreating conflicts with the Mexican government.

#### **Prayer**

Our Lord and God, In Saint Rafael Guízar You have given us a model of a shepherd for the children, the poor, the sick, and those far from You. Grant us through his intercession that we may live united in our families; that the Mexican nation may have peace and harmony; that the sick who live in our homes be lovingly cared for and receive healing from their diseases; that marriages that have been broken find a reason to fight and overcome the evil that stalks them.

Attend to our supplications and hear our needs so that one day, like Saint Rafael Guízar, we can all contemplate the beauty of Your glory in eternity.

We ask you through your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit and God the father, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://www.facebook.com/SanRafaelGuizarV/posts/654984824967963/, translation by LPi.)
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# KIDZ KORNER

- 1. Who was the king that built the Tower of Babel?
- 2. In what town was Jesus raised?
- 3. Abraham was married to whom?
- 4. Isaac was married to whom?

Jacob was married to whom?

Answers on page four.







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