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**NOVEMBER 5, 2023 A.D.**



## WELCOME

**To the Parish Family of**

**St John's in Leonia**

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## COME WORSHIP WITH US

### 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.—11:45 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

- 11/4 Sat Confessions 4pm
- 11/4 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall
- 11/6 Mon Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass
- 11/6 Mon Viewing of **The Chosen** 7pm Lower Hall
- 11/7 Tue Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
- 11/8 Wed St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass
- 11/8 Wed Viewing of **The Chosen** 10am Lower Hall
- 11/8 Wed Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
- 11/10 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall
- 11/11 Sat Confessions 4pm
- 11/11 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: Alex, Gina, Shane, Jeanne Aimone, Vahide Atlas, Sue Baniel, Chieko and Pauline Bernard, Alberto Castro, Sheila Conroy, 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, Loidya Valenzuela, Joan Veneman, Adam Villavecchia, 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

**ELECTION DAY**  
 IS COMING UP!

Tuesday, November 7th is Election Day.

## MASS INTENTION

## REQUESTED BY

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, ST. CHARLES BOROMEO, BISHOP**  
 9:00 AM ALL SOULS  
 5:00 PM ALL SOULS  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 7:30 AM ALL SOULS  
 9:30 AM ALL SOULS  
 11:30 AM ALL SOULS  
 6:00 PM ALL SOULS  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, ST. LEONARD, MONK**  
 9:00 AM ALL SOULS  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, ST. ACHILLAS, BISHOP**  
 9:00 AM ALL SOULS  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, ST. CASTORIUS, MARTYR**  
 9:00 AM ALL SOULS  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN CHURCH**  
 9:00 AM ALL SOULS  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF CHURCH**  
 9:00 AM ALL SOULS  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP**  
 9:00 AM TERESA E. STANCATO ..... MARIE & FRANK STANCATO  
 5:00 PM ROBERT BOSSONG & MARY BRUST ..... ISABEL BOSSONG  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 7:30 AM JODI DEMICHELE ..... JEAN & PAT DEMICHELE  
 9:30 AM MARLENE CALDERONE ..... DORIE SALZIG  
 11:30 AM RENEE ESPENILLA ..... NANCY VENTURA  
 6:00 PM MANUEL PORTUGUES ..... ELENA PORTUGUES

## SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of  
**Sabino Basso, Jr.**  
 requested by  
**Rose & John Astrab**

The Sanctuary Lamp is for  
**A Special Thank You**  
 Requested by  
 Joseph Lee

## 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:

**Horst Schneider**

**Elena Mas**

**Patricia Fromholtz**

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.



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Reminders:

-- Please make sure that our children are signing in at the Broad Avenue entrance when they come to Mass. It is the only way that we can make sure they get credit for their Mass Attendance.

-- Please note that there will be NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, November 12th for Veterans Day weekend. Classes will resume on the following Sunday, November 19th.

## SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

### "If You Had Not Prayed And Offered Your Suffering"

The Blessed Virgin's participation in her son's passion allows us to unite with her, and through her, unite with Christ. While carrying our cross together with Him, we give meaning to our lives. As His Holiness, Pope John XXIII remarked to the Apostolate of the Suffering on March 19, 1963, "Many souls would not have been saved if you had not prayed and offered your suffering." His Holiness, Pope John Paul II added, "Through the Cross, man has been able to understand the sense of his life on earth. He has learned to measure his own dignity with the meter of that sacrifice that God gave His own Son for man's salvation."

~Apostolate L'Ancora magazine, Nov. 5, 1979

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Mon: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tue: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wed: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thu: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Fri: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Sat: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Sun: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

## 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. They make great gifts!!

## 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 email: [parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org) and we will schedule a home visit.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe October 28-29 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00

Sunday Collection: \$ 5,924.13

## Special Afternoon Celebration Sing, Praise, Worship

**Saturday, November 25th at 4 p.m.**

On Saturday, November 25th please join us in St. John's Church from 4:00-4:30 p.m. for a special time of song, praise and worship. The program will be given by members of the Lintag family together with Mikhail Marasigan. All are welcome.

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry

"Mommy, you haven't been making any sacrifices."

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the "sacrifice jar" we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

"If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode," I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn't appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) hard work.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out meaning to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it's hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

**"The greatest among you must be your servant."**

— Matthew 23:11 ©LPI

## YOU ARE INVITED

All are invited to stop by the Church on Wednesday evenings at 7PM and **bask in the brilliant rays of our Eucharistic Lord.** Quiet your heart and mind by taking some time from your busy schedule to spend some time with the Lord.

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## ST. JUDE RELIC

On Sunday, November 19, 2023, beginning at 2:30 pm the Marian Shrine located at 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY will be hosting the relics of St. Jude the Apostle. The exhibit and veneration of the relics begins at 2:30pm. A Mass in honor of St. Jude will begin at 5:00 pm and the viewing of the relic will be open until 9pm. There is no cost to attend this event but free will donations are accepted. The Marian Shrine is handicapped accessible. For more information, please go to the Marian Shrine website at: [www.marianshrine.org](http://www.marianshrine.org).

## Is a monk the same as a friar?

**What is the difference between a monk and a friar?**

The two seem similar, but are they the same thing?

We often call any man wearing a religious habit a "monk."

But we've also heard the term "friar."

Is a monk the same as a friar? Can we call a Franciscan a "monk," or a Cistercian a "friar"? Was St. Francis of Assisi a monk, for example?

The answer to all of the above is: no!

The answer is rooted in the categorization of the Church's religious orders (both male and female) into two main groups: active and contemplative.

Both types of orders follow a religious "rule"; both take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience; both wear habits; both live in community.

For the male orders, priests can be found in their ranks, taking their orders from their superior rather than the bishop of the diocese, as diocesan priests do.

However, as part of their service to God, active orders go out into the world and perform a particular work, be it teaching, preaching, running hospitals, serving the poor, or some other labor or combination of labors. The members of these orders can also be moved about from place to place as their superior assigns them and as the needs of the order dictate.

Dominicans, for example, are a teaching order and can often be found running schools and universities. The men in such active orders are known as "friars."

The main work of contemplative orders, on the other hand, is a hidden life of prayer and penance. They are attached to a particular monastery and generally remain there throughout their lives, following a regulated schedule of prayer and work—*ora et labora*, as the Benedictines would say.

Speaking of Benedictines, they actually take an additional vow of stability, which illustrates the importance of this reality to the contemplative life. The men in these orders are known as "monks."

Sometimes a contemplative community is "cloistered," that is, enclosed, and the members have very limited contact with the outside world. You can often attend Mass or prayers at these communities, but the members will be separated by a "grill." An awe-inspiring example of an enclosed community is the Carthusian Order, founded by St. Bruno in France in the 11th century.

~from <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/is-a-monk-the-same-as-a-friar/>

**"Start by doing what is necessary,  
then do what is possible;  
suddenly you are doing the impossible."  
St. Francis of Assisi**

## Congratulations and God's Blessing



Our newly baptized:

**Robert Dumlao Gibbings**

**Louie Dumlao Gibbings**

**Michael William Bernardo**

**Aurora Noelle Andrews**

**Juliet Brigida Conti**

May God Bless Robert, Louie, Michael, Aurora and Juliet 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.

## THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Like all Christians, Catholics believe in life after death. We live together in the spirit of Christ and death cannot break this living community. Our relationship with other Christians does not end with death. Catholic prayer to the saints is a recognition of this. As Catholics, we believe that our life doesn't end at death but simply changes. Those of us who have lived good lives and died in the faith of Christ will, as the Bible tells us, share in His Resurrection (Life with God in heaven). While we live together on earth as Christians, we are in communion, or united, with one another. This is what we refer to when we talk about The Communion of Saints. This communion doesn't end when one of us dies. We believe that the saints, the Christians in heaven, and those who are being prepared for heaven in Purgatory remain in communion with those of us on earth. When we pray to the saints, we ask them to intercede for us. Intercession means the "blessed," those who are one with the Risen Christ, are still interested in us. They can and do pray for us.

### 12 Reasons Why I QUIT Attending SPORTS Events

1. The coach never came to visit me.
2. Every time I went, they asked me for money.
3. The people sitting in my row didn't seem very friendly.
4. The seats were very hard.
5. The referees made a decision I didn't agree with.
6. I was sitting with hypocrites—they only came to see what others were wearing!
7. Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home.
8. The band played some songs I had never heard before.
9. The games are scheduled on my only day to sleep in or run errands.
10. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
11. Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches, anyway.
12. I don't want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

**Why do these excuses seem ridiculous,  
but are acceptable for Mass, church, and religion?**

## KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. A rainbow.
2. He changed water into wine.
3. Light.
4. Red Sea.
5. Jericho.

## - 5 - November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

### Grow in Your Faith!

#### Fall course offerings at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology

Interested in learning more about your faith? Learn more about graduate theological courses offered this Fall in Biblical Studies, Church History, Christian Ethics, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Spirituality, Evangelization, and Multicultural Catechesis. For details, or more info, please e-mail [theology@shu.edu](mailto:theology@shu.edu) or call Elizabeth Vacchiano at (973) 761-9633.

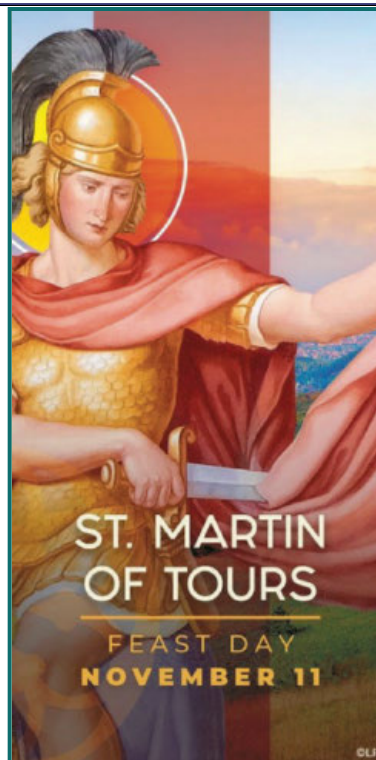
### St. John's Altar Society Holiday Bazaar

**Saturday—Sunday, November 4 & 5, 2023**

The Altar Society Holiday Bazaar is this weekend in Peter Kramer Hall on **Saturday, November 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, November 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Prizes, craft items, hand made items, and more will be available for purchase. Please come and support the ladies of the parish who work so hard throughout the year for the benefit of the parish.

### GOING ON VACATION?

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.



**Saint Martin of Tours** was born a pagan in what is now Hungary around 316, but he was raised in Italy where his father, a tribune, was posted. At 15 he was compelled to serve in the Roman military, though he was already a catechumen. There is a popular legend that while on campaign the saint cut his cloak in half to share with a cold beggar. That night he dreamed of Jesus and his cloak was restored. He was baptized at 18. Only two years after his baptism, he was released from the military, he had refused his battle pay and to fight saying he was a soldier for Christ. He is the first recognized conscientious objector.

After his release from the military, he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He worked diligently against the Arian heresy, which denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, and established a community of hermits near Poitiers in 361, the first French monastery.

In 371 he reluctantly became bishop of Tour. Nearby, he founded a second monastery, Marmoutier, because he preferred the life of a monk he retreated often. In 384 there was a popular heresy infecting the Church in Spain, led by the bishop Priscillian and his followers. The emperor Magnus Maximus became involved, ordering the execution of the heretics. Saint Martin opposed the executions and protested the emperor's involvement in Church matters. Unfortunately, the Priscillians were executed anyway.

Saint Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He is notably one of the first saints who was not martyred. He is the patron saint of France. ©LPi

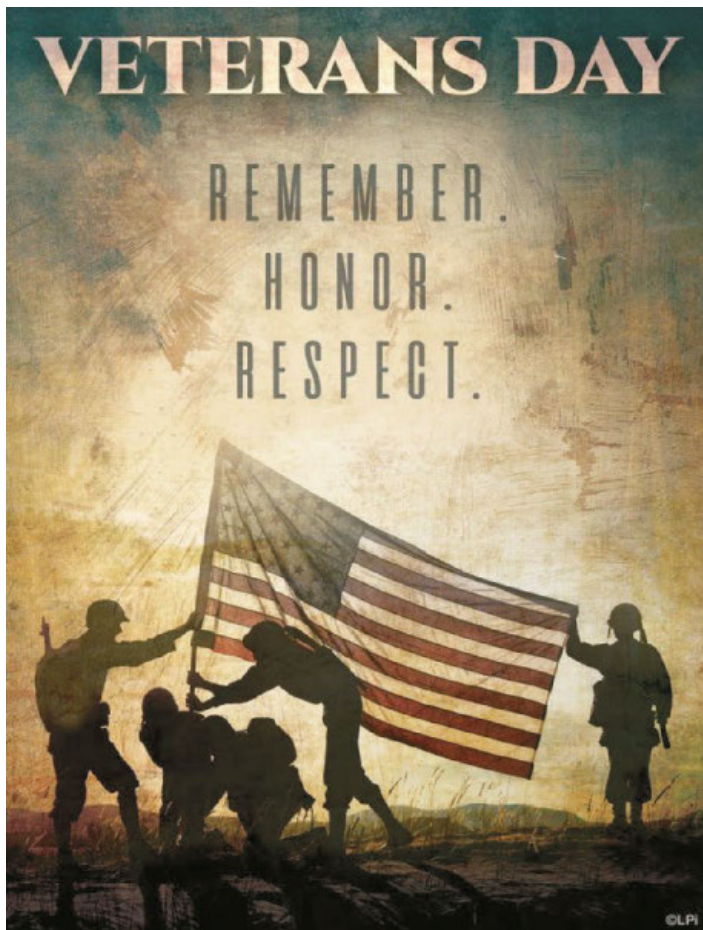
## CONVALIDATION

Were you married civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? See Fr. Bryan for more details and to see if your marriage can be regularized with the Church.

## KIDZ KORNER

1. What did God place in Heaven as a symbol of His pledge to Noah?
2. What was Jesus' first miracle?
3. In creation, which appeared first: plants, animals or light?
4. Moses parted what sea so that the Israelites could escape Egypt?
5. What city's walls fell down when trumpets blared and the Jews shouted?

Answers on page four







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