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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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Please call the rectory for an appointment.

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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.

November 12, 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

11/11	Sat	Confessions 4pm
11/11	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall
11/12	Sun	Altar Society Mtg following 9:30am Mass in the Lower Hall
11/13	Mon	Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass
11/13	Mon	Finance Council Meeting 7pm Lower Hall
11/14	Tue	Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Lower Hall
11/14	Tue	The Knights of Columbus Mass for Deceased Members—7pm in Church Mtg follows in LH
11/15	Wed	St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass
11/15	Wed	Book Club 10am Lower Hall
11/15	Wed	Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
11/17	Fri	AA 8pm Lower Hall
11/18	Sat	Confessions 4pm
11/18	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: Baby Aine, Alex, Gina, Shane, Jeanne Aimone, Vahide Atlas, Sue Baniel, Chieko and Pauline Bernard, Alberto Castro, Harold DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Kathleen Falotico, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Joseph Garcia, Patty Gowers, Cara Hanson, Estrella Juele, Andrea Korner, Frank Lynam, Audrey Maguire, Jean Marrano, Raven Moncada, Mary Moran, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Rita Neugebauer, John Michael Pasquale, Elidia Patch, Mark Patricola, Gloria Petti, Dan Reeves, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Fabio Santos, Newman Santos, Angelo Shingelo, Maureen Spadora, Marimel Tolentino, Loidya Valenzuela, Joan Veneman, Adam Villavecchia, Susan Wong, 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, NOV. 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, NOV. 12, THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY II	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			
Monday, Nov. 13, st. frances xavier cabrini, virgin				
9:00 AM MARIE ORRICO				
TUESDAY, NOV. 14, ST. NICHOLAS TAVELIC & COMPANIONS				
9:00 AM KATHERINE & THOMAS MASTRONARD				
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15, ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH				
9:00 AM BRUCE BURKE				
PATRICIA FROMHOLTZ	The Stendor Family			
THURSDAY, NOV. 16, ST. GERTRUDE, VIRGIN				
9:00 AM ROGER HAENELT				
FRIDAY, NOV. 17, ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS				
9:00 AM ROSE COVIELLO	1 0 D 4			
CHRISTOPHER BASSOR				
SATURDAY, NOV. 18, ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN 9:00 AM TERESA & FRED IORIOJOE & CAROL RILEY				
5:00 PM JOHN CONNELL				
SUNDAY, NOV. 19, THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN C 7:30 AM CUOMO FAMILY	JRDINARY TIME			
9:30 AM ANITA CLOUGH	POCEMARIE NAIMO			
THOMAS ROGER				
11:30 AM LOUISE PARISI				
6:00 PM SYLVIA FERNANDEZ				
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SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of John Spadora requested by Julie & Jim Diemer

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.

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers are Needed

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server please come to the church on Saturday, November 18th at 10 a.m. Please note Altar Servers are Grades 3 and up.

Current Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors or Altar Servers who would like a "refresher course" are welcome to join as well.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Reminder:

Faith Formation Classes will resume next Sunday, November 19th . There will also be Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW); our 7th Graders will have their Class Mass at our 9:30am Mass.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark. — Father John Muir ©LPi



St. John's will once again be collecting turkeys for those less fortunate. If you would like to donate a turkey, please bring to the Food Pantry November 20-21 (Blue Door Entrance off parking lot) between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

 St. John's Tithe
 November 4-5, 2023

 Budget:
 \$ 7,000.00

 Sunday Collection:
 \$ 6,758.30

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY - MY PARISH - MY RESPONSIBILITY

If you are away for the weekend or are on vacation, please mail Your Weekly Offering to the Rectory. Our expenses continue even in your absence.

Special Afternoon Celebration Sing, Draise, Worship

Saturday, November 25th 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 Eucharistic Adoration, song, praise and worship. The program will be given by members of the Lintag family together with Mikhail Marasigan. All are welcome.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Mon: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6 Tue: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wed: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thu: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/ Lk 17:20-25

Fri: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk

18:1-8

Everyday Stewardship

For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we?

For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready.

Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine Providence

The Blessed Virgin is the Handmaid of God's Love and a Generous Mother to Her Children. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the wisdom of your providence the Blessed Virgin Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and gave birth to the Savior of the world. In Cana of Galilee, when she interceded with her Son for the bridegroom and bride, he gave the first of his signs: water was turned into wine, the wedding guests rejoiced, and the disciples believed in their Master. Now, enthroned as gueen at her Son's right hand, she provides for all the needs of the Church as the handmaid of your love and as a mother who cares for each of her children, entrusted to her by Christ Jesus while he hung upon the cross. Now with all the saints and angels, we praise you for ever:

Special Marian prayers were promulgated in 1744 for the Barnabites, the first Religious Order formed in honor of the great Apostle, Saint Paul. Although Saint Barnabas was Saint Paul's companion on most of his pastoral journeys, and was Paul's 'sponsor' who attested to his conversion, the order was named the Barnabites since they met in the Church of Saint Barnabas in Milan, Italy. And the devotion to Our Lady, Mother of Divine Providence is intimately connected to the history of the first Barnabite house in Rome.

In the early 1600's, they ran short of funds to complete their new church, so the pastor made a pilgrimage to Loreto to implore Mary's intercession – and they received the necessary financial means for its successful construction. This formed the basis of a new title for Mary: Mother of Divine Providence, which highlights Mary's intercessory role in making sure that – if God ordains or wills something, nothing will stop it from happening – if we implore Mary's help and follow her example of total trust in the Lord – and of seeking God's will, not our own.

The Order's devotion to Mary was solidified when, in the late 1600's, they were evicted from their residence. After removing an image of Mary painted on a wall - to which a number of miracles had been attributed – the architect responsible for the wall painting dropped it and it was smashed beyond repair. To repay the Barnabites he offered them a remarkable painting of Mary holding the Infant Jesus in her arms, painted by Gaetan, a disciple of Raphael. Since the 1800's, every Barnabite is to have a copy of this painting of Our Lady, Mother of Divine Providence, in his room to remind him of Mary's role in our life which is so beautifully depicted in this painting.

In Gaetan's Madonna, the Child Jesus' fingers confidently clasp those of Mary: a symbol of the sacred source of the power of the Mother of God. The Child Jesus seems to be saying: "Mother, I place in your hands the authority to act in my Name. From my infinite treasure, you are to provide good things to all those who implore your aid." We would be wise to place ourselves in those same loving hands!

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: parishof-fice@stjohnleonia.org and we will schedule a home visit.

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.

CLOTHING BINS



Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take a few minutes to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities? Please drop them in the Catholic Charities donation bin located on the Church grounds. Your donations help Catholic Charities help those less fortunate. Thank you.

MARY'S ROLE

We continue to reflect on the unique role Mary played – and still plays – in the life of her Son and in His Body, the Church. Acts 1: 13-14 states that Mary stayed with the Apostles in the Upper Room as they awaited the Day of Pentecost, the 50th day after Easter. No doubt Mary bolstered their faith and trust in the Lord, who had already worked marvels through her – just as He would renew the world through them – once they were filled with and empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, as she once was. Here's what we pray in Preface # 40 in the Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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:

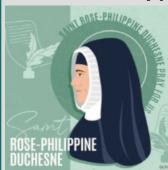
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KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Shem, Ham, Japeth.
- 2. Nimrod.
- 3. Seth.
- 4. Methuselah.
- 5. A rainbow.

- 5 - November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

Rose-Philippine Duchesne



was born on August 29, 1769, in Grenoble, France, to a wealthy family that was deeply committed to their Catholic faith. From a young age, Rose-Philippine felt called to religious life and aspired to become a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart. However, her family was opposed to this decision, and it was not until

she was 18 years old that she was able to join the order. In order to escape her family's plans for her, she convinced an aunt to accompany her on a visit to the Visitation of Holy Mary religious order's monastery. Once there, she immediately requested admission and was accepted, leaving her aunt to return home without her and to break the news to her family. She made her final vows in 1789, just as the French Revolution was beginning to sweep the country.

During the revolution, many religious orders were disbanded, and religious persecution was rampant. However, Sister Rose-Philippine refused to abandon her faith or her calling to serve others. She continued to work in secret, often risking her life to provide aid and comfort to those in need. During the French Revolution's Reign of Terror, however, she was forced to move home. Determined to not be discouraged, she lived according to the Rule of her congregation and served her family, and those religious who had been imprisoned, to the best of her ability during that time.

Inspired by a missionary spirit Sister Rose-Philippine accepted an invitation to set up schools for Native American and French children in the diocese of Louisiana. In September of 1818 the first Sacred Heart school outside of Europe was opened in St. Charles, Missouri. The first novitiate would be opened the next year in Florissant, Missouri. Life on the frontier was fraught with hardship, from extreme cold to a shortage of resources, including food, shelter, and clothing. Despite these obstacles, Sister Rose-Philippine opened schools and orphanages, taught young girls how to read and write, and ministered to the sick and the poor.

It was not until Rose-Philippine was 72 years old that her wish to serve the Native Americans was granted. The Jesuit head of a mission to open a school for the Potawatomi in Sugar Creek, Kansas insisted that she join. Though ill and frail she stayed with the Potawatomi for a year, spending long hours in contemplation which earned her the nickname, Quah-kah-ka-num-ad, "Woman-Who-Prays-Always."

She died on November 18, 1852, at the age of 83. On July 3, 1988, Pope John Paul II declared Rose-Philippine Duchesne to be a saint. Sister Rose-Philippine was known for her kindness, her compassion, and her unwavering faith. She inspired many others to follow in her footsteps, and her legacy lives on today in the work of the Society of the Sacred Heart and other religious orders that continue to serve others around the world. -Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne © LPi

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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 or call Elizabeth Vacchiano at (973) 761-9633.

St. John's Altar Society Thanks You!

Thank you to all who came and helped make this event a big success! Thanks to all the members OF THE Altar Society who worked so hard to set up, decorate and spend their weekend for the benefit of St. John's.

Special thanks to the guys who helped set up: Fr. Bryan, Lena Boggiano, Brian Burke, Frank Cirillo, Julie Diemer, Steve Hutnik, Bill Kuhl, Reinhard Laban, Vito Mazza, Luis Paez,, Germiano Panes, Mark Patricola, Bob Pawlick, Robert Pawlick, Kevin Sand, and Ed Ventura.

~Fr. Bryan

Retreats at St. Walburga Monastery Elizabeth, NJ

The Spirituality Center at S. Walburga Monastery in Elizabeth, NJ, offers affordable weekend, Saturday, virtual and "mini" retreats. To learn more about upcoming programs, visit www.bensisnj.org or email: center@bensisnj.org

THE FRIENDSHIP FACTOR

Five important steps to getting and keeping good friends:

- Give your <u>friendships top priority</u>. Don't take them for granted.
- Cultivate transparency. Be open & honest with your friends.
- Let your friends know they mean a lot to you. Affirm your friends and tell them you appreciate their friendship.
- Learn the gestures of love. In other words, do things for your friends unselfishly. Put your friendship into action.
- Create space in your relationship. Don't try to control the other person. Allow them to be themselves.
 Accept them the way they are!!!

KIDZ KORNER

- 1. Who were Noah's three sons?
- 2. What King started to build the Tower of Babel?
- 3. Who was the third son of Adam and Eve?
- 4. In the Old Testament who lived 969 years?
- 5. What was the sign of the covenant between God and Noah?

Answers on page four







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