

# Saint John the Evangelist Church

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NOVEMBER 19, 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

**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.

St. John Rectory

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201-944-4362

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## Upcoming Parish Events

- 11/18 Sat Confessions 4pm  
 11/18 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall  
 11/20 Mon Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass  
 11/20 Mon Turkey Drop off 10am-2pm Lower Hall  
 11/20 Mon Viewing of **The Chosen** 7pm Lower Hall  
 11/21 Tue Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Lower Hall  
 11/21 Tue Turkey Drop off 10am-2pm Lower Hall  
 11/22 Wed St. Jude/St. Anthony Novena after 9am Mass  
 11/22 Wed Book Club 10am Lower Hall  
 11/22 Wed Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm  
 11/23 Thu Parish Mass of Thanksgiving at 10am  
 No 9am Mass  
 11/24 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall  
 11/25 Sat Confessions 4pm  
 11/25 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall  
 5/9/24 Thu **CONFIRMATION**

## 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, Kay Mazza, 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. 18, ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN**  
 9:00 AM TERESA & FRED IORIO ..... JOE & CAROL RILEY  
 5:00 PM JOHN CONNELL..... EILEEN HUNT  
**SUNDAY, NOV. 19, THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 7:30 AM CUOMO FAMILY  
 9:30 AM ANITA CLOUGH..... ROSEMARIE NAIMO  
 THOMAS ROGER..... THE MOORE FAMILY  
 11:30 AM LOUISE PARISI..... LINDA & NICOLE PARENTE  
 6:00 PM SYLVIA FERNANDEZ ..... ELENA PORTUGUES  
**MONDAY, NOV. 20, ST. EDMUND RICH, ARCHBISHOP**  
 9:00 AM LAWRENCE RAUSCH ..... MARY RAUSCH  
**TUESDAY, NOV. 21, THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 9:00 AM ANNE MARIE LOUGHLIN ..... THE DOHENY FAMILY  
**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22, ST. CECILE, VIRGIN & MARTYR**  
 9:00 AM SEOKGU CHO ..... ELIZABETH KIM  
**THURSDAY, NOV. 23, ST. CLEMENT I, POPE & MARTYR**  
 10:00 AM PEGGY HORAN..... BRENDAN HORAN  
**FRIDAY, NOV. 24, ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**  
 9:00 AM ANITA CLOUGH..... ROSEMARIE NAIMO  
**SATURDAY, NOV. 25, ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDIRA, VIRGIN & MARTYR**  
 9:00 AM HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY ..... THE FERRAO FAMILY  
 5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO ..... JERRY LEMBO  
**SUNDAY, NOV. 26, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
 7:30 AM MICHAEL D. CUMMINGS ..... LISA HAENELT  
 9:30 AM LLOYD BECKETT ..... KEVIN CAHILL & FAMILY  
 11:30 AM AMALIA PELLEGRINI ..... ANGELA & MARIO OSSO & FAMILY  
 6:00 PM RONALD VENEMAN ..... DAVIS & VENEMAN FAMILIES

## SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of  
**Irene & Paul Kempf**

requested by  
**Marie & John Brainard**

The Sanctuary Lamp is for  
**The Baniel Family**

Requested by  
**Evelyn & Jerry Solokas**

## 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.

BLESSED  
**THANKSGIVING**  
 TO YOU AND YOURS!



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, *get it out of our possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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

## 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.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Reminders:

- There will be no Faith Formation Classes, CLOW or Class Mass next Sunday, November 26th .
- Our FAITH FORMATION ANNUAL TOY DRIVE to benefit children less fortunate in our local tri-state area is under way; collection boxes are located in the church. We thank you in advance for your contributions.

## Couples for Christ Youth New Jersey

We would like to thank St. John's for hosting & welcoming the teens to the CFC Youth Event last Saturday. St. John's parish members (ages 12-20) joined with those from other NJ parishes. Divine Mercy, rosary, praise and worship, small group discussion and fellowship was shared by these young people and couple coordinators. The day culminated with Confession, attendance at 5 o'clock Mass followed by some outdoor group dynamics. Over 30 young people attended along with 5 couple coordinators.

## Special Afternoon Celebration

### Sing, Praise, 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: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21  
 Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43  
 Tue: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10  
 Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28  
 Thu: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44  
 Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48  
 Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

**We can explain it to you,  
but we can't understand it for you.**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe November 11-12, 2023

Budget: \$ 7,000.00

Sunday Collection: \$ 6,340.06

## 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.**

Lead life with a new  
path of service & faith



Join us today

**KNIGHTS**  
OF COLUMBUS®



IT'S FREE!



## **A HUMOROUS STORY**

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, a minister heard the intoning of a prayer that made his collar wilt. Apparently, his five-year-old son and his friend had found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, the two friends had found a small box and some cotton, dug a hole and made ready for the burial of the dead robin. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with solemn dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said, "Glory be unto the Faaaaather and unto the Sonnnnn and into the hole he goooooooooos."

## **Why do we bless salt, of all things?**

**What's the basis behind the powerful blessings associated with salt?**

It's fairly easy to understand why we bless water. Water is cleansing, hydrating, and full of symbolism. We use it in Baptism, etc. Water is a necessity of life. The Bible is full of events that involve this element.

**But did you know that the Church blesses salt, too?**

It does—and a powerful blessing it is. Blessed salt is a sacramental that is strongly associated with protection from demonic influences. Demons hate it. It is thus used in exorcisms, as protection in homes and living spaces, is often added to holy water, and is used in the older rite of baptism.

But why salt, of all apparently-random things?

Salt in the ancient world was a valuable substance. Roman soldiers were, in fact, often paid in salt (Latin: sal), which is where we get the word "salary" from. Because it has a preservative effect, it was used to preserve food and also used medicinally to prevent infections. In a related way, it symbolized immortality and preservation from spiritual corruption. It saw use in both pagan and Jewish religious rituals.

Okay, you think. So it was valuable, anti-physical-and-spiritual-corruption, and anti-sickness. This is starting to make sense.

We even have a scriptural basis for our use of salt, such as Elisha's blessing of the sickening waters of Jericho in the second book of Kings. This event is recalled in the present-day blessing of salt.

Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it, and said, "Thus says the Lord, I have made this water wholesome; henceforth neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it." So the water has been wholesome to this day, according to the word which Elisha spoke. —2 Kings 2:21-22

Salt is therefore highly symbolic and its use is well-supported by Scripture. Additionally, it has always been used for flavoring and hence is associated with hospitality, good cheer, welcome, and love of neighbor—all things the devil hates.

Speaking of hospitality, one of the lesser-known uses of blessed salt is as an addition to food. Yes, you can add a bit to your recipes not just for physical flavor but for spiritual blessings as well! This is a great idea to incorporate into your Thanksgiving meal! As your family gathers from across the country, use this opportunity to add to your blessings! ~<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/why-do-we-bless-salt-of-all-things/>

## **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 5:00pm 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).

## **\$20.00**

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO LOVE you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE and WHOSE WE ARE. You are special - Don't EVER forget it." Count your blessings, not your problems. "And remember: amateurs built the ark... professionals built the Titanic. If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it."

## **GOING ON VACATION?**

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

## **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**

## **KIDZ KORNERS ANSWERS**

1. 1863.
2. 46 million
3. 86 lbs.
4. 1621.
5. Thursdays.

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

St. Cecelia—Feast Day November 22



### SIGN OF GLORY

Catholics often make the Sign of the Cross casually, just as a nice gesture for beginning and ending their prayers. But, when we learn to take this act seriously, signing ourselves frequently with faith and reverence, remarkable results can take place. We find ourselves doing measurably better in our Christian life: Praying with more Passion, Resisting our bad inclinations more effectively, and Relating to others more kindly.

The Sign of the Cross, after all, is not merely a pious gesture. It is a powerful prayer, a sacramental of the Church, holy Scripture, Church Fathers and saints, and Catholic teaching offers SIX perspectives on the Sign of the Cross that reveal why making it opens us to life-transforming graces. Once we grasp them, we can make the gesture with more faith and experience its great blessings.

(1) A MINI-CREED: The Sign of the Cross is a profession of Faith in God as He has revealed Himself. It serves as an abbreviated form of the Apostles' Creed. Touching our forehead, breast and shoulders (and in some cultures, our lips as well), we declare our belief in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We are announcing our faith in what God has done: The creation of all things, the redemption of humanity from sin and death, and the establishment of the Church which offers new life to all. When we Sign ourselves, we are making ourselves aware of God's presence and opening ourselves to His action in our lives. That much alone would be enough to transform us spiritually, wouldn't it? But there is much, much more!



### HOW TO BE HAPPY



Keep your heart free from hate, your mind free from worry. Live simply, expect little, give much, sing often, and pray always. Fill your life with love, scatter sunshine, forget self, and think of others. Do, as you would want done to you. These are the tried links in contentment's golden chain.

### William Paterson University Presents A Winter Concert

December 3, 2023 3pm

The William Paterson University Music Department will be having their Winter Concert here at St. John's on Sunday December 3 at 3pm. The concert will feature the Concert and Chamber Choir. Our cantor, Nicole Parente, is a part of the Chamber Choir. This is a free event and the choirs are asking for all those who attend to bring can goods, etc. for the food pantry as a donation.

### EVER WONDER ....

- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dish-washing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

### ShopRite Cards

Thanks to those who have purchased Shop Rite Cards we have made over **\$2,300 this Fiscal Year (July 1–now)**. 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 helping your parish by supporting this **"NO COST TO YOU"** fundraiser. If you wish to pay by check, please make your checks payable to St. John's. They make great gifts!!!

### KIDZ KORNER

1. What year did Thanksgiving become a national holiday?
2. On Thanksgiving, how many turkeys are eaten?
3. What was the weight of the largest turkey ever raised?
4. What year did the first Thanksgiving take place?
5. On what day of the week is Thanksgiving celebrated?

Answers on page four