Saint John the Evangelist Church

470 Broad Avenue, Leonia, New Jersev 201-947-4545 www.stjohnleonia.org

Rev. Bryan F.J. Adamcik SFO, KCHS, Pastor Fr. Richard Kwiatkowski, Pastor Emeritus

Weekend Assistants Fr. Christopher Ciccarino Fr. Innocent, CFR

Deacon Brian Burke, Deacon

Sr. Jeanne Gilligan, FSP Sr. Kathryn King, FSP Sr. Elaine Maguire, FSP Sr. Joanne Picciurro, FSP In Residence-Convent

Mirela Tarabokija, Dir. of Religious Education

Dennis DeSantis, Director of Music Nicole Parente, Cantor

Deacon Brian Burke Elaine McKee Parish Trustees

> Julie Diemer Parish Secretary

Louis Milea

President Parish Council Chairman Finance Council

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.

DECEMBER 31, 2023 A.D.



WELCOME

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

COME WORSHIP WITH US Mass Schedule

<u>Saturday</u>: 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

St. John Rectory Phone: 201-947-4545 Email: parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org

St. John Convent 201-944-4362

St. John Religious Education 201-944-4346 religiouseducation@stjohnleonia.org

- 2 - St John the Evangelist, Leonia NJ

Upcoming Parish Events

12/30	Sat	Sing, Praise, Worship—4pm
12/30	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall
12/31	Sun	Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am New Year's Eve Vigil Mass at 6:00pm
1/1	Mon	New Year's Day Masses at: 9:00am, 12:00Noon & 6:00pm
1/2	Tue	Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Lower Hall
1/3	Wed	St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass
1/3	Wed	Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
1/5	Fri	AA 8pm Lower Hall
1/5	Fri	First Friday Mass 7pm followed by Sacred Heart Devotions, Confessions at 6:30pm
1/6	Sat	Confessions 4pm
1/6	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, Baby Edie, Baby Nicholas, Alex, Gina, Vahide Atlas, Sue Baniel, Lesley Battaglia, Chieko & Pauline Bernard, Harold DelMonte, Mary DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Kathleen Falotico, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Joseph Garcia, Patty Gowers, Cara Hanson, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyddon, Frank Lynam, Audrey Maguire, Jean Marrano, Kay Mazza, Joyce Mizzi, Mary Moran, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Rita Neugebauer, 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, Daniel Webb, Susan Wong, & 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	Y
SATURDAY, DEC. 30, ST. ROGER OF CANNAE, BISHOP	
9:00 AM DONGRAK CHO ELIZABETH CH	1O
5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO DIANE LEMB	30
SUNDAY, DEC. 31, THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	
7:30 AM SCIARILLO & CORRADO FAMILIESPETTI FAMI	LY
9:30 AM SABINO BASSO JRLISA & FRANK CIRILI	LO
CHRISTOPHER BASSOSTENDOR FAMIL	
11:30 AM AMALIA PELEGRINI & GIUSEPPE PASCALI STANCATO FAMI	LY
SUNDAY, DEC. 31, SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL MASS	
6:00 PM ALICE PICONECARBONERI & FUSCO FAMI	LY
MONDAY, JAN. 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY	
9:00 AM GEORGE DICOSTANZOSTEVE & GAIL HUTN	
12:00 PM LISA CIRILLOMARY RAUSO	
6:00 PM ANTHONY & STEPHANIE SAPONARAPETTI FAMI	LY
Tuesday, Jan 2, st. basil the great, & Gregory Nazarian,	
BISHOPS & DOCTORS	
9:00 AM BERNADINE & JOE RILEY	ΞΥ
WEDNESDAY, JAN 3, THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS	
9:00 AM LISA CIRILLO	ΞΥ
THURSDAY, JAN. 4, ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS	211
9:00 AM BETTY SOKOL	ĴΗ
FRIDAY, JAN 5, ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP 9:00 AM THOMAS GATELYCHRIS & BETTY DUNLEAY	
ANTHONY CIRILLO	
SATURDAY, JAN. 6, ST. ANDREW BESETTE, RELIGIOUS	_0
9:00 AM LISA CIRILLO) <u></u>
SR. MAUREEN COLLEARY AND SR. KATHRYN KIN	
5:00 PM BOROWSKI FAMILYPETTI FAMI	
SUNDAY, JAN. 7, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	_
7:30 AM JAMES CRAWLEYBETTY & CHRIS DUNLEA	۱/Y
9:30 AM TERESA & FRED IORIO	
11:30 AM CHARLES SIMPKINSKEVIN CAHILL & FAMIL	
6:00 PM RONALD D'ALESSIO	

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of Leon Duskiewicz requested by Judy Valyo

> The Sanctuary Lamp is for Marv Kaguon requested by The Dumlao 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.



ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?

If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. Stop by the Rectory Office at 235 Harrison Street any weekday and register to become a member of the St. John's Family. Census/registration forms are also located in the Church vestibule.

- 3 - The Holy Name of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Ponderings for a Rainy Day

- * If you attempt to rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/ food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful.
- * Do twins ever realize that one of them was unplanned?
- * What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- * If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- * Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
- * Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
- Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and It just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- * The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
- Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
- * 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars...and only the rich own horses.
- * Your future self is watching you right now through memories.
- * The doctors that told Stephen Hawking he had two years to live in 1953 are probably dead.
- * If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.
- * Many animals probably need glasses, but nobody knows it.
- * If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than there were before.

Pray, Pray, Pray

Father Gustave De Ravignan, S.L 1858

"Believe me, my dear friends - believe an experience ripened by thirty years in the sacred ministry, I do here affirm that all deceptions, all spiritual deficiencies, all miseries, all falls, all faults, and even the most serious wanderings out of the right path, all proceed from this simple source - a want of constancy in prayer. Live the life of prayer; learn to bring everything, to change everything, into prayer - pains and trials and temptations of all kinds. Pray in calm, pray in storm; pray on waking, and pray during the daytime; going and coming, pray; tired out and distracted, pray; whatsoever your repugnance may be, pray. Pray that you may learn to pray. 'Teach us, O Lord, how to pray,' 'But I cannot pray.' That is heresy. Yes, you can always pray. If you feel a disgust - nay, a horror of prayer, pray on; pray in spite of yourself, against yourself. Beg for the courage in prayer which our agonizing Savior merited for you by His pangs in Gethsemane and upon Calvary. Pray, for prayer is the strength which saves, the courage which perseveres, the mystic bridge cast over the abyss which joins the soul to God. 'And being in an agony, He prayed the longer."

FORMER CATHOLICS

Know of any former Catholics or Catholics who no longer come to Mass? Have them check out this website-CatholicsComeHome.org

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Be not proud of your works; for the judgments of God are different from the judgments of men; and often times that which displeases Him is what pleases men..."

Thomas Kempis, THE IMITATION OF CHRIST - Book 1

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Mon: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tue: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 Wed: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thu: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Fri: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51 Sat: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11

or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Evangelist Symbols

The man, the lion, the ox and the eagle are symbols of the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These symbols adorn many works of art, building and objects used in worship. Each may identify one evangelist, or the four may represent the mystery of Christ's life. They recall in turn the birth, sacrifice, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

The symbols derive from the opening of the Book of Ezekiel. There the prophet envisions four living creatures in the middle of a glowing fire from a stormy north wind. The faces of the creatures resemble a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle (1:10). Their mystery and their movement made such an impact on the prophet that Christian generations have seen in their appearance a foreshadowing of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. The figures appear again in Revelation 4:7.

The man, sometimes represented as an angel, signifies St. Matthew, who opens his Gospel account with the genealogy of Jesus. The lion, according to legend, sleeps with his eyes open, making it a symbol of the resurrection. It depicts St. Mark, whose Gospel begins with the leonine John the Baptist in the desert. St. Luke's Gospel account of the infancy of Jesus places the child in the Temple with Zechariah, a priest who offered sacrifice of animals including oxen. The horns of the ox represent the old and new covenant, each with its own sacrifice. St. John, the evangelist whose work intently gazes on the eternal Word who shattered the darkness with His light, recalls the eagle that flies face into the sun. In this way, tradition has assigned each evangelist a proper symbol.



SO YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING!

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "MT".

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left(palindromes).

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."

There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewable Vitamins.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.

There, now you know everything.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Reminder: There are NO Faith Formation Classes this Sunday, December 31st. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2024. Wishing you all a Joyous 2024 see you in the New Year!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



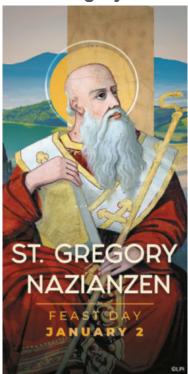
CONFESSION/RECONCILATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession at a minimum once a month. This sacrament is offered Monday—Saturday at 8:30 a.m. as well as every First Friday at 6:30 p.m. and every Saturday from 4-4:30 p.m. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment - please call the Rectory at 201-947-4545 or email Fr. Bryan at: pastor@stjohnleonia.org.



- 5 - January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

St. Gregory Nazianzen | January 2



The story of St. Gregory of Nazianzen (325 – 390) is a great example of how ordinary people can do extraordinary things! Baptized at the age of 30, St. Gregory eagerly accepted his friend St. Basil the Great's request to join him in a newly founded monastery. But soon after, St. Gregory's father, a bishop at the time, needed help in his diocese. According to the story, St. Gregory was ordained a priest almost forcefully, and only reluctantly accepted the responsibility asked of him. He managed to avoid a split that threatened when his father made compromises with believers of the Arian heresy. At 41, St. Gregory was chosen

Suffragan Bishop of Caesarea, and soon after came into conflict with the Emperor Valens, who supported the Arians. In addition, his friendship with Basil, his archbishop, became strained.

After with the death of Valens, St. Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for more than three decades. He dreaded being drawn into a vortex of corruption and brutality, but he managed to stay at a friend's home, which soon became the only orthodox church in the city. In such surroundings, he began giving the great sermons on the Trinity for which he is famous today. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults, and even personal violence. St. Gregory Nazianzen shares his feast day with St. Basil the Great. ©LPi

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are **NOT automatically** a registered member because you were married here or even if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents - or went to school here. Membership is by **FORMAL registration ON-LY**. Call the Parish Office - 201-947-4545 to see if you are registered and if not, let us help you become an official member of St. John the Evangelist Parish. Thank you.





The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mary has been honored as the Mother of God since the early centuries of the church.

As we remember her during the Christmas season, January 1st reminds us that Jesus was divine from his very conception.

Masses are:

Sunday, December 31 (Vigil Mass) - 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 1 - 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon. & 6:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

A special word of thanks goes out to all those who sent Christmas cards and plants, candies, baked goods, fruit baskets and other treats and for all the other ways you remembered us during the Christmas Holy Days. May God bless you all,

Fr. Bryan

Get Involved: it's your BAPTISMAL DUTY

The Sacrament of Baptism washes us clean of sin, makes us heirs to the Kingdom, children of God, sisters and brothers of the Lord Jesus and of each other; it opens the doors to all the other sacraments, to a life of grace, and ultimately the gates of heaven. But all this sounds a bit self-centered, doesn't it? God obviously- and rightly- expects something from those who receive the gift of Baptism. Among those duties of those Baptized are:

- Attending Mass regularly and actively
- Celebrating the other Sacraments, Rites and Rituals
- Encouraging others to join and support the Church
- Supporting the parish with your time, talent and treasure
- Giving witness to Gospel Values at home, work, or school
- Offering your services via the Church's Ministries
- Encouraging Vocations to Priesthood and all ministries
- Supporting and praying for those who serve us now

Are you fulfilling your Baptismal Promises to do all this? Contact the Rectory at 201-947-4545 or email: parishof-fice@stjohnleonia.org to learn how to get involved.

A Prayer for New Beginnings

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unful-filled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow. ~Pope John XXIII

KIDZ KORNER

What is greater than God,
More evil than Satan,
The poor have it,
The rich need it,
And if you eat it, you'll die?
Answer on page 4.







Proudly Introducing Our New Name Cavalier Realty Group

327 Broad Ave., Leonia, NJ 07605 Office: 201-944-4660 cavalierrealtynj@gmail.com www.cavalierrealtynj.com

Same Location - Same Great Service

Over 35 years of Experience Selling in Leonia and Bergen County

Call us today!

Rosemarie Bracco, Broker/Owner Mobile: 201-906-6912

AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION WORK WITH PURPOSE





Madonna Cemetery & Mausoleum



ALL SAINTS SECTION RESERVE YOUR CRYPT/NICHE SPACE

48 MONTHS -0% FINANCING PRE-NEED PLANNING

866-392-1951

OWNED AND OPERATED BY MADONNA PARISH 2070 HOEFLEY'S LANE, FORT LEE, NJ WWW.MADONNACEMETERY.COM







Instantly create and purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO





LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support **Our Parish!**

CONTACT ME Jim Marcinkiewicz

jmarcinkiewicz@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6417

IF YOU LIVE ALONE You Need

MDMed*Alert*!™ At HOME and AWAY!

Ambulance ✓ Police ✓ Family

✓ GPS & Fall Alert



CALL NOW! 800.808.9294 md-medalert.com

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



833-287-3502

The Kindness of Our Angels is found in Our Touch 238 Main Street Suite 107

HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY

Hackensack, NJ 07601 angeltouchllc@hotmail.com O: 201-851-8104

C: 201-982-2609

TYPE OF CARE

- Certified Home Health Aide (CHHA) Long term & Short term
- DEMENTIA · CHRONIC CARE AFTER SURGERY • 24 HOUR CARE
 - **ELDERLY CARE** COMPANION

CARE RESPITE CARE

PERSONAL CARE

