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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.

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 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

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Upcoming Parish Events

2/3	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall
2/5	Mon	Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass
2/5	Mon	The Chosen Season 2 in Lower Hall at 7pm
2/6	Tue	Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
2/7	Wed	St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass
2/7	Wed	Book Group 10am LH
2/7	Wed	Holy Hour with Rosary 7pm
2/9	Fri	AA 8pm Lower Hall
2/10	Sat	Confessions 4pm
2/10	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, Alan, Alex, Diane, Gina, Ginger, Arthur Acosta, Vahide Atlas, Sue Baniel, Lesley Battaglia, Chieko & Pauline Bernard, Linda Borghi, Harold & Mary DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Mel DiGiacomo, Carla Errico, Kathleen Falotico, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Joseph Garcia, Cara Hanson, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyddon, Frank Lynam, Audrey Maguire, Jean Marrano, David Matusek, Kay Mazza, Mary Moran, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Mark Patricola, Gloria Petti, Dan Reeves, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Fabio Santos, Newman Santos, Angelo Shingelo, Maureen Spadora, Kathy Sullivan, Jane Tappen, Adam Villavecchia, Daniel Webb, Susan Wong, & Special Intention, Val & Family.

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

"Although you set out over the waves and against the wind of many perplexities, keep your gaze fixed upwards and say to our Lord continually, "Dear God, I am rowing and sailing for you; be my pilot and my oarsman."

"Saint Pio da Pietrelcina"

MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, FEB. 3, ST. BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTY	′R
9:00 AM POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY	Judith Pinto
5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO & FLORENCE TURSO	DIANE LEMBO
SUNDAY, FEB. 4, 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIM	E
7:30 AM WILLIAM TERESAVAGE	GAIL & STEPHEN HUTNIK
9:30 AM MEMBERS OF THE GOGLVICCI & IORIO	FAMILIES
11:30 AM MARIA GUBERNARD	
CHRISTOPHER BASSO	MARILYN BADAMI
6:00 PM JOHNNY CORNEKA	MISO & DINA VRKIC
MONDAY, FEB. 5, ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR	
9:00 AM MARY GIORDANO	
TUESDAY, FEB. 6, ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS,	MARTYRS
9:00 AM COVIELLO FAMILY	
ESTRELLA JUELE	. Fr. RICH KWIATKOWSKI
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7, ST. ROMUALD, ABBOTT	
9:00 AM MARIE ORRICO	
Thursday, Feb. 8, st. josephine bakhita, rel	
9:00 AM RICHARD WINKELMAN	
FRIDAY, FEB. 9, ST. APOLLONIA, VIRGIN & MARTY	
9:00 AM AMITRANO & NOLINO FAMILIES	Marilyn Badami
SATURDAY, FEB. 10, ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN	
9:00 AM GEORGE INHEN	
5:00 PM ROBERT BOSSONG	
SUNDAY, FEB. 11, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	
7:30 AM VIOLA BARNESJANE, M	
9:30 AM FAMILY OF LISA CIRILLO (LIVING)	
11:30 AM GILBERT GALLA	
6:00 PM ALICE & ANTHONY PICONE	
SARA SCHIAVELLO, JUSTIN,	ANTHONY & JOE PICONE

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of Catherine & Frank Provenzano requested by Pat & Jean DeMichele

The Sanctuary Lamp is for Frank Brainard requested by John & Marie Brainard

SANCTUARY OFFERINGS

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church, Rectory and Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

Contribution Statements

If you would like your 2023 Contribution Statement, please call or email the Rectory office at 201-947-4545 to request your statement. Please include your email address so your statement can be emailed to you.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Next Sunday (February 11th) at our 9:30am Mass, we will welcome our families whose children are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion with our "First Eucharist Investiture".

Are You Registered?

Did you know that demographic studies estimate that more than 1/3 of all Catholics are **not** registered in a parish? **If you are not registered in our parish, please consider doing so.** Also, please encourage your friends and family to register!

Registering is important because:

- If a parish doesn't know who is out there, how can it adequately serve the needs of all especially singles, divorced or young families who may not see the need to register?
- When the services of the Church are needed such as for a wedding, Baptism or funeral - it is easier if the person is registered.

Registered parishioners receive helpful information about our parish.

Registering is easy. Census forms are at the entrances to church—simply fill one out and drop in the basket or contact the Rectory by phone at 201-947-4545 or email: parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org today!

ANNUAL²⁰²⁴APPEAL

Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Our goal for this year is \$39,328.15. Please consider participating in this year's Annual Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

WEEKLY COLLECTION St. John's Tithe January 27-28, 2024

Budget: \$ 7,000.00 Sunday Collection: \$ 7,277.15

Congratulations and God's Blessing

Our newly baptized: William Kearney Brokate

May God Bless William and his parents as we welcome him 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor

9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56 Tue: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23 Thu: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-1

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Is Gossip a Sin?

Answer: To really answer this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the revealing of "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. ©LPi

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others a d provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection 201-407-3256.

Gospel Reflection

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues. Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable heal-

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place. — Father John Muir ©LPi

St John's Altar Society News

- The Altar Society is having a Bake Sale this Sunday in the Peter Kramer Hall Vestibule after all the Sunday morning Masses. Please support the ladies by purchasing some treats to take home and enjoy!
- The Altar Society Monthly Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday February 11th followed by a meeting in the Lower Hall.
- The Altar Society would like to thank all who participated in the Metropolitan Plant Exchange Fundraiser.
 The Altar Society has received \$320 for purchases made from July-December.

A Metropolitan Plant Exchange Fundraiser coupon is available at the doors of church and available for download on our website. Please consider this fundraiser for your purchases at Metropolitan Plant Exchange for Valentine's Day, Easter, Anniversaries, Birthdays, special occasions and all your spring plantings. The new form is good until June 30, 2024. Thanks for your support!

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"When Jesus is with us, all is right in the world and nothing seems difficult; when He is missing, everything is hard. When Jesus does not speak to the heart, comfort is worthless; but if He speaks only one word, we feel great joy." ~Thomas A Kempis, THE IMITATION OF CHRIST Book 2, Chapter 8.

Squirrelly Churches

There were four churches and a synagogue in a small Midwestern town: a Presbyterian church, a Baptist church, a Methodist church, a Catholic church, and a Jewish synagogue. Each church, as well as the synagogue, had a problem with squirrels.

The Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrels. After much prayer and consideration, they determined the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will

At the Baptist church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels slide in and drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim. Twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Methodist church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist Church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water slide.

But the Catholic Church came up with a very creative strategy. They baptized all the squirrels and registered them as parishioners of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue, but it's rumored that they took one squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel on their property since.

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.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches.

Remember that for this purpose he has come. ©LPi

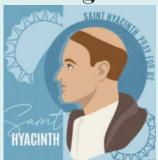


KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. The third.
- 2. Fig leaves.
- 3. The Temple.
- 4. Unknown.
- 5. Pontius Pilate.

- 5 - February is dedicated to the Passion of Jesus

St. Ignatius of Antioch



St. Hyacinth (1185-1257) was born in Silesia, Poland. He belonged to a noble family and was educated in Krakow, Prague, and Bologna. Hyacinth's faith and reverence for the Eucharist was evident from an early age. He dedicated himself to prayer and spent long hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacra-

ment, believing, wholeheartedly, in the real presence of Christ there. His faith fueled his desire to bring the message of Christ's love and the Eucharist to distant lands. In the early 13th century, after witnessing a miraculous work done by Dominic de Guzmán (who would later become St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican order) in Rome, Hyacinth joined the Dominican Order. As one of the very first Dominican friars, he embarked on numerous missionary journeys, traveling extensively through Central and Eastern Europe. Hyacinth's apostolic efforts led him to establish Dominican communities in various cities, including Krakow, Prague, and Kiev.

One of the most legendary accounts of St. Hyacinth's life tells of a miraculous event during the Mongol invasion of Poland. With enemies rapidly approaching, he rescued the Blessed Sacrament from a church in Kiev as well as a statue of Mary and reportedly walked on water across the Dnieper River to ensure the Eucharist's safety. There are also accounts of him feeding starving populations with Polish pierogis during the invasion as well as stories of his prayers, along with the prayers of the townspeople, saving important food crops from destruction. It's said that the farmers made him pierogis as a thank you for leading them in prayer and believing their crops would be saved.

St. Hyacinth's missionary work still impacts people across Europe today both in the Dominican Order and the Catholic Church as a whole. St. Hyacinth, pray for us! ©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.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed



We are looking to revamp and reorganize the Food Pantry to help the hungry in our parish and community. If you would like to volunteer and help distribute food to those in need, please contact pastor@stjohnleonia.org or call the Rectory at 201-947-4545.

EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU JESUS?

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding. ALL BUT ONE !!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did.

The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight. The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl," Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day. You are the apple of His eye, even though, we too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

KIDZ KORNER

- 1. We are in what Millennium of Christianity?
- 2. What did Adam and Eve make their first clothes out of?
- 3. Where did Jesus get lost when he was twelve years old?
- 4. How many wisemen came to see Baby Jesus?
- 5. Who was the Roman Governor of Jerusalem when Jesus was a man?

Answers on page 4.





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