

# *Saint John the Evangelist Church*

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**SUNDAY, February 11, 2024 A.D.**



## **Ash Wednesday Is on February 14, 2024**

**Mass at 6:30a.m., 9:00a.m., 12:00 Noon, 7:00 p.m.  
Service at 3:00 p.m.**

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## Upcoming Parish Events

2/10	Sat	NA 7pm Lower Hall
2/11	Sun	Altar Society Mass 9:30am followed by Meeting in LH.
2/12	Mon	Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass
2/12	Mon	Food Pantry Meeting Lower Hall 10am & 6:30pm
2/12	Mon	Pastoral Council Meeting Lower Hall at 7pm
2/13	Tue	Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
2/13	Tue	Open Gym Grades 1-8 in PKH 6-9pm
2/14	Wed	Ash Wednesday Masses 6:30am, 9:00am 12noon, 7pm and Service at 3pm
2/15	Thu	Book Group 10am LH
2/15	Thu	Open Gym Grades 1-8 in PKH 6-9pm
2/15	Thu	Demonstration Mass 7pm
2/16	Fri	AA 8pm Lower Hall
2/17	Sat	Confessions 4pm
2/17	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, Gina, Ginger, Arthur Acosta, Vahide Atlas, Sue Baniel, Lesley Battaglia, Chieko & Pauline Bernard, Linda Borghi, Frank Cirillo, 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, Diane Vallenias, 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

## MASS INTENTION

## REQUESTED BY

**SATURDAY, FEB. 10, ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN**

9:00 AM GEORGE INHEN ..... MARY MORNINGWAY  
5:00 PM ROBERT BOSSONG ..... ISABEL BOSSONG

**SUNDAY, FEB. 11, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM VIOLA BARNES ..... JANE, MIKE & TAMMER RASHDAN  
9:30 AM FAMILY OF LISA CIRILLO (LIVING) ..... HELEN SUAREZ  
11:30 AM GILBERT GALLA ..... REMY SUNGA  
6:00 PM ALICE & ANTHONY PICONE ..... THEIR CHILDREN -  
..... SARA SCHIAVELLO, JUSTIN, ANTHONY & JOE PICONE

**MONDAY, FEB. 12, ST. BUONFIGLIO MONALDO, PRIEST**

9:00 AM LISA CIRILLO ..... SYLVIA DONOHUE

**TUESDAY, FEB. 13, ST. CATHERINE DE RICCI, RELIGIOUS**

9:00 AM ANTHONY RANAUDO ..... ANTONIA RANAUDO

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14, ASH WEDNESDAY**

6:30 AM MONTECARO FAMILY  
9:00 AM FRANK MINGIONE ..... THE ZAMBRELLA FAMILY  
12:00 PM JAMES TREACY, JR. .... CATHY & JIM TREACY  
7:00 PM JOHN NAZZARO ..... LISA & FRANK CIRILLO

**THURSDAY, FEB. 15, ST. FAUSTINUS AND JOVITA, MARTYRS**

9:00 AM MEMBERS OF THE RILEY FAMILY ..... JOE & CAROL RILEY  
GWEN GALLEGOS ..... JOHN GALLEGOS

**FRIDAY, FEB. 16, ST. DANIEL, MARTYR**

9:00 AM LISA CIRILLO ..... LENA BOGGIANO  
7:00 PM LISA CIRILLO ..... ANNETTE CIRILLO

**SATURDAY, FEB. 17, BLESSED LUKE BELLUDI, MONK**

9:00 AM JORGE N. DISLA ..... THE DISLA FAMILY  
5:00 PM ANNA MASCIA ..... RICHARD & DIANE KOCH

**SUNDAY, FEB. 18, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30 AM DOMENICA PICCINICH ..... JANICE CANNAO  
9:30 AM FRANCES ZABRITO ..... BRIDGET & BRIAN BURKE  
11:30 AM MARIA INSUM GUBERNARD ..... ELIZABETH TRAUTSCH  
6:00 PM THE DEC'D. MEMBERS OF THE FUSCO FAMILY .....  
..... MARYANN FUSCO

## SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

**The Altar Bread & Wine** is in memory of

Fr. Ronald Gray, O. Carm.

requested by Evelyn & Jerry Solokas

**The Sanctuary Lamp** is for

Sister Mary Clare & Companions, OP

requested by Mary Ann Fusco

## 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.

## ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 14

Ashes will be distributed during the Masses at: 6:30a.m., 9:00a.m., 12:00Noon, and 7p.m. There will also be general distribution of ashes at 3:00p.m. in the Church. **As a reminder Ash Wednesday is a day of both Fast and Abstinence.** On this particular day only one (1) full meal is permitted and no meat is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. Friday Night Mass & Stations of the Cross During the season of Lent Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. each Friday evening, followed by the Stations of the Cross (Franciscan). A priest will be available to hear Confession before Mass, from 6:30 - 6:50 p.m.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Please note that there will be no Faith Formation Classes next Sunday (February 18th) to coincide with Leonia Schools Winter Break. Classes will resume the following Sunday, February 25th.

## Demonstration Mass

There will be a demonstration Mass on Thursday evening, February 15th at 7pm for the Confirmation Candidates and those students in Grades 7 & 8. All are welcome to come and learn about the Mass.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEWS



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be distributing shawls Sunday, February 25th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

If you wish to receive a shawl, please call or email the Rectory Office.

Each shawl has been lovingly made and prayed over by Prayer Shawl Ministry Members, and those who receive the

shawls continue to be held in prayer. The shawl is meant to symbolize the loving embrace of God and are made as a gift of love to those in need of healing.

## ANNUAL <sup>2024</sup> APPEAL

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**. We have already received \$24,000.00 pledges towards our goal—thank you to those who have already pledged. If you have not yet done so, please consider making a pledge to this year's Annual Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

## St John's Altar Society News

The Altar Society members would like to thank all those who stopped by our Bake Sale last weekend. Your support of the ladies' efforts on behalf of our parish is greatly appreciated!!!

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. Call Kathy Stendor at 201-956-7147 or Betsy Trautsch at 201-947-8679 for more info.

Please consider our Metropolitan Plant fundraiser for your purchases at any Metropolitan Plant Exchange for St. Valentine's Day, Easter, Anniversaries, Birthdays, special occasions and all your spring plantings. The form is available at the doors of church and on our website—good until June 30, 2024.

Oh, my Lord! How true it is that whoever works for You is paid in troubles! And what a precious price to those who love you if we understand its value." **St. Teresa of Avila**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tue: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

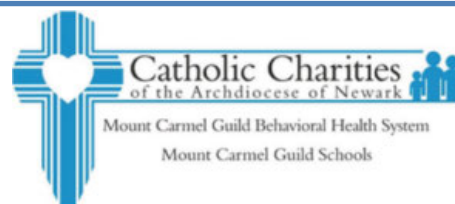
**Answer:** Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "*out of the dust of the ground*" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "*remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return*" or "*turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.*" When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities. ©LPi

## OPEN GYM BASKETBALL GRADES 3-8

St. John's is now offering Open Gym basketball for children in Grades 3-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8pm.

Anyone who has already taken Protecting God's Children and would like to help coach please call Bob Pawlick at 201-679-6744 or email him at: [jerzgiants@yahoo.com](mailto:jerzgiants@yahoo.com).



What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? As the cold days of winter chill us to the bones, there are many homeless who don't even have a single blanket. Catholic Charities provides a warm haven (along with heavy blankets) in our 7 shelters. We need your help to continue this mission. We need all forms of used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books. Please contribute to the Donation Bins located in the parking lot of the church. Thank you with all our heart.




## LENTEN DIAPER DRIVE FOR

## NEW HOPE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

New Hope is an all-volunteer Pregnancy Resource Center focused on assisting single mothers and their infants. We support these moms who have the courage to make the beautiful choice of life for their babies despite the pressures that may arise from family, friends and society. We will be collecting items to help new moms and their children. The items being collected are:

**Pampers Brand Diapers— Newborn size, and Sizes 2, 5 and 6, Pull-ups (any size), and Amazon gift cards.**

Bring your donated items to church on Sundays and leave at the entrance to church, or during the week bring them to the Rectory during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



**SING TO HIM,**  
**Sing praise to Him**  
**Tell of all His wonderful acts**  
*Psalm 105, 2*  
**JOIN OUR CHOIR**  
Practice: Tuesdays 6:30 pm  
At the Church



If you are new to the area or simply have not yet registered, registration forms are available at the entrances to church. Just complete and drop in the collection basket at church. If you prefer, you can also stop by the rectory and register in person, or send a request for a form by email to: parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org. All are welcome to join the parish family of St. John!

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## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LEONIA

Mass Schedule

Saturday:.....5:00pm  
Sunday:.....7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am  
and 6:00pm  
Monday-Saturday:.....9:00am

SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions

**First Saturday:** 9:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

Confession Schedule

Monday- Saturday.....8:30-8:50am  
Saturday.....4:00-4:30pm  
First Friday.....6:30pm

## 5 ideas for Lenten penances

***It's time to move beyond just giving up chocolate!***

"What are you giving up for Lent?"

It's the question we are all asking each other right about now. And yes, giving up something we enjoy such as sweets, coffee, or our favorite TV show is a great start. These external penances are a necessary part of the season—and should be a part of our lives in some way throughout the year.

But what else can we do to actively cultivate virtue and really target our faults this Lent? How can we take our penances to the next level?

Here are 5 ideas that might prove a bit challenging—but try 'em out and you'll be enjoying some sweet spiritual fruit soon!

1. Mortify your will through the practice of obedience. Obedience takes different forms depending on our state in life. Those in religious life must obey their religious superiors, and children their parents. As lay adults, we can do it by cheerfully serving our spouse and children, fulfilling our assigned tasks at work, or simply allowing others to go first in the buffet line!

2. Attend especially to the tasks you don't like doing. Padre Pio was once visited by the soul of a young friar who had worked in the sacristy. The soul revealed that he suffered in purgatory because he'd been careless and negligent with his work. Complete every task meticulously, no matter how small and insignificant.

3. Embrace annoyances. Annoyances abound in this life. Little flaws in other people especially provoke us to fixate on our aggravation. Very often the flaws are faults that we also are guilty of, but which we tolerate in ourselves. Over the next few weeks, when something in another person annoys you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or feel or think in that way.

4. Impose a strict watch on your tongue. Innumerable, mundane complaints escape our mouths daily, fostering ingratitude—so guard your tongue and inspect what you want to say before speaking.

5. Check impulsive actions. Be intentional in all that you do, asking yourself, "Do I really need to shoot off this text ~ <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/5-ideas-for-lenten-penance>

**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>

Meeting ID: 484 518 8113

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**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. Alleluia
2. Ash Wednesday
3. Palm Sunday
4. St. Joseph's Feast Day & St. Patrick's Feast Day
5. Moses and Elijah

## LENTEN OFFERINGS AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LEONIA

This Wednesday begins the season of Lent. We invite all to come and spend some special time with the Lord and are offering the following special programs:

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays following 9 a.m. Mass  
Wednesday following adoration at 7 p.m.  
Friday following 7 p.m. Mass each week during Lent

### ANOINTING/HEALING MASS

Fr. Innocent Celebrant

Saturday, March 9  
12 Noon

### BLESSING OF WATER, SALT AND OIL

Saturday, March 23  
10 a.m.

### PRESENTATION—THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS

Fr. Chris Ciccarino Speaker

Tuesday, March 19  
7:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall

### ALTAR SOCIETY FISH FRY

Wednesday, March 20  
5-7 p.m. Pick up

### CONFESSIONS

Daily Mon-Sat 8:30-8:50 a.m.  
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturdays 4-4:30 p.m.  
Monday, March 24, 6:30-8:30pm  
Saturday, March 30, 11 a.m.-12Noon

### HOLY WEEK 2024

#### SPY WEDNESDAY, March 27

Passion of the Christ movie at 7:00 p.m.

#### HOLY THURSDAY, March 28

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

#### GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.  
Last 7 Words of Christ from 12-3 p.m.  
Passion of the Lord Service at 3:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.

#### HOLY SATURDAY, March 30

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.  
Easter Food Blessing at 12:15 p.m.

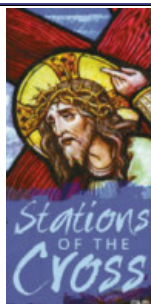
#### EASTER VIGIL, March 30

7:30 p.m.

#### EASTER Sunday, March 31

Masses at  
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
*The Easter Egg Hunt will follow  
9:30 a.m. Mass on the Church Lawn.*

*Please note there is no 6:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.*



## Friday Night Mass & Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. each Friday evening, followed by the Stations of the Cross (Franciscan). A priest will be available to hear Confession before Mass, from 6:30 - 6:50 p.m.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.**

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

## Parenting Pointer



Have a Book Night. Everyone chooses their favorite book. If it's a short children's book, read it together. If it's a longer or adult book, tell the family why it's your favorite. Perhaps read a paragraph you particularly like, or just read quietly together.

by Susan Vogt, [www.susanvogt.net](http://www.susanvogt.net)

## KIDZ KORNER

1. What word is never said at Mass during Lent?
2. What is the first day of Lent?
3. What is the last Sunday of Lent?
4. What feast day always comes during Lent?
5. Who appeared with Jesus at the Transfiguration?

**Answers on page 4.**





**Frank A. Patti**

Kenneth Mikatari

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