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THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

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, please 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.

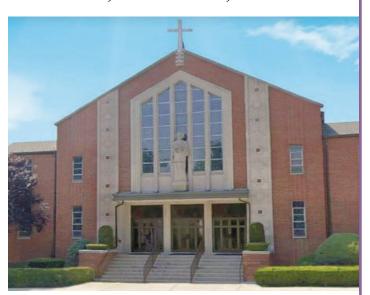
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 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 9:00am Mass.

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Upcoming Parish Events

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3/31	Mon	Miraculous Medal Novena follows 9am Mass
4/1	Tue	Stations of the Cross following 9am Mass
4/1	Tue	Basketball Gr. 3-8 PKH 6-8pm
4/2	Wed	St. Anthony & St. Jude Novena after 9am Mass
4/2	Wed	Holy Hour with Stations of the Cross 7pm, Confessions 6:30pm
4/3	Thu	Basketball 6-8pm PKH, Gr. 3-8
4/3	Thu	Line Dancing 7:30 p.m. Lower Hall
4/4	Fri	Mass at 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross
4/5	Sat	Jesus Retreat for First Holy Communion Students 9am-12pm
4/5	Sat	Boy Scout Food Drive
4/5	Sat	Food Pantry Open 10am—12 Noon
4/5	Sat	Confessions at 4pm

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:

Alex, Bob, Carol, Tom, Arthur Acosta, Ronald & Gloria Artis, Vahide Atlas, Sue Baniel, Maureen Barbour, Chieko & Pauline Bernard, Nicholas Biancola, Ana Cabreja, Frank Cirillo, Bill Coviello Jr., John DeFillipis, MaryEllen DePalma, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Nellie Fazio, Fil Ferrara, Lori Finn, Joseph Garcia, Joe Iorio, Eleonor Karpiuk, Sr. Kathryn King, Andrea Korner, Gregoria Lorenzo, Frank Lynam, Śr. Elaine Maguire, Michael Marino, Jean Marrano, Richard McLaughlin, Mary Moran, Karen Nespolini, Fran Orlowski, Rashmita Patel, Gloria Petti, Lorraine Radick, Mary Rausch, Dan Reeves, Beatrice Ricciardi, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Sabrina Salitura, Fabio Santos, Newman Santos, Maureen Spadora, Al Spiegel, Maria Stancato, Melinda Stumpp, Kathy Sullivan, Roseann Vasquez, Keith Vaughan, Adam & Peter Villavecchia, Joe Webb, Dorothy White, Louise Williams, Val & Family, Emily Zagacki, Brian Zaikowski.

PRAY 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
DO Cpt. Nicholas S. Diacou, US Army
Maj. Michael A. Franson, US Army
Sgt. Joseph Gonzales, USAF
Pvt. JongSeong Kim, US Army
Sgt. Theodore Kim, US Army
Col. Bernard King, USAF
Cmdr. Alexander McMahon, USN
Cpt. Matt Meagher, US Army

MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY			
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, ST. BERTHOLD, PRIEST				
9:00 AM ANNA CORRADOA	NTHONY & DIANA PETRECCA			
5:00 PM MATTHEW DEMICHELE	THE COURTNEY FAMILY			
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LE	ENT			
7:30 AM ELEANOR ZAMBRELLA				
9:30 AM MARYANN FUSCO	ELAINE LUPETIN			
11:30 AM GINGER SCAMPORINO	Mary Rausch			
6:00 PM ANTO THOMAS IRUDAYARAJ				
MONDAY, MARCH 31, ST. GUY OF POMPOSA, A				
9:00 AM ALEX URTULA				
Tuesday, April 1, st. hugh of châteauneuf, bishop of grenoble				
9:00 AM GENEVIEVE KWIATKOWSKI				
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT				
9:00 AM VERA PAPPALARDO				
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, STS. AGAPE, CHIONIA, AND IRENE, MARTYRS				
9:00 AM YEON OK PARK				
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, ARCHBISHOP				
9:00 AM EDYTHE IHNEN				
7:00 PM FELIPE ALFONSO "LOLLIPOP"				
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, ST. VIINCENT FERRER, PRIEST				
9:00 AM CORAZON ARCEBIDO				
5:00 PM JEFF MCCARTNEY	JULIE & JIM DIEMER			
SUNDAY, APRIL 6, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT				
7:30 AM MONTELARO FAMILY	F L			
9:30 AM GENE LUPETIN				
11:30 AM NOE ESPENILLA	ED KAMIR VENTURA			
6:00 PM ROSE COVIELLO				

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of Mary & Joseph Lorenzo requested by Rita & John Lorenzo
The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Gerard & Karla Langer requested by Petra Hammid

SANCTUARY OFFERINGS

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

ANNUAL²⁰²⁵APPEAL

Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal. Our goal can only be achieved through YOUR generosity! If you have not yet made a gift, there are pledge forms available in the back of church, or you can visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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 visit.

DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED

Novena, Explained

The word *novena* comes from the Latin word, *novem*, for nine. A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence.

The nine days of prayer format comes directly from scripture where we read in the book of Acts that it was nine days after the Ascension that the Holy Spirit descended onto the Apostles. During that time, the faithful men and women "devoted themselves to constant prayer," (Acts 1:12-14) waiting for the Lord.

Today, Catholics can find hundreds of novenas to pray about a plethora of topics. Many Catholics pray novenas in times of need or in devotion to a specific saint. Although a saint's novena may traditionally begin or end on the saint's feast day, while others, like the "Novena for Adopted Children" or the "Novena for Vocations," can be prayed any time of the year, there is flexibility here for those wanting to pray. The faithful may choose to pray a private novena on any topic at any time! Want to pray a novena to St. Francis but it's not his feast day? Go ahead! ©LPi

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John's Tithe March 22-23, 2025

Budget: \$ 7,000.00 Sunday Collection: \$ 6,850.00

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LINE DANCE CLASSES THURSDAY @ 7:30-9:00PM ST. JOHN LEONIA LOWERHALL email: parishoffice@stjohnleonia.org to signup

FAITH FORMATION

The First Holy Communion Parent/Child Retreat is on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9am-12 noon.

LAETARE SUNDAY

This is the Fourth Sunday in Lent, and it is known as "Laetare" or Rejoicing" Sunday. On this Sunday, ROSE, not pink, vestments are worn and flowers are permitted in the Church to signify that Lent is half over. In the past, when Lenten penitence and fast were more severe, today was a mid-point break on which the Church suspended the Lenten Fast for one day.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Apology

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion — not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. Why are you doing this? some people would ask. God doesn't need this.

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance. ©LPi

LENTEN DIAPER DRIVE FOR NEW HOPE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Please bring your donated diapers and wipes to church on Sundays and leave at the entrance to church, or bring them to the Rectory during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thank you for helping those in need.

- 4 - When you feel like quitting think about why you started.

2025 Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2025—celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on Sunday, **June 1st at 3 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. All family members are welcome!

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese celebrating their 5th, 25th, or 50th Catholic wedding anniversary be present at this special liturgy. The presence of these couples and their families will be a beautiful witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

Please contact the Rectory office no later than May 10th to register.

What are "Ember Days"?

The U.S. bishops have encouraged us to observe this ancient practice.

The Ember Days are an age-old custom of the Church, originating about the 4th century.

They were observed four times per year, at the beginning of each season, and consisted of three days of prayer, fasting, and abstinence as a way of thanking God for the gifts of Creation, to ask His help in using them well, and to assist those in need. Like Rogation Days, these days were closely connected to the seasonal farming cycles and were a profound way of sanctifying our earthly doings.

The Ember Days are always Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, and the dates are as follows:

The Third Week of Advent

The First Week of Lent (The week after Ash Wednesday—this week!)

The week after Pentecost

The third week in September

Traditionally, priestly ordinations have taken place on Ember Saturdays, a custom that dates all the way back to Pope Gelasius in the 5th century. Although this is not observed as a rule anymore, the Ember Days are still a good opportunity to offer prayer and sacrifice for our clergy.

In fact, various bishops and clergy in the U.S. have encouraged the renewed observance of the Ember Days as a way to pray for vocations, priests, and the needs of the Church.

In their Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence of 1966, the U.S. bishops also encouraged the voluntary observance of vigils and Ember Days as a way of participating in the Church's traditional custom of a "fast before a feast."

Yet penance is an essential part of the Christian life. Why not bring it back through the observance of the Ember Days, in whatever way—small or large—that you are able? ~https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/what-are-ember-days/

2025 Calendar Raffle

Raffle drawings have started—but there are still many chances to win!! You can still place your completed tickets (along with cash or check made payable to St. John) in the collection basket at church or during the week in the Rectory mail slot and be included in the remaining drawings through June!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sun: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17 -21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10

-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn

4:43-54

Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16 Wed: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30 Thu: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn

7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL GRADES 3-8

St. John's Open Gym basketball for children in Grades 3-8 is every Tuesday & Thursday from 6-8pm.

Final Four - Lee Clark Scholarship Fundraiser

Watch the NCAA Final 4 on a giant TV screen at the American Legion in Leonia on Saturday, April 5th. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Food is catered by Sedona Tap House. For any questions or more info, please call Fran Orlowski at 201-944-6928.

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 15. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession. Confessions are heard EVERY Saturday from 4:00p.m. to 4:30p.m., EVERY weekday morning at 8:30a.m., as well as EVERY First Friday at 6:30p.m. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.



KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Two
- 2. Judah
- 3. Saul of Tarsus
- 4. Holy Thursday at sunset
- Simon or Cephas

March is Dedicated to St. Joseph

Immaculate Heart Academy Presents: Matilda the Musical

Immaculate Heart Academy is proud to present Matilda the Musical:

> Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Student actors performing in the musical come from IHA, St. Joseph Regional High School, and Pascack Hills High School. Tickets are \$15 for children, students, and seniors; and \$20 for adults.

Tickets go on sale on March 14 and can be purchased at www.performingartsattheheart.com. All performances will take place at IHA, 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

St. Nicholas Church **Lenten Spiritual Retreat** Saturday, April 5, 2025

St. Nicholas Church (located at 442 Brinkerhoff Ave, Palisades Park, NJ 07650) invites all to participate in a Lenten Spiritual Retreat Saturday, April 5.

A spiritual retreat will provide an opportunity to deepen your prayer life and grow closer to Christ. The event will be held in the Church Hall from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Guest speaker is Fr. Louis Caputo, SDV. No registration fee but please confirm your presence by Thursday, April 3rd. Light lunch and refreshments will be served.

St. John's Altar Society Fish Fry Wednesday, April 9th

St. John's Altar Society has once again arranged with Tastefully British to offer a take-out only Fish Fry Dinner. On Wednesday, April 9th, come pick up a delicious dinner hosted by the ladies of St. John's Altar Society. Please note that assigned pick-up times will be given in 15-minute intervals to allow for cooking time. Pick up times begin at 5:00 p.m. The dinner will include cod fish, French fries, coleslaw, malt vinegar, tartar sauce, bottled water and dessert. Ticket prices are \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Children under 12 years of age. Reservations required—no walk-ins. Order forms are available at the doors of the

church—please complete and return along with check or cash. Times will be assigned on a first -come first-served basis.

Please place your orders by April 6th.



The St. John's Altar Society Bake Sale is this Sunday, March 30th so please stop by Peter Kramer Hall after the 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses and check out the homemade baked goods and treats they have for you to purchase and enjoy at home.

Thank you for your support of these hard-working ladies!



During Lent, the Stations of the Cross at St. John's are on Tuesdays following 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Alphonsus Liquori Version), on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (Scriptural Version) & on Fridays following Mass at 7:00 p.m. (Franciscan Version). A priest will be CROSS available to hear Confession before Mass, from 6:30 - 6:50 p.m.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

Whoever finds Jesus finds a great treasure, yes, God above all gods. And he who loses Jesus loses exceedingly much, more than if he lost the entire world.

~ from THE IMITATION OF CHRIST Book 3, Chapter 1, by Thomas A. Kempis

Join Us for an Easter Cookie Decorating Event Date: Sunday, April 13, 2025



Location: Lower Hall Time: 11.45AM - 1PM

Cost: \$20/box which will include 6 cookies, icing and sprin-

kles (Venmo accepted)

Other information Pizza & other snacks will be provided.

Volunteers welcome! MUST RSVP to Erica Chace by APRIL 7 at (917) 435 4876 or ericachace@gmail.com



KIDZ KORNER

- 1. How many rules does Jesus use to summarize all the Old Testament rules?
- To which tribe of Jacob does Mary belong?
- By what name was St. Paul the Apostle originally known?
- When does Lent end?
- 5. What was another name for the disciple Peter?

Answers on Page 4

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