

# Saint John the Evangelist Church

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**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:**  
Monday - Friday 8:30am -8:50am. First Friday at 6:30pm  
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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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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 7 meet 10:30 am-12:00 noon  
Monday—Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 meet 3:15-3:45 p.m.



# 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,  
and 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

**Infant of Prague:** 25th of the month

**Rosary:** Recited Mon - Sat after 9:00am Mass.

**Wednesday:** Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction 7:00pm

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# St John the Evangelist, Leonia NJ

## 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 all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**: Nancy, Philip Armstrong, Miriam Agilbut, Connie Bzyk, Kevin Comp, Joseph Corbo, Janine DeCicco, Nelia DelValle, MaryEllen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Peggy Horan, Lori Hulle, Peter Indiveri, Alexa Kustka, Kevin Lahiff, Bob Leap, Patricia Little, Claudia Marino, Lenny Moriarty, Virginia McShane, Frank Molinari, Dan Newell, Sam Palmieri, Rebecca Piro, Nicholas Storms, David Vasquez, Ann Vaughan, and Mary Wagnes.

## Spiritual Excerpt

"When you go to Confession, know this, that I myself am waiting for you in the confessional; I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in the soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy, souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity."

**Our Lord to St. Faustina**

## 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 7. 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 11:00AM to Noon and 3-3:30PM. Every weekday morning at 7:30AM as well as every First Friday at 7:00PM, and a Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily.

## SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US

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## JELLY BEAN PRAYER

RED is for the blood He shed, GREEN is for the grass He made, YELLOW is for the sun so bright, ORANGE is for the evening light, WHITE is for the grace He gave, BLACK is for the sins we made, PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow, PINK is for a new tomorrow. A bag of jellybeans, colorful and sweet, is a Prayer, a Promise. It's a child's treat.

## 2020 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Father Bryan spoke or we showed the Cardinal's Video at ALL Masses on the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Once a year, Cardinal Tobin asks each of us to make a 'sacrificial' commitment to the Church of Newark so we will have the necessary resources to fund, for an entire year, the offices which provide direct services to parishes, including ours! In addition, a host of other programs and Human Services are provided which NO single parish could provide on its own. Our parish and the Archdiocese are ONE. Both need your sacrificial support. We are asking EACH FAMILY to make a financial commitment to our AAA. Those donors who share a portion of what they have, are the first ones to benefit from their own sense of gratitude of God. Envelopes can be at the entrances/exits of the Church.

**To put your fears to rest- put your faith in Jesus.**

## THE (SCIENTIFIC) DEATH OF JESUS

At the age of 33, Jesus was condemned to the death penalty. At the time, crucifixion was the "worst" death. Only the worst criminals were condemned to be crucified. Yet it was even more dreadful for Jesus. Unlike other criminals condemned to death by crucifixion, Jesus was to be nailed to the cross by His hands and feet. Each nail was 6 to 8 inches long. The nails were driven into His wrist, not into His palms as is commonly portrayed. There's a tendon in the wrist that extends to the shoulder. The Roman guards knew that when the nails were being hammered into the wrist, that tendon would tear and break, forcing Jesus to use His back muscles to support himself so that He could breathe. Both of His feet were nailed together. Thus He was forced to support Himself on the single nail that impaled His feet to the cross. Jesus could not support himself with His legs because of the pain, so He was forced to alternate between arching His back, then using his legs just to continue to breathe. Imagine the struggle, the pain, the suffering, the courage. Jesus endured this reality for over 3 hours. Yes, over 3 hours! Can you imagine this kind of suffering? A few minutes before He died, Jesus stopped bleeding. He was simply pouring water from His wounds. From common images, we see wounds to His hands and feet and even the spear wound to His side... but do we realize His wounds were actually made in His body. A hammer driving large nails through the wrist, the feet overlapped and an even larger nail hammered through the arches. Then a Roman guard piercing His side with a spear. But before the nails and the spear, Jesus was whipped and beaten. The whipping was so severe that it tore the flesh from His body. The beating so horrific that His face was torn and His beard ripped from His face. The crown of thorns cut deeply into His scalp. Most men would not have survived this torture. He had no more blood to bleed out; only water poured from His wounds. The human adult body contains about 3.5 liters (just less than a gallon) of blood. Jesus poured all 3.5 liters of His blood; He had three nails hammered into His members, a crown of thorns on His head and, beyond that, a Roman soldier who stabbed a spear into His chest. All these without mentioning the humiliation He passed after carrying His own cross for almost 2 kilometers, while the crowd spat in His face and threw stones (the cross was almost 30 kg of weight, only for its higher part, where His hands were nailed). Jesus had to endure this experience, so that you can have free access to God. So that your sins could be "washed" away. All of them, with no exception! Don't ignore this situation. **JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU!**

## REASONS

Some reasons to encourage us to make confession an important part of our Christian Catholic life.

- To receive Our Lord's loving and sacred sign of forgiveness.
- To be freed from the burden and guilt of past sins.
- To express your need of Jesus as your Savior.
- To receive guidance and spiritual advice.
- To receive encouragement in your desire to do God's will.
- To learn how to defend yourself against the dangers to your spiritual life.
- To take periodic checks on your relationship with God and neighbor.

**The best mathematical equation ever seen:  
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given**

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES**

Before you purchase any Girl Scout cookies be aware and be informed that the Girl Scouts of America are now supporting and in partnership with Planned Parenthood. So with every box of cookies you buy a portion of that money goes to help kill an unborn child. See or visit [girlscoutswhynot.com](http://girlscoutswhynot.com), [100questionsfortheirlscouts.org](http://100questionsfortheirlscouts.org) or [speakknowgirlscouts.com](http://speakknowgirlscouts.com).

**QUESTION?**

**Q. Why are zero scores in tennis called "love"?**

**A:** In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called "l'oeuf", which is French for "egg". When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (mis)pronounced it "love."

**Join Us Live-Stream**

Due to health concerns in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic, **Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop of Newark** has dispensed the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and has suspended the public celebration of Daily Mass until further notice. During this time, St. John's continues to Live Stream Sunday Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am and Daily Mass at 9:00am. Join us at Facebook Group LIVE MASS AT ST. JOHN. You can also watch the recorded video approximately 1 hour later on YouTube at St. John the Evangelist Leonia.

**The Penitential Rite**

During the opening Penitential Rite of the Mass, we recognize our sinfulness and confess the mystery of God's love. This disposes us to participate more worthily in the Eucharistic Mystery of Jesus' death and Resurrection.

**THE EASTER OCTAVE**

**Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12, 2020**

Easter time lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: "the marriage of heaven and earth," as the Vigil calls Jesus' resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts' "divine vacation" (Latin *vacare*, "to be empty"), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your "paschal candle"), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish's baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): "Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet."

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends, if they're okay, then it's you.**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy? Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699) He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109) We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday". We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith! It is required of all Catholics to confess their sins at least once every year. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet this obligation, then take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises. Those who have already confessed sins for Easter could make room for others. It is allowed for one to go to Confession up to about 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

**DID YOU KNOW???**

The word "Easter" is of uncertain origin. Some say it is the Anglo-Saxon name for an old Teutonic god of spring. Others say it is an old German word for "dawn." It is, by any account, the oldest and greatest Christian feast. Easter falls anywhere between March 22 and April 25; since the 8<sup>th</sup> century, the date for its celebration has been fixed for the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox, i.e. the first day of spring. Although the Church celebrates Easter every Sunday of the year, it sets aside fifty days – seven weeks of seven days (seven is considered a holy and perfect number) to ring out its Easter joy. In fact, the next eight days are considered by the Church to be one big Easter Day. That is why this week is known as Easter Sunday, Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday, etc.

Since antiquity, it has been the custom to Baptize adults only at the Easter Vigil; in fact, the liturgical prayers and rituals of Easter are still centered around Baptism: the renewal of the Baptismal promises and sprinkling with newly consecrated Easter Holy water. It still is a venerable custom to bring home some Easter water to bless the home, the gardens, the family and the first major meal of Easter. Every Catholic home should have some Holy Water. It is a shame that many of our pious Catholic customs have fallen by the wayside; now more than ever, Catholics need to start or perhaps return to these prayerful rituals and customs at home.

Other Easter customs are also closely tied to Baptism. Many hymns, songs and decorations highlight the theme of new life, the end of winter and spring's reawakening of nature. The wearing of new colorful clothes to express our new life in Christ, and our being clothed in Christ at our Baptism; the Easter parade mirrored the heavenly procession in which Jesus led all those who died before His death and Resurrection through the newly opened gates of Heaven, dressed in their finest robes. Eggs, the hardened shell of which represents the rock tomb from which Christ emerged... the joyful ringing of bells; the warm exchange of peace, and the lighting of candles are also signs of Easter joy.

The Church wants each of us to be a sign of Easter joy, and it also obliges every Catholic to perform their Easter duty and to share in the joy of the risen Christ by receiving Holy Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday (June 3, 2012). No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Communion until they have gone to the Sacrament of Confession.

**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.

- Cpl. Matt Brady
- Maj. Michael A. Franson
- Lt. Robert Lucieri, MD
- Sgt. Joseph Gonzales
- Lt. Col. Christopher Caldwell, O.D.
- Airman Matthew Gonzales
- Cmdr. Alexander McMahon

**THE MASS and HOLY EUCHARIST**

It's the "source and summit of the Christian life"! The Mass is extremely important to the Christian life. As such, the Church has developed a number of different names to refer to it, all of which capture some important aspect of it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists and explains 11 such names (CCC 1328-1332). There are more names than that in our tradition, but these are particularly important. Here are the 11 names for Mass given by the Catechism:

- 1) **Eucharist**—The Greek word this comes from means "thanksgiving." The Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God – the best we can give!
- 2) **Lord's Supper**-The Catechism gives two explanations of this name: first, because of the Mass' connection to Christ's "Last Supper"; second, because the Mass anticipates the wedding feast of the Lamb in heaven.
- 3) **Break of Bread**-First, because Jesus used a part of the Jewish Passover tradition that involves the breaking of bread to institute the Eucharist. Second, because his disciples on the road to Emmaus "recognized him in the breaking of the bread." (cf. Luke 24.35) Lastly, because this is how early Christians referred to the Mass. (cf. Acts 2.42)
- 4) **Eucharistic Assembly**-Because the Mass is ordinarily celebrated with a group of Christians, visibly manifesting the Church.
- 5) **Memorial**-Because in the Mass we remember and make present Christ's once-for-all sacrifice on the cross.
- 6) **Holy Sacrifice**-Because Christ's sacrifice on the cross is made present during Mass, allowing us to unite our selves with him in offering to the Father.
- 7) **Holy and Divine Liturgy**-Because of all the liturgies in the Church's life, the Mass is the most important one.
- 8) **Sacred Mysteries**-Because the Mass contains the greatest mysteries of the Christian life: God's revelation, the incarnation, Christ's death and resurrection, and communion.
- 9) **Most Blessed Sacrament**-Because of all the 7 Sacraments, the Eucharist – the centerpiece of the Mass – the most important. This is because the Eucharist is Christ himself!
- 10) **Holy Communion**-Because when we receive the Eucharist, we are mystically uniting ourselves to Christ and his Body.
- 11) **Holy Mass**-"Because the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished concludes with the sending forth (missio) of the faithful, so that they may fulfill God's will in their daily lives."

- If you are depressed you are living in the past.**
- If you are anxious you are living in the future.**
- If you are at peace, you are living in the present.**

Just a reminder since the school building is still currently not rented we are asking for all our parishioners to please try to give an additional \$10 a week.

**MASS INTENTION**

**REQUESTED BY**

- SATURDAY, APRIL 11, HOLY SATURDAY**  
 5:00 PM JOSEPH RILEY, SR. .... CAROL & JOE RILEY  
 YONG POK KIM ..... THECLA KIM
- SUNDAY, APRIL 12, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
 9:30 AM PANTALEON DURLAO, SR. .... MENCHIE DURLAO  
 NOE ESPENILLA..... NANCY & ED VENTURA  
 11:30 AM PATRICIA & JAMES KOURAKOS ..... D. KOURAKOS  
 JOSEPHINE LANZA ..... DR. FRANK LANZA
- MONDAY, APRIL 13, BLESSED MARGARET OF CASTELLO**  
 9:00 AM JOHN SCANLON..... MARIE SCANLON  
 RALPH DEMICHELE ..... CATHY & JIM TREACY
- TUESDAY, APRIL 14, ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR**  
 9:00 AM MONTELARO FAMILY
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, STS. BASILISSA AND ANASTASIA**  
 9:00 AM MARY, CHARLES, FRED & CHARLES SAMPERI JR. .... RICHARD SAMPERI
- THURSDAY, APRIL 16, ST. BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE**  
 9:00 AM JEFFREY GOMEZ ..... KATHRINA GOMEZ
- FRIDAY, APRIL 17, POPE ST. ANICETUS, MARTYR**  
 9:00 AM REGINA LASKO & KATHLEEN THOBEN ..... DORE SALZIG
- SATURDAY, APRIL 18, ST. APOLLONIUS**  
 9:00 AM MARGARET RALLIS ..... MARY RAUSCH  
 5:00 PM TERRENCE MCMAHON ..... ROSEMARY MCMAHON
- SUNDAY, APRIL 19, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
 7:30 AM ANDREW CHUNG (LIVING)..... BRIDGET CHUNG  
 9:30 AM ROSINA TARANTO ..... BRIDGET & BRIAN BURKE  
 11:30 AM ANTHONY SAMBOGNA ..... LISA & FRANK CIRILLO  
 6:00 PM JIN ZAKARA ..... JULIA CHOI

**Sanctuary Memorials**

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of Josephine E. Loughlin requested by Julie & Jim Diemer

The Sanctuary Lamp burns is in memory of Marianna Campbell requested by Evelyn & Jerry Solokas

The Altar Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis. The Sanctuary Lamp in the Rectory and the Convent can also be dedicated on a weekly basis.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

— Colossians 3:4

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. Dismas – the “good” thief and Gestus – the “bad” thief.
2. Peter. 3. John-the beloved. 4. Joseph of Arimathea.
5. Mary Magdala.

**Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up.**

### **Read this fascinating history of the \$1 bill**

On the rear of the One Dollar bill, you will see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the west or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the Capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. 'IN GOD WE TRUST' is on this currency.

The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, 'God has favored our undertaking.' The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, 'a new order has begun.' At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776. (MDCCLXXVI) If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield there is a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, 'E PLURIBUS UNUM' meaning, 'from many - one.' Above the Eagle, we have the thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows. An (untrue) old-fashioned belief says that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will almost never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this:

America, which relies on God (not a number) to direct and lead, boldly chose:

13 original colonies,  
13 signers of the Declaration of Independence,  
13 stripes on our flag,  
13 steps on the pyramid,  
13 letters in 'Annuit Coeptis',  
13 letters in 'E Pluribus Unum',  
13 stars above the eagle,  
13 bars on that shield,  
13 leaves on the olive branch,  
13 fruits, and if you look closely,  
13 arrows.

And finally, notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle. You will see that they are arranged as a STAR OF DAVID. This was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Haym Solomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew, what he would like as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army. Solomon said he wanted NOTHING for himself, but he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result. Few people know it was Solomon who saved the Army through his financial contributions ... then died a pauper.

Haym Solomon gave \$25 million to save the Continental Army, money that was sorely needed to help realize America's (our) freedom and independence from England. Therein lies America's Judeo-Christian beginning. Most American children do NOT know any of this. They are not taught because their history teachers do not know this. On America's Freedom: Too many veterans gave up too much to let the meaning fade. Many veterans came home to an America that did not care. Too many veterans never came home at all. They served, they died for you ... for me. I hope you will share this page with many so they can learn about the UNITED STATES DOLLAR BILL, and what it stands for. America is at a critical juncture. Let's do whatever we can to save her while never, ever forgetting: It is God in whom we put our trust!

## **HOW CAN WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION MORE WORTHILY?**

### **Prayerful Recollection**

We should prayerfully recollect ourselves prior to coming to Mass. We should strive to arrive on time, allowing ourselves to prepare our minds and hearts for liturgy. Upon entering the Church, we should maintain reverent silence so that we and those around us are able to pray before Mass begins. This will ensure that we are at peace within ourselves and with others. Such recollection helps to avoid distractions and allows us to focus more easily on the great mystery of the Eucharistic celebration in which we are about to participate. A prayerful and reflective reading of the Scripture selections for the Mass of the day will help make our hearts and minds ready to receive God's word more deeply.

### **The Eucharistic Fast**

We are required to keep the Eucharist fast, that is, refraining from food and drink (except for water and medicines) for at least one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion. This fast demonstrates reverence and respect for the Body and Blood of Christ that we are going to receive. It also teaches us to hunger for Jesus in Holy Communion.

### **Appropriate Attire**

We should also come to the Sacred Liturgy appropriately dressed. As Christians we should dress in a modest manner, wearing clothes that reflect our reverence for God and that manifest our respect for the dignity of the Liturgy and for one another. Attentively participating in the liturgy consists of the following:

### **Active Participation**

Because the celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of the entire Christian life, nothing is more important than participating in the Mass with our whole hearts and minds and bodies. One with the Priest and all the Church, we join ourselves to the perfect sacrifice of Christ through prayer, song, silence, and action.

## **KIDZ KORNER**

1. Who were the thieves crucified with Jesus?
2. Which disciple denied knowing Jesus?
3. Which male disciple stayed at the foot of the cross?
4. In whose tomb was Jesus buried?
5. Who saw the risen Christ first?

**ANSWERS ON PAGE FOUR**

**EASTER IS MORE THAN  
SOMETHING TO DYE FOR.**