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WELCOME

**To the Parish Family of
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Founded in 1912
COME WORSHIP WITH US**

Mass Schedule

Saturday:5:00pm

**Sunday:.....7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am,
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First Friday: 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions
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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, Tom Diemer, Carla Errico, Peggy Horan, Lori Hulle, Peter Indiveri, Alexa Kustka, Kevin Lahiff, Bob Leap, Patricia Little, Claudia Marino, Lenny Moriarty, Virginia McShane, Marica Mustac, Dan Newell, Sam Palmieri, Rebecca Piro, Nicholas Storms, David Vasquez, Ann Vaughan, and Mary Wagnes.

Spiritual Excerpt

"Blessed is he who knows what it is to love Jesus and to despise himself for the sake of Jesus. We must quit what we love for this Beloved, because Jesus will be loved alone above all things."

Thomas A Kempis, THE IMITATION OF CHRIST Book 2, Chapter 7.

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A Vehicle for God to Travel Around His Country

We are all different vehicles created by God to travel around and reach various destinations. Prayer is the fuel that drives Christian life. Just as a vehicle can offer maximum mileage only if it maintains an optimum combination of fuel and oil, the mileage (the souls we gain for Christ) will directly depend on the fuel (prayer) and oil (love) within us. If a vehicle does not give us the mileage that is claimed of it, one of the first things we do is to take it to the service station. The service station, as far as a Catholic is concerned, is the confessional. Another important factor is the amount of air (Word of God) in the tires. A punctured tire can take even a good vehicle nowhere.

DADS CHECK THIS WEBSITE

FathersforGood.org

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.

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"No one is suddenly made perfect."
St. Bede the Venerable

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.

CLOTHING BINS

"In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it" are some of the lyrics to a very popular song which reflects the joys of the Easter season. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing to the bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

Meaning and Uses of Holy Water

Fonts filled with holy water for blessings are for three purposes: As a sign of repentance of sin, for protection from evil, and as a reminder of our Baptism. • The repentance of sin symbolized in the washing with water; • Holy water protects us against evil; • Holy water reminds us of our Baptism. In making the sign of the cross with the holy water, we are mindful that we are called to renew those baptismal promises of rejecting Satan, all his works, and all his empty promises, and to profess our cradle faith. — Fr. William Saunders, Catholic Straight Answers

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

Life Is a Gift.

Today before you say an unkind word - Think of someone who can't speak. Before you complain about the taste of your food - Think of someone who has nothing to eat. Before you complain about your husband or wife - Think of someone who's crying out to GOD for a companion. Today before you complain about life - Think of someone who went too early to heaven. Before you complain about your children - Think of someone who desires children but they're barren. Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep - Think of the people who are living in the streets. Before whining about the distance you drive - Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet and when you are tired and complain about your job - Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job. But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another - Remember that not one of us is without sin. And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - Put a smile on your face and think: you're alive and still around

HARD WORK

Our failure to instill the virtues of hard work and deferred gratification does a disservice to all our kids, but it is the kids from low-income and broken families who often suffer the most. Unlike more privileged young people, they have fewer resources on which to fall back when they enter the job market with a shrunken work ethic and an inflated sense of entitlement. Attempts to substitute empty "self esteem" for the hard virtues of work and accomplishment, however well-intentioned, are bound to fail. Just like in the competition of athletics, the competition of business, of the arts, of leadership - of life - doesn't make exceptions for good intentions. Greatness isn't rewarded to individuals who "deserve" it more because they come from more difficult circumstances. Reality is harder and more demanding than that. The greatness of America has come from striving to give everyone an equal chance at reaching the American dream, and then backing up that promise by instilling the virtues of hard work, thrift, and fair play. No one ever promised that everyone would succeed; just that they would have a chance to if they worked hard enough.

SPEAK BLONDE

A plane is on its way to Toronto when a beautiful young blonde woman in Economy Class gets up and moves to the First Class section and sits down. The flight attendant watches her do this and asks to see her ticket. She then tells the woman that she paid for Economy Class and that she will have to sit in the back. The woman replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Toronto and I'm staying right here." The flight attendant goes into the cockpit and tells the pilot and co-pilot that there is a blonde sitting in First Class that belongs in Economy and won't move back to her seat. The co-pilot goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for Economy, she will have to leave and return to her seat. The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Toronto and I'm staying right here." The co-pilot tells the pilot that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest this blonde woman who won't listen to reason. The pilot says, "You say she is a blonde? I'll handle this. I'm married to a blonde. I speak blonde." He goes back to the blonde and whispers in her ear, and she says, "Oh, I'm sorry." And gets up and goes back to her seat in Economy. The flight Attendant and co-pilot are amazed and asked him what he said to make her move without any fuss. "I told her 'First Class isn't going to Toronto.'"

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 Church — People of God

Based upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Church is our communion with Jesus. Christ is the vine and we are the branches. Christ established and ever sustains, here on earth, His holy Church — the community of faith, hope and love — as a visible organization. Christ is the head and we are the members. Together with Christ we make up the whole Church. Let us rejoice and give thanks that we have become not only Christians, but Christ himself! For if He is the head and we the members, He and we together are the whole man. The fullness of Christ then is the head and the members. But what does "head and members" mean? Christ and the Church. A reply by St. Joan of Arc to her judges sums up the faith of the holy doctors and the good sense of the believer: "About Jesus and the Church, I simply know they're just one thing and we shouldn't complicate the matter."

HOLY SPIRIT

Recently the Holy Spirit gave me an unusual word, one that I did not want to hear! He said, "You are bound to a very limited vision of the Lord's ocean of tender, loving mercies. You have endured much guilt, condemnation and fear because you have not allowed the Holy Spirit to reveal the vastness of My forgiving, healing, reconciling mercies. You do not know Me for My tenderness!" God showed me that this is a root cause for many giving up and falling away. When sin strikes—when Satan comes in like a flood, when you fall into some old habit or sin—the devil creates a bondage. First, the guilt comes flooding in, then fear fills your heart. A sense of total failure and helplessness overwhelms your soul. At this point, most believers run out of grace—because their view of God's mercy is so limited. Satan comes to you and says, "You've reached your limit. You've confessed your sin time after time. There is no way God will forgive you now, because you've sinned against the light. If you return and confess once more, you'll turn around and sin all over again. So quit now!" The devil does not want you to see God's ocean of mercy; he wants you to see only a trickle! Because of our ignorance of the forgiving, restoring power of Christ's love, we are destroyed. We run out of mercy for ourselves because we are horribly bound by a limited vision. Our eyes have not yet been opened to the endless mercies of our tender Father! We are so bound by a false, limited view of His mercies, we find it almost impossible to believe or accept what James said: "[We] have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful (full of compassion), and of tender mercy" (James 5:11). This verse means, "God is easily crushed by our troubles and hurts. He feels our pain and our failures, and He is kind and compassionate to us. He loved us even when we were His enemy. Even when we offend Him, He is quick to help, restore and forgive us." The word mercy means "kind and compassionate treatment of an offender under one's power." God has the power to damn us to hell every time we sin; He has us under His control and can do with us as He pleases. And it pleases His tender heart to be compassionate, loving and kind toward those who have failed Him the most.

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

Did you ever notice that the price of a movie is now over \$10, milk is almost \$3 a gallon, and there is no longer such a thing as penny candy? The price of everything around us has increased, but has your weekly donation to the Church ever increased? That one dollar donation doesn't buy as much as it once did. As your expenses increase, so do those of the Church, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous.

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.

Burned Biscuits

A lesson we all should learn. When I was a kid, my Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! All my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that ugly burned biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing...never made a face nor uttered a word about it! When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said, "Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Mom put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides--a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!" As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. And that's my prayer for you today...that you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship! "Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket--keep it in your own." So, please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burned one will do just fine.

ISN'T IT IRONIC

- How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America?
- Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?
- Why do I have to swear on the Bible in court when the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed outside?

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
 7:30 AM JOSEPHINE LANZA DR. FRANK LANZA
 9:30 AM PANTALEON DURLAO, SR. MENCHIE DURLAO
 11:30 AM PATRICIA & JAMES KOURAKOS D. KOURAKOS
 6:00 PM BRIAN TANSEY CAROLE MEYERS

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

QUESTION?

Did Jesus have any siblings, because in several places in the Gospels different people are called his brothers and sisters? The Jewish expression "brothers and sisters" in the Scriptures merely refers to relationship in the same tribe or stock. Cousins often came under this title. In all nations the word brother has a wide significance, as one stone mason may call another a brother mason without suggesting that he was born of the same mother. According to Catholic tradition Jesus had no brothers and sisters, and Mary was ever Virgin, before and after the birth of Christ.

April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.

The Holy League Is Reborn and Forming Again

by Joseph Pronechen

In 1571 as Christendom was threatened to be overwhelmed, St. Pope Pius V asked for a Holy League to form and meet the threat. With the terrible world threats today, a new Holy League was reborn to meet the menace.

First, the historical background. When St. Pope Pius V saw Christendom not more than a shambles and Moslem Turks getting ready to deal the last blow, he got Don Juan of Austria to head remnant armies from a few nations to join together forming the first Holy League. St. Pius V called on people in Rome and the regions to pray the Rosary and implore Our Lady for her intercession. Don Juan gave every man in the naval armada a rosary, and all prayed it.

They asked for our Blessed Mother's intercession, priests heard confessions, and against great odds, with heaven's help the smaller Christian fleet crushed the Turkish Moslem fleet in the Battle of Lepanto.

St. Pius V and all the leaders attributed that David-vs-Goliath victory saving Christianity and western civilization to Our Lady. To commemorate this historic battle he instituted the feast of Our Lady of Victories, soon changed to Our Lady of the Rosary which we continue to celebrate every October 7.

"Pius V nicknamed that collection of forces the Holy League," says Father Richard Heilman. "We're the new Holy League here and we're talking about spiritual warfare more than anything else." On Mar. 7th, 2018, was the 447th Anniversary of the St. Pope Pius V's formation of the original Holy League, the new Holy League was launched near the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Wisconsin. Providentially, at Lepanto, the flagship of one wing of the fleet carried a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe that was touched to the original tilma and came from King Phillip of Spain. Indeed, this new Holy League is calling all men to the battle. Not to man ships, but to man churches for a monthly Holy Hour.

"Through prayer and especially through Eucharistic adoration and praying of the Holy Rosary, the great victory was won in the Battle of Lepanto," says Father Heilman, the founder of today's Holy League and pastor of St. Mary's of Pine Bluff Church in Cross Plains, Wisc. In a very simple yet most profound way it's enlisting and preparing men to be "a source of strength for the Church in these very troubled times."

How simple? "It is by way of the Holy Hour — a monthly Holy Hour during which the sacrament of Confession is available, a Holy Hour concentrating on our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, growing in our closeness to him so that he can help us to be strong and holy men for our time." Father Heilman — who also has the popular RomanCatholic-Man.com site — stresses how the Church has always depended on strong Catholic men. He asks men to "be of good courage — making a Holy Hour once a month, with Confession and fraternity..." It's meant for every Catholic man throughout the world and would be "building on the call of St. John Paul II."

Father Heilman and helpers presented this idea to Cardinal Raymond Burke who told them, "This is exactly what is needed today." The Holy League was then reborn at St. Mary's of Pine Bluff, near the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, with Cardinal Burke as the spiritual head. It assumed a spirit of Marian chivalry under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Joseph.

"Some are calling this the post-Christian era," explains Father Heilman. "So what we're doing is taking that idea trying to rally all these other apostolates, men in general, and Knights of Columbus and saying, this is a spiritual warfare. If we're going to be warriors in this, that begins with supernatural grace. We need to be gathering the men together on our knees before the Blessed Sacrament, at Mass, and Confession to supernaturalize men to be strong Catholic men — strong against the forces coming against God and Christianity." Speaking with the enthusiasm of a general calling his men to face the enemy fearlessly, he explains, "We're

not fighting flesh and blood here but forces in the supernatural realm. We need to be in the state of grace. We can't do anything without that. We need to be superheroes. We need heroic virtues in that state of grace to stand against the supernatural forces of evil that are running unabated in our time."

He points to St. Paul's admonitions in Ephesians 6:10-17 about needing strength and power from the Lord to fight this spiritual battle. "The image I like is putting on the armor of God," he says. "Without grace we're naked on the battlefield. One of the devil's great tactics he's using today is Internet porn, killing the life of men. The other is secular humanism that's gotten into our world and our Church. So there's not as much belief in the power of grace. We're saying all these other apostolates are great, but let's make sure we have that divine connection." In fact, he invites all other men's apostolate to also be part of the Holy League in prayer because they are all like the remnant armies that came together in 1571.

Today the Church is again being attacked by several enemies, just as in the late 1500s. This time the attacks on several fronts aim at the family too — the domestic Church. Father Heilman says the devil might seem to be winning because of secular humanism that's ingrained in not only our world but our Church. Paul said the battle "is not against human forces but against the principalities and powers, the rulers of this world of darkness, the evil spirits in the heavens." But, the founder says if we don't reclaim and use the supernatural weapons that win the battles, "We're going to lose spiritual warfare every time if we believe the devil is supernatural evil but we're coming at him with natural means. We've got to be supernatural men with heroic virtue — literally superheroes."

We have the real force — the supernatural power of grace, so he repeats, "We need to be virtuous men in God's supernatural grace — superheroes." Father Heilman lays out simple ground rules. "We should not doubt that when we pray earnestly and believe that God's going to answer our prayer, but we need to come to him on his terms. That simply means going to confession and be a praying Catholic man. Now you're in the family asking your Father for what you want. You're in league with God. We want to do God's work, but we have to do that in his way. You have to be in the state of grace," he stresses.

The Holy League has men tying into the "supernatural grace God desperately wants to give us." That's why the vision and aim of the Holy League is to build an international armada of Holy Hours, Eucharistic Adoration with Confession and Fraternity for men in every parish. Naturally, it promotes the Rosary and consecration. Father Heilman says the Holy League has already had a thousand inquiries, and there are already over 100 Holy League sites worldwide that are known with many others in preparation to start soon. The Holy League has even started in many other countries.

The Church Militant must be ready for spiritual combat. With what's going on in the world, Deacon Proffitt stresses that it's "blatantly obvious we're in spiritual warfare. We have to be prepared. The guys understand that. I would call that an underlying current in the whole Holy League movement. We are preparing men for battle. Jesus was a warrior." Deacon Proffitt tells men that in this battle they need to be the ones protecting their family. "That appeals strongly to the men. Our job is to make sure our families get to heaven. If we don't do that, we're shirking our responsibility — we're failing as a father and a husband." Father Donald Calloway of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and author of the soon-to-be-released *Champions of the Rosary*, strongly supports the Holy League.

"We need something like this today because once again we've got whole groups who are attacking us," he explains. "We need to do what the saints and the popes did of old. We need to man up, take up the Rosary, and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Joining the Holy League is a great way to do this — take a spiritual weapon in our hands, confess our sins and protect that which is precious to us."

The Holy League proved a success at Lepanto. It can win again.

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