

# Saint John the Evangelist Church

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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.

**SUNDAY, April 26, 2020 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,  
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, Milagros Agilbut, Connie Bizyk, Ace Brienza, Maria Buljevic, Bruce Burke, Corazon Corbo, Valerie Czemak, Ben, David, Ed, Gio, Joseph Corbo, Janine DeCicco, Nestor DelPrado, Jodi DeMichele, Nelia DelValle, MaryEllen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Maureen Glennon, Peggy Horan, Lori Hulle, Peter Indiveri, Alexa Kustka, Bob Leap, Patricia Little, Claudia Marino, Lenny Moriarty, Dan Newell, Fran Palazzo, Carol O'Brien, Kelly O'Neill, Gloria Petti, Rebecca Piro, Aristedes Ramirez, Michael Raymundo, Rachel Santillan, Betsey Sileo, Dixie Sokolow, Nicholas Storms, Cris & Elly Valle, Ann Vaughan, Adam Villavecchia and Mary Wagnes.

## Spiritual Excerpt PLAYING WITH TEMPTATION

“You know, if you are bit by a chained dog, you can't blame the dog. If you put yourself in temptation and you fall, you cannot blame anyone but yourself. The devil has been chained, but when you go live in his pen, you are risking eternity. The grace and the Precious Blood of Jesus have penned him up. But when you give your mind, and heart, and will over to temptation, the teeth marks are on your soul.”

Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 151.

## WINNING CHOICES

- Choose action over worry. Choose will over won't.
- Choose "I can't do it yet" over "I can't do it"
- Choose a career over a job.
- Choose optimism over pessimism.
- Choose quality over quantity.

## Fulton Sheen app

It includes free samples of Archbishop Fulton Sheen's talks available for your iPhone or Android phone. It's great to listen to on your commute or while relaxing at home. You can access it thru the App Store, Google Play, or the link: <http://fultonsheen.com/app>.

Some of you may not know of Archbishop Sheen, but he was a Catholic archbishop that hosted the show, "Life is Worth Living" on the ABC network during prime time television of the 1950s-1960s. I'm sure that some of our more illustrious brothers could share fond memories of watching Archbishop Fulton Sheen on TV.

*Some Fun Facts:*

1. The actor Martin Sheen (father of Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez) took the stage name "Sheen" in honor of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.
2. Archbishop Fulton Sheen has a cause for canonization and is currently "venerable." His body is currently entombed NYC's St. Patrick's Cathedral
3. When Pope St. John Paul II visited St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City he embraced Sheen, saying, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are a loyal son of the Church."

## FUNDRAISING THANKS

Thanks to all who participate in the NVE Community First Rewards Program. Our 1st Quarter donation amounted to **\$860.04**. If NVE is your Bank, please call 201-816-2826 for information on how you can participate at no cost to you.

**The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats. ~ Zsa Zsa Gabor...**

## REGISTER FOR St John's PARISH

All Roman Catholics living within the boundaries of St. John the Evangelist Church should officially register. If you did NOT receive an Easter mailing you are probably NOT registered! To obtain a registration form phone Julie at the Rectory. We strongly encourage you to register, even if you do not plan to use envelopes, so we can include you on or mailing list. Only registered members of the parish, who fulfill all other canonical [Church Law] requirements can obtain a Sponsor [Godparent] Certificate, letter of recommendation or other documentation.

## THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four Gospels. St. Mark is the featured Gospel reading at Mass in Year B of the three cycles of Sunday readings (the year in which we are currently). Notable exceptions occur during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and for the five weeks during the summer in which we hear St. John's discourse on the Bread of Life. St. Mark was probably the first Gospel written. Parts of it appear in both Matthew and Luke, who also use other materials which do not appear in Mark. Because Mark includes Jesus' saying about the destruction of the Temple, a prediction fulfilled in the year 70, the date of composition is certainly before the occurrence. This Gospel never identifies its author. An early tradition gave him the name Mark, a companion of St. Peter in Rome. Although someone who had heard the stories of Jesus (already being circulated) may have written the work in Rome, the name of its author is uncertain. The Gospel author writes with a sense of urgency. The audience who first received the book was probably a community of gentile Christians, which would account for the author's frequent explanation of Jewish customs and Aramaic words. Mark's main point is to proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God. We hear the proclamation in the opening verse and again near the end, from the centurion at the cross. In the middle of the Gospel stands St. Peter's declaration that Jesus is the Messiah. In the second half of the Gospel, Jesus three times predicts His Passion, Death and Resurrection. St. Mark is frequently symbolized as a lion, calling to mind the desert scene, which opens his Gospel.

## OFFICE OF CONCERN NEEDS HELP

The Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecelia has an urgent request for diapers (Size 3, 4, 5, 6) and baby wipes. Diapers are not covered under any Federal or State program and cannot be bought with food stamps. Diapers can cost a family about \$80 per month per child. If you are able in these difficult times, you can donate by either dropping the diapers off, have them shipped or send a donation to our office earmarked Diapers. You could also donate on our website ([officeofconcern.com](http://officeofconcern.com)) or on Facebook. (Office of Concern). Address to drop off or mail donation: 55 West Demarest Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631

## 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.

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

**DADS CHECK THIS WEBSITE**  
**FathersforGood.org**

# Old age is coming at a really bad time!

## WORLD QUARANTINE

The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty".  
 So what does the Bible say about 40?  
 The flood lasted 40 days.  
 40 years Moses fled Egypt.  
 40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments.  
 Exodus lasted 40 years.  
 Jesus fasted for 40 days.  
 Lent is 40 days.  
 40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth.  
 A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change.  
 Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".  
 Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.  
 So, during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together. Family prayer is a great blessing. Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and in your home. Christ promises us that everything works together for the good for those who love God: Romans 8:28! Remember we are in the year 2020, and  $20 + 20 = 40$ .  
 Also, 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census.  
 Lastly, 20/20 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand.  
 May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world.  
 The best is yet to come.  
 Trust in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

## relevant radio

1430AM

*Listener Supported Talk Radio for Catholic Life*

## Question????

What do the letters INRI stand for on the top of a crucifix? The letters indicated are an abbreviation for the Latin text, Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum (Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews) which is the inscription which Pontius Pilate had placed on the cross.

## EWTN

Did you know that there is a truly Catholic Television Station carried on cable TV? **Channel 285 (FIOS) or Channel 52 (Spectrum) is EWTN** – Eternal Word Television Network. It was started by a convent of Cloistered Nuns over twenty-five years ago. So if you are tired of the nonsense on regular TV, try channel 67 for a welcome change.

## STEWARDSHIP

### MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

As your expenses increase, so do the Church's, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous.

**If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats**

## 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 Infinite Value of the Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the highest form of worship. It is the sacrifice of Calvary renewed. One Mass gives God more praise and thanksgiving, makes more atonement for sin, and pleads more eloquently than does the combined and eternal worship of all the souls in heaven, on earth and in purgatory.

In the Holy Mass, it is Jesus Christ, God as well as Man, who is our Intercessor, our priest, and our Victim. Being God – as well as Man – His prayers, merits, and His offerings are infinite in value.

## Why We Should Attend Holy Mass

The Mass is the best means we have:

To render God the highest form of worship.

To thank Him for all His blessings.

To make reparation for all our sins.

To obtain all the blessings we desire.

To release souls from purgatory and to shorten our own time there.

To preserve us from all dangers to soul and body.

To be consoled at the hour of death, for at that moment their memory will be our greatest consolation.

To intercede for us at the Judgment Seat of God.

To bring down God's blessings; therefore, try to attend at Mass every day, or as often as possible, and of course, on Sundays.

To better understand the sublimity of the Passion of Christ, and therefore, to increase our love for Him.

## TODAY

When The Ten Commandments are removed from society

We lose a true civilization:

Logic is dead.

Excellence is punished.

Mediocrity is rewarded.

And dependency is to be revered.

This is present day America.

When people rob banks they go to prison.

When they rob the taxpayer they get re-elected!

### A truism worthy of note:

**Do not fear the enemy, for they can take only your life.  
 Fear the media, for they will destroy your honor.**

## St John's Knights of Columbus

All men over 18 are invited to join the St. John's Parish Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. For more information or to join, please contact Mike Minetti at 201-370-2061.

**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.**

**QUESTION**

This week I was listening by radio to a good priest giving answers on a very well-known Catholic Q & A program. They were discussing the Apostolic Pardon. The priest said it was for someone in danger of death who had complete detachment from all sin, as in any plenary indulgence. Then they could go directly to Heaven at death. My understanding is that it is for someone dying who is known by the priest to have led a devout life, but it eliminates the requirement of having complete detachment from sin. **Am I correct? And why do I never hear any mention of this great gift?**

A. Once the Sacrament of Penance has been given to a dying person, says the Pastoral Care of the Sick (n. 201), "the priest may give the Apostolic Pardon for the dying, using one of the following: "Through the holy mysteries of our redemption, may almighty God release you from all punishments in this life and in the life to come. May He open to you the gates of paradise and welcome you to everlasting joy. Amen." "By the authority which the Apostolic See has given me, I grant you a full pardon and the remission of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." We are not aware that the dying person must have lived a devout life in order to be eligible for the Apostolic Pardon. Here are the conditions that are spelled out in the Handbook of Indulgences (n. 28): "Priests who minister the sacraments to the Christian faithful who are in a life-and-death situation should not neglect to impart to them the Apostolic Blessing, with its attached indulgence. But if a priest cannot be present, Holy Mother Church lovingly grants such persons who are rightly disposed a plenary indulgence to be obtained in articulo mortis, at the approach of death, provided they regularly prayed in some way during their lifetime. The use of a crucifix or a cross is recommended in obtaining this plenary indulgence. "In such a situation, the three usual conditions required in order to gain a plenary indulgence [freedom from all attachment to sin, performance of an indulgenced work, sacramental Confession and Eucharistic Communion] are substituted for by the condition 'provided they regularly prayed in some way.' "The Christian faithful can obtain the plenary indulgence mentioned here as death approaches (in articulo mortis) even if they had already obtained another plenary indulgence that same day." We don't know why you never hear mention of this gift. Priests should be aware of it since it is mentioned in the section of the Breviary dealing with prayers for emergencies. In any case, you ought to ask every priest you know if he is familiar with the Apostolic Pardon, and even give him a card with the prayer on it for use with those who are dying. Also, tell your family members and friends that you want to receive this blessing when your death approaches.

**MASS INTENTION****REQUESTED BY**

<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 25, ST. MARK, EVANGELIST</b>	
5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO .....	LEMBO FAMILY
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 26, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
7:30 AM BONAVENTURA PULICE .....	GRACE CUTRI
9:30 AM DIANE BOLES .....	LISA CIRILLO
11:30 AM ANTHONY P. SAMBOGNA .....	BRIDGET & BRIAN BURKE
6:00 PM MUNGOH CHOI .....	JULIA CHOI
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 27, ST. ZITA</b>	
9:00 AM THEODORE COPPOLA .....	VINCENT & BARBARA ARDIZZONE
ED BROWN .....	MCCARTNEY-LEAP FAMILY
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 28, ST. LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT</b>	
9:00 AM MARGARET RALLIS .....	JOANNE & FRANK LIVELLI
IRENE & PAUL KEMPS. ....	MARIE & JOHN BRAINARD
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>	
9:00 AM ENRICO IAVAZZI .....	KATHY & JOHN STENDOR
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 30, ST. PIUS V, POPE</b>	
9:00 AM FELIX DISLA .....	TAMARA DURAND
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 1, ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER</b>	
9:00 AM DR. CORAZON DUMLAO SADANG .....	EDGARDO SADANG
7:00 PM HELEN BLANK .....	VERA DALY
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 2, ATHANASIUS, BISHOP &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>	
9:00 AM SERAFINO MAMONE .....	GRACE CUTRI
5:00 PM MADELINE LIBERATORE .....	JOAN RING & FAMILY
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 3, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
7:30 AM ANNE CHOI .....	JULIA CHOI
9:30 AM DANILLO DUNGCA .....	ROMEO & DORA DUNGCA
11:30 AM FRANK & DOROTHY MCNERNEY .....	RITA & JOHN LORENZO
6:00 PM RUTH & JOE DONATICH .....	ELAINE LUPETN

**Sanctuary Memorials**

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of  
**James Treacy Jr.**

requested by **Julie & Jim Diemer**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in memory of  
**Josephine Loughlin**

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.

**Sanctuary Offerings**

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23- 24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

**Kids Korner Answers**

1. Mother Cabrini
2. Elizabeth Ann Seton
3. Katherine Drexel
4. Mother Cabrini
5. Canonization.

### AMERICAN MARINES

Every American should understand the background of the phrase "to the shores of Tripoli" and why the Marine Hymn contains the verse "to the shores of Tripoli" Most Americans are unaware of (or have forgotten!) the fact that over two hundred years ago, the United States declared war on Islam, and Thomas Jefferson led the charge!

At the height of the eighteenth century, Muslim pirates were the terror of the Mediterranean and a large area of the North Atlantic. They attacked every ship in sight, and held the crews for exorbitant ransoms. Those taken hostage were subjected to barbaric treatment and wrote heart breaking letters home, begging their government and family members to pay whatever their Mohammedan captors demanded.

These extortionists of the high seas represented the Islamic nations of Tripoli, Tunis, Morocco, and Algiers – collectively referred to as the Barbary Coast – and presented a dangerous and unprovoked threat to the new American Republic. Before the Revolutionary War, U.S. merchant ships had been under the protection of Great Britain. When the U.S. declared its independence and entered into war, the ships of the United States were protected by France. However, once the war was won, America had to protect its own fleets. Thus, the birth of the U.S. Navy.

Beginning in 1784, seventeen years before he would become president, Thomas Jefferson became America's Minister to France. That same year, the U.S. Congress sought to appease its Muslim adversaries by following in the footsteps of European nations who paid bribes to the Barbary States, rather than engaging them in war.

In July of 1785, Algerian pirates captured American ships, and the Dye of Algiers demanded an unheard-of ransom of \$60,000. It was a plain and simple case of extortion, and Thomas Jefferson was vehemently opposed to any further payments. Instead, he proposed to Congress the formation of a coalition of allied nations who together could force the Islamic states into peace. A disinterested Congress decided to pay the ransom.

In 1786, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams met with Tripoli's ambassador to Great Britain to ask by what right his nation attacked American ships and enslaved American citizens, and why Muslims held so much hostility towards America, a nation with which they had no previous contacts. The two future presidents reported that Ambassador Sidi Haji Abdul Rahman Adja had answered that Islam "was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, that it was written in their Quran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as Prisoners, and that every Muslim who should be slain in Battle was sure to go to Paradise."

Despite this stunning admission of premeditated violence on non-Muslim nations, as well as the objections of many notable American leaders, including George Washington, who warned that caving in was both wrong and would only further embolden the enemy, for the following fifteen years, the American government paid the Muslims millions of dollars for the safe passage of American ships or the return of American hostages. The payments in ransom and tribute amounted to over twenty percent of the United States government annual revenues in 1800.

Jefferson was disgusted. Shortly after his being sworn in as the third President of the United States in 1801, the Pasha of Tripoli sent him a note demanding the immediate payment of \$225,000 plus

\$25,000 a year for every year forthcoming. That changed everything. Jefferson let the Pasha know, in no uncertain terms, what he could do with his demand. The Pasha responded by cutting down the flagpole at the American consulate and declared war on the United States. Tunis, Morocco, and Algiers immediately followed suit. Jefferson, until now, had been against America raising a naval force for anything beyond coastal defense, but having watched his nation be cowed by Islamic thuggery for long enough, decided that it was finally time to meet force with force.

He dispatched a squadron of frigates to the Mediterranean and taught the Muslim nations of the Barbary Coast a lesson he hoped they would never forget. Congress authorized Jefferson to empower U.S. ships to seize all vessels and goods of the Pasha of Tripoli and to "cause to be done all other acts of precaution or hostility as the state of war would justify".

When Algiers and Tunis, who were both accustomed to American cowardice and acquiescence, saw the newly independent United States had both the will and the might to strike back, they quickly abandoned their allegiance to Tripoli. The war with Tripoli lasted for four more years, and raged up again in 1815. The bravery of the U.S. Marine Corps in these wars led to the line "to the shores of Tripoli" in the Marine Hymn, and they would forever be known as "leathernecks" for the leather collars of their uniforms, designed to prevent their heads from being cut off by the Muslim scimitars when boarding enemy ships.

### DID YOU KNOW????

The game of Dominos was invented by two Catholic Monks in the 18th century. Having violated their monastery rule by looking over the abbey wall at the town festivities, they were commanded by their abbot to remove themselves from the community and spend their time in isolated prayer and silence.

During their seclusion, which lasted three months, the younger monk started to collect smooth, flat stones of matching size that were on the floor of his cell. His brother monk joined in, until eventually they had 28 stones. After marking the stones to number them, they arranged them in numerical order. Still in silence, and with great difficulty, the brothers devised rules for a game to play with the stones. Within several days, they were playing their game in the free time their many prayers allowed them. At the end of the game, the winner often found it difficult to hold back the excitement of victory, but neither monk wanted to break the discipline of silence. Soon they found a way to be both obedient and celebrate their victories: whoever won the game would say the first line of Psalm 110: "Dixit Dominus Domino Meo." (The Lord said to my Lord) Since this prayer was one of the Psalms they chanted every week in their Divine Office, it was not considered a break of their silence. After the Brothers' punishment was over, the game was approved as a suitable recreation for the monks. It became popular in the abbey and eventually spread. It's name comes from the third word of Psalm 110 – Domino.

### KIDZ KORN

1. Who was America's first Saint?
2. Who was the first Saint born in the United States?
3. What American millionairess became a saint?
4. What Saint actually lived in NJ – Newark and Kearny?
5. What is the name of the ceremony which declares a person a saint?

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INFORMATION SHEET

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