

# 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  
Saturday at 4:00pm -4:30pm

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**  
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Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

**THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:**  
Please call the rectory for an appointment.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:**  
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 7 meet 10:30 am-12:00 noon  
Monday—Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 meet 3:15-3:45 p.m.

**SUNDAY, May 3, 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**: Philip Armstrong, Ginny Battle, Connie Bizyk, Michael Brady, Maria Buljevic, Bruce Burke, Steven Chang, Joseph Corbo, Valerie Czermak, Ben, David, Ed, Gio, Raul, Vito, Pootree & Nancy, Janine DeCicco, Nestor Del Prado, Jodi DeMichele, MaryEllen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Peggy Horan, Lori Hulle, Peter Indiveri, Matthew Kopacki, Lori Lepore, Patricia Little, Mary McGrath, Jerry Morales, Lenny Moriarty, Alphonsus O'Farrell, Sam Palmieri, Gloria Petti, Rebecca Piro, Aristedes Ramirez, Fr. Roy Regaspi, Betsey Sileo, Dixie Sokolow, Nicholas Storms, Cris & Elly Valle, Ann Vaughan, Mary Wagners and Jack Warren.

## Spiritual Excerpt

"Mary – God's most beautiful gift to the human race. The moment Jesus came into her life she was 'full of grace' – and immediately she went 'with haste' to give Him to others. The fruit of her oneness with Christ, the fruit of her prayer, the fruit of her total surrender to God by saying: 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to Your word.'" **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

## St John's Knights of Columbus

All men over 18 are invited to join the St. John's 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.

## SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US

It is through the generosity of our advertisers that we are able to place this bulletin into your hands without cost to the Parish. Why not get into the habit of looking through the ads and give these neighbors/merchants a chance to serve your needs. Tell them you read about them in the St. John's Bulletin

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**Helpful Hint:** Most accident victims carry no next of kin information, yet most carry a cell phone. It's advised to list a contact person in the address book of your phone under the listing ICE [in case of emergency. Emergency crews and police officers know to look for emergency contact information under the ICE listing on cell phones. This helps them easily notify the identified person of the incident. The emergency contact person can, in turn, supply potentially vital health information: **Here's what to do:**

1. Type the acronym ICE followed by a contact name [ex. Mom or David] into the address book of your cell phone.
2. Save their phone number.
3. Tell your contact person that you have listed them as an emergency contact person.

For further information, go to [www.ICEcontact.com](http://www.ICEcontact.com)

## DAILY ROSARY—LIVE STREAM

As we pray together for an end to the Coronavirus Pandemic, please join us for Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction each evening at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook. Join us at Facebook Group LIVE MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST RC, LEONIA, NJ.

## Why is May MARY'S Month?

**T**hough May is a contraction of the name Mary, the month was probably named for Maia Maiesta, the Roman goddess of grain. Each year, on the first day of May, the ancient Romans likewise honored Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers, who was represented by a small statue wreathed in garlands; processions of singers and dancers would carry Flora's statue past a sacred blossom-decked tree. Later, festivals of this kind spread to other parts of Europe, reaching their height in England during the Middle Ages. Dances around flower-bedecked maypoles were common, and festivities often blossomed into riotous and wild occasions. Often a May queen was chosen as part of the festivities. Devotions, specifically to Our Lady, on the first days of May date to St. Phillip Neri (16<sup>th</sup> century), who began the custom of decorating the statue of the Virgin with spring flowers. Then, after Annibale Dionisi, an Italian Jesuit, proposed devotions to Mary throughout the entire month, the Church did incorporate the pre-Christian May celebrations and gave them a Christian dimension – as it had done with many other pre-Christian customs.

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

## NEIGHBOR

A four-year-old child's next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

## WORK for the LORD

Become a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low, **BUT** the retirement benefits are out of this world. For information see Fr. Bryan or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

## relevant radio

1430AM *Listener Supported Talk Radio for RC Life*

## The Morning Offering

Kneel down and using your own words or a formula, briefly offer up all the day ahead for God's glory. As Saint Josemaria Escriva explained it: "Conquer yourself each day from the very first moment, giving yourself and the entire day to God." If, with the help of God, you conquer yourself in the moment, you have accomplished a great deal for the rest of the day.

## Many Thanks!!!!

Thank you for all the greetings and prayers on my 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

*-Fr. Arlou*

# Never buy a car you can't push.

## 7 Habits of Personal Sanctification and Holiness

**Morning Offering**

**The Angelus**

**Mass and Holy Communion**

**The Rosary**

**Spiritual Reading**

**Mental Prayer**

**Examination of Conscience**

If you want to bring Christ to others through your friendship, these are your tools. All the saints incorporated all these habits, in one way or another, into their daily routine. Your goal is to be like them, contemplative in the middle of the world.

You might say that you do not have the time to do this, *but nothing is more important*. God rewards those who put Him first, and the reward comes in three specific ways. Our Lord will multiply our time as He multiplied those few loaves and fishes that fed the multitude. "How?" you might ask. 1) He will bring us helpers when we need them, 2) He will allow us to make better decisions and make fewer mistakes, 3) He will give us fewer problems.

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**The Angelus** – This takes but a few moments. Each day in the morning, at noon and in the evening, just stop what you are doing to pray the Angelus or Regina Coeli (Easter season) to Mary. This custom, which goes back centuries, is a wonderful way to greet Our Lady. We meditate on the universal greatest act of humility, the Incarnation; the universal greatest act of sacrifice, His Passion and Death; and the universal greatest act of victory, the Resurrection of Our Lord, which gives meaning to our entire existence.

**Mass and Holy Communion** – This is the most important habit (see Jn 6:22-65), the most intimate act possible to people. There we encounter the living Christ, and participate in the renewal of His sacrifice for us. As Pope John Paul II has said: "The Eucharist is the living and lasting center around which the entire community of the Church gathers."

**Pray the Rosary** – Meditate on the mysteries in the Life of Our Lord and Our Lady. The Rosary is a habit that, once acquired, one usually has a strong desire not to break. In every major Marian apparition, Our Lady has requested the recitation of the Rosary. She knows its power to help save our souls, and to save the entire world. Take Her word for it that the Rosary is powerful against Satan, and is one of our most important means of defeating him. Repeating words of love to Mary and offering up each decade for Her or our, intentions is the shortcut to Jesus. He cannot refuse Her anything.

**Spiritual Reading** – Spend a few minutes of systematic study of the Bible, and also a classic book of Catholic spirituality recommended by a spiritual person, or a book or an article placed into your hands somehow by the Holy Spirit. Over the course of the years, we will read the life of Christ many times and acquire the wisdom of the saints by reading dozens of books that enlighten our intellect with ideas we can put into action.

**Mental Prayer during the day**– This can be done at various times of the day, but it is good to set a specific time that you just relax, say for 15 minutes, with Jesus.

Over time you may want to augment this with an extra 15 minutes at other times during the day. Prayer is simply a one-on-one conversation with Jesus, preferably before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Speak silently about what is on your mind and in your heart. Acquire the habit of listening carefully for what Jesus is telling you, asking of you, and what He wants to give to you. Do not be surprised to discover that He is actually talking to you. It is a wonderful realization.

**Examination of Conscience**– It is best said at night before going to bed. Sit down, call on the Holy Spirit for light, then go over your day in God's presence, asking if you behaved as a child of God at home, at work, with your friends. Look, too, into one particular area which you know you need to improve. Then make an Act of Gratitude for all the good you have done and an Act of Contrition for those areas in which you have willfully failed.

## **Church Attendance – Fringe Benefits???**

Can faithfully attending worship actually raise your income? MIT economist Jonathan Gruber thinks so. In a study, he found that income increases by 10 percent when people double their church attendance.

Gruber proposes these possible reasons:

- Churchgoers join in fellowship with one another, resulting in social and job networking.
- They support one another during losses and setbacks.
- Such encouragement helps people do their best in all of life's endeavors.
- Churchgoers tend to be less stressed by everyday life, enabling them to work creatively and be more productive.
- Boosting one's bank account isn't the reason most people go to church of course. But it's interesting to note that worshipers reap both spiritual and earthly rewards.

## **Question?**

**Can someone receive communion more than once a day?**

At one time the Church's regulations did stipulate that Communion can be received only once a day; however, the Church now allows Communion to be received more than once on specific occasions. These occasions being ritual masses i.e. weddings, funerals, First Communions etc.

## **STERILIZATION**

Do you know someone who has been sterilized, and now regrets their decision? **One More Soul**, a Catholic Organization, has a special hotline to deal with this situation, contact Peggy Powell at 613-755-7706. Do you know someone who is contemplating a sterilization? **One More Soul** has a packet of information detailing the medical and spiritual effects of the procedure. For more info call 1-800-307-7685.

## **CONTRACEPTION**

It is obvious why the sin of contraception is not emphasized in the New Testament: Contraception was not generally practiced. Children were considered blessings from God. A woman who could not bear children was almost considered a social outcast. However, people, when asked about the sin of birth control will tell you: "It's not in the Bible!" They apparently have not read Genesis 38:9-10 in the Old Testament, which describes the sin of Onan. God punished Onan by killing him because he spilled his seed (an ancient form of birth control) in order to avoid a conception. This particular sin was far greater than adultery or incest, and it provoked God to destroy Onan immediately. This is one of the few instances in Scripture that God actually kills someone as punishment for their sin.

**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.**

**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 Catholic Perspective: Advance Directives for Health Care Form**

Documents which provide guidance when a person is no longer able to make health care decisions are called "advance directives." It is recommended that those completing an advance directive also appoint a health care representative who is someone who is trusted and authorized to evaluate what the patient would want and to make those health care decisions. The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides clear guidance on end of life issues. The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) of Bishops has an Advance Directives for Health Care form which reflects the Catholic perspective. Copies are available by contacting the Respect Life Office at 732-388-8211. A copy can also be downloaded from the diocesan website at <http://www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/respect-for-life/catholic-advance-directives-living-wills/> or the NJCC website: [www.njcathconf.com](http://www.njcathconf.com). These forms are also available in Spanish.

**A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions** is a resource made available by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. This document provides a clear explanation of the Church's teaching on end-of-life care, including advance directives and physician assisted suicide. Individual copies of this guide can be ordered online at [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org).

**DID YOU KNOW???**

That immediately after the death of Blessed Kateri Tekawitha (an American/Canadian Indian) a mysterious event occurred that was witnessed by the Priests and all who were present. Within the space of a few minutes, the eyewitnesses saw the ravages of sickness disappear, to give way to a fresh, smiling and radiant countenance. Even the pock marks, from small pox, which had disfigured Kateri's face from childhood could no longer be seen.

**God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.**

**MASS INTENTION**

**REQUESTED BY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2, ST. ATHANASIUS**

5:00 PM MADELINE LIBERATORE ..... JOAN RING & FAMILY  
ROSALIZA VENTURA (LIVING) 81ST BIRTHDAY.. NANCY & ED VENURA

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30 AM ANNE CHOI ..... JULIA CHOI  
9:30 AM DANILO DUNGCA ..... ROMEO & DORA DUNGCA  
11:30 AM FRANK & DOROTHY McNERNEY ..... RITA & JOHN LORENZO  
6:00 PM RUTH & JOE DONATICH ..... ELAINE LUPETIN

**MONDAY, MAY 4, ST. MONICA**

9:00 AM ROMANA MOLINA ..... LOLITA LEE  
HELENA KUEHNE ..... JULIE & JIM DIEMER

**TUESDAY, MAY 5, POPE ST. PIUS V**

9:00 AM KATHERINE KENNEDY ..... THE DUKE FAMILY  
TET SANTA MARIA (HEALING)  
ALITA FILIPOVICH (LIVING - BIRTHDAY)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6,**

9:00 AM JOSEPHINE DEGNAN ..... BARBARA ARDIZZONE  
ALICE FERENO (HEALING)

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, ST. STANISLAUS OF CRACOW, MARTYR**

9:00 AM AGRIPINA OCHOA ..... DAUGHTERS  
RICHARD POLICASTRO ..... VINCENT CHIARELLO

**FRIDAY, MAY 8, APPARITION OF ST. MICHAEL**

9:00 AM SAVERIA SURACE ..... GRACE CUTRI  
MARICA MUSTAC ..... LINDA DWYER

**SATURDAY, MAY 9, ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN**

9:00 AM JUELE FAMILY ..... JUELE FAMILY  
ROSEMARIE SALIMBENE ..... BETTY ROESER  
5:00 PM DANIELLE LEMBO ..... DIANE LEMBO  
DAVID VAUGHAN ..... VAUGHAN FAMILY

**SUNDAY, MAY 10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
9:30 AM JOSEPHINE LANZA ..... FRANK LANZA  
11:30 AM PATRICIA & JAMES KOURAKOS ..... DEE KOURAKOS  
6:00 PM SUKEUM CHOI ..... JULIA CHOI

**Sanctuary Memorials**

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of **Josephine Valyo**  
The Sanctuary Lamp burns is in memory of **Maria & Lou Pelissier**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;  
Jn 10:11-18  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

**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.

**Kids Korner Answers**

1. Divine Mercy Sunday 2. St. Faustina 3. 50 days 4. To receive Holy Communion at Easter time and you should go to The Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation and confess your sins prior to receiving the Eucharist so that you will receive it worthily. 5. Holy Trinity Sunday which this year is June 7.

# May is dedicated to Our Lady.

## SANCITY OF MARRIAGE

Last week a group of half-naked radical feminists shocked the world by storming the stage at a public conference to assault the Catholic Archbishop of Brussels, soaking him with water and shouting curses in an effort to silence him for his defense of the sanctity of marriage. To add insult to injury, these radicals also used water bottles often found at Lourdes, which are shaped in the image of Our Lady. But Archbishop Andre-Joseph Leonard responded by bowing his head in prayer. As the attackers were removed, the Archbishop took one of the water bottles shaped in the image of the Blessed Mother and kissed it as a sign of reparation. "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you...because of me" (St. Matthew 5:11). Here in America, radical homosexual activists have interrupted the Mass, desecrated the Holy Eucharist, and last year terrorized the Family Research Council with a semi-automatic weapon, shooting a security guard in the arm with the intent of killing others before he was subdued. While this story will no doubt sicken you, it reveals the reality of our present circumstances. And we hope it will serve as a wake-up call to Catholics and all people of good will around the world. And let us pray that God will grant all leaders in the Church, including us, the grace needed to faithfully witness to the truths of nature, affirmed by our Church.

## A MEETING WITH GOD

One day a while back, a man, his heart heavy with grief, was walking in the woods. As he thought about his life this day, he knew many things were not right. He thought about those who had lied about him back when he had a job. His thoughts turned to those who had stolen his things and cheated him. He remembered family who had passed on. His mind turned to the illness he had, that no one could cure. His very soul was filled with anger, resentment, and frustration. Standing there this day, searching for answers he could not find, knowing all else had failed him, he knelt at the base of an old oak tree to seek the one he knew would always be there. And with tears in his eyes, he prayed: 'Lord- You have done wonderful things for me in this life. You have told me to do many things for you, and I happily obeyed. Today, you have told me to forgive. I am sad, Lord, because I cannot. I don't know how. It is not fair Lord, I didn't deserve these wrongs that were done against me and I shouldn't have to forgive. As perfect as your way is Lord, this one thing I cannot do, for I don't know how to forgive. My anger is so deep Lord, I fear I may not hear you, but I pray you teach me to do the one thing I can not do: Teach me to forgive.' As he knelt there in the quiet shade of that old oak tree, he felt something fall onto his shoulder. He opened his eyes. Out of the corner of one eye, he saw something red on his shirt. He could not turn to see what it was because where the oak tree had been was a large square piece of wood in the ground. He raised his head and saw two feet held to the wood with a large spike through them. He raised his head more, and tears came to his eyes as he saw Jesus hanging on a cross. He saw spikes in His hands, a gash in His side, a torn and battered body, deep thorns sunk into His head. Finally he saw the suffering and pain on His precious face. As their eyes met, the man's tears turned to sobbing, and Jesus began to speak. 'Have you ever told a lie?' He asked? The man answered - 'Yes, Lord.' 'Have you ever been given too much change and kept it?' The man answered - 'Yes, Lord.' And the man sobbed more and more. 'Have you ever taken something from work that wasn't yours?' Jesus asked? And the man answered, 'Yes, Lord.' 'Have you ever sworn, using my Father's name in vain?' The man, crying now, answered - 'Yes, Lord.' As Jesus asked many more times, 'Have you ever?' The man's crying became uncontrollable, for he could only answer - 'Yes, Lord'. Then Jesus turned His head from one side to the other, and the man felt something fall on his other shoulder. He looked and saw that it was the blood of Jesus. When he looked back up, his eyes met those of Jesus, and there was a look of love the man had never seen or known before. Jesus said, 'I didn't deserve this either, but I forgive you.' It may be hard to see how you're going to get through something, but when you look back in life, you realize how true this statement is. If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it.

## On the publication of the COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Pope Benedict issued the following statement:  
*It is with great joy that I now approve and promulgate the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Compendium, which I now present to the Universal Church, is a faithful and sure synthesis of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It contains, in concise form, all the essential and fundamental elements of the Church's faith, thus constituting, as my Predecessor had wished, a kind of vademecum which allows believers and non-believers alike to behold the entire panorama of the Catholic faith.*

Pope Benedict XVI released the Compendium of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* at a June 28 liturgical ceremony at the Vatican. In his homily, Pope Benedict said that the new volume fulfilled an important need by providing "a brief, concise catechism, containing all and only the essential and fundamental elements of Catholic faith and morals." The need for a Compendium of the catechism was to ensure a presentation that would be fully accurate, preserving "the fullness and integrity of Catholic doctrine." He said that the Compendium, which maintains "intact" the essential teachings of the *Catechism*, should now become "a fundamental tool of education in the faith." The full *Catechism*, the Pope said, remains "the basic text for ecclesial catechesis today." In fact the Compendium regularly refers back to the *Catechism* for fuller explanation of Church teachings.

The Pope expressed satisfaction with the way the Compendium presents the Church's teachings, in a concise question-and-answer format that allows "clarity of communication." The question-and-answer presentation, which harkens back to the catechisms of previous generations, has the advantage of imitating the relationship between student and instructor, the Pope observed. He noted that the catechism of St. Pius X took the same form, which allows for a concise explanation of Church teachings and **suggests the use of MEMORIZATION.**

In future columns, we will print some of the important Doctrines and teachings of the Compendium in the form of questions and answers format as the Holy Father suggested since it lends of memorization. This harkens back to the early Baltimore Catechism published in 1887.

### How many of you remember? Why did God make you?

God made me to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next.

### MUCH-NEEDED LOVE

No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it.  
—Anonymous

## KIDZ KORN

1. What is the name of the new feast celebrated on the Sunday after Easter?
2. To what Saint did Jesus reveal this new feast?
3. How many days does the Church celebrate Easter?
4. What is Your Easter Duty?
5. What is the last day to fulfill your Easter Duty obligation?

Answers on page four