

Saint John the Evangelist Church

470 Broad Avenue, Leonia, New Jersey

www.stjohnleonia.org

SUNDAY, August 30, 2020 A.D.



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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:
To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:
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.

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

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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**: Peter, David, Ben, Baby Cordelia, Baby Nicholas, Baby Freedman, Baby Yosef, Vahide Atlas, Michael Brady, Maria Buljevic, Joseph Corbo, Valerie Czermak, Nelia DelValle, MaryEllen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Peggy & Brendan Horan, Lori Hulle, Peter Indiveri, Fr. Louis Leonelli, Lori Lepore, Jeff McCartney, Mary McGrath, Claudia Marino, Lenny Moriarity, Brenda Oporto, Gloria Petiti, Rebecca Piro, Aristedes Ramirez, Raquel & Fabio Santos, Betsey Sileo, Deosalina Stabile, Nicholas Storms, Michael Tarricone, Kathy Treacy, Ann Vaughan, and Mary Wagnes.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

GOD USES DODOS

"God is looking for dodos. There are a lot of people who know it can't be done, so they don't do it, But a dodo doesn't know it can't be done. God uses dodos. And I'm a dodo." **Mother Angelica**

PSALM RESPONSE QUESTION

People have inquired, "Why does the cantor sing all the songs from the podium, but sings the Psalm response from the pulpit?" Since the Book of Psalms is part of Sacred Scripture, they are Canonical, "the words of God." Since the pulpit is reserved for reading the Word of God (Sacred Scripture), the cantor sings the Psalms from the pulpit. All other songs are sung from the podium.

QUESTION?

Why does the Roman Catholic Church's policy on divorce and invalidly remarried Catholics seem so harsh? 1) Marriage is a major part of life and a gift from God, not of human origin and must be respected as such. 2) Those who publicly violate Church law, yet receive Holy Communion harm the Church as a false sign of unity. 3) Many people are no longer surprised when invalidly married Catholics receive Holy Communion, so the Church has become firm, yet patient, in reaffirming this ban so as to protect the sanctity of marriage, family and Christian morality, which are all negatively affected by an "anything goes" mentality.

Missalettes Available

If you would like to have your own copy of the Missalette to bring back and forth to church, please call the Rectory Office. Due to current Covid restrictions they are not allowed to be left in the pews. The supply is limited.

GOING ON VACATION?

Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.

A parish is not like a bus on which you pay your fare, and then sit passively to be driven by someone else to your destination. A parish is like a rowboat; there is a seat for everybody, and by every seat there is an oar.

Spiritual Priorities

by Fr. Alexander Men

Don't we all know how confused everyday matters endlessly distract us and fill our thoughts and emotions. It seems like a waste of our precious time that we allow these same matters and activities, silly trifles that we will not even remember the day after tomorrow, to fill the time of our short lives, which, you would think that we would treasure above all else. All this cuts us off from Our Lord, shutting us off from Heaven and choking off prayer like smoke from a funnel rising and obscuring the light from the sun. And what is smoke? It is made up of tiny black particles. In just the same way, our sins and restlessness rise and obscure everything like smoke - so that our life ceases to be Christian, and becomes vain and pointless. Only a search for the Lord, a longing to touch Christ the healer, can give us victory. Now is the time to pray and make sacrifices. A small abstinence from food is a tiny, microscopic offering to God, and yet it is of great value. But greater still is to offer the Lord a prayer for each other not for ourselves, not for our own health, salvation, or well-being, but for our sisters and brothers, for those who are dear to our hearts; offer the Lord a prayer for them today, as the Gospel teaches us. Pray for them, that their way may be blessed, that the Lord may keep them and come to meet them - then all of us will ascend toward the Lord, as if holding on to that prayer. This is the main thing the rest will follow - but this is essential to our lives. Then Jesus, seeing our faith, will say to all those for whom we have been praying, and to us, for whom they have been praying: "My child, awake from your sleep and your sickness, from your palsy, your spiritual paralysis; arise, your sins are forgiven you."

DID YOU KNOW?

That when St. Joan of Arc was burned to death at the stake, her heart was not consumed by the fire. The British threw it into the River Seir. The local faithful hoped that, as the fire was unable to destroy it, neither would the water; it has never been found.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 4:00PM to 4:30PM and Monday-Friday at 8:30AM as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment. Please call the Rectory Office at 201-947-4545 if you have any questions or would like to make an appointment.

ShopRite Cards

When you purchase a \$25, \$50, or \$100 ShopRite card at the church you receive the full value of the card you purchased. ShopRite donates back to St. John's 5% of what we sell. Please note: The cards are good at all ShopRite stores.

Are YOU new to the AREA?

If you are, stop by the rectory and meet Julie, our parish secretary, and register to become a member of the St John's Family.

First Friday Mass—September 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Come and join us for First Friday Mass and devotions this Friday. Confessions will be heard at 6:30 p.m.

The best things in life aren't things.

Amazon Smile!

Thanks to all those who have selected St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Leonia to be their charity of choice while shopping on AmazonSmile. We have just received a donation in the amount of **\$71.55 for the 2nd quarter of 2020.**

If you would like to register, simply login at AmazonSmile, search for **St. John's Roman Catholic Church** and select it (**verify the location is Leonia, NJ**) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping.

Your selection is saved so every eligible purchase you make at **smile.amazon.com** will result in a donation to St. John's. You can change your charity any time by simply selecting "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."

TWINKIES & ROOT BEER

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park just feeding some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at the boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the elderly man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

QUESTION?!

Can someone receive communion more than once a day? At one time the Church's regulations did stipulate that Communion could 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, 1st Communions etc.

Please Join Us in Celebrating the Mass Join Us Live-Stream

St. John's is open for Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m., Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. All are welcome! Face masks must be worn and social distancing is required. If you are not able to come or are concerned because you are at risk or ill, please join us at Facebook Group LIVE MASS AT ST. JOHN. 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. During this time, St. John's continues to Live Stream Sunday Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am and Daily Mass at 9:00am You can also watch the recorded video approximately 1 hour later on YouTube at St. John the Evangelist Leonia.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
 Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
 Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
 Mt 18:15-20

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 Ed Ventura at 201-218-0842.

Do you need home repairs but can't afford them?

Rebuilding Together North Jersey can help. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit makes critical home repairs at no cost for low-income homeowners in Bergen and Passaic Counties. Call 201-447-8886 or email info@rtnorthjersey.org. More info at: www.rtnorthjersey.org.

Why be rebellious in God's house?

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks?

Please dress appropriately when coming to Mass.

Tools for Schools Supply Drive

On Aug 31 and Sept 1 from 9am-2pm Bergen Volunteers is hosting a two-day long school supply drive to help students grades K-12. Donations Needed: Backpacks, binders, calculators, crayons, erasers, folders, glue, highlighters, index cards, lunchboxes, markers, notebooks, pencils/pens, post-its, rulers and more! August Drop off your donations at Bergen Volunteers, Fellowship Hall, 64 Passaic Street, Hackensack, NJ. Questions? Contact Elizabeth at ereich@bergenvolunteers.com.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
St. John's Tithe 8/22-23, 2020
Budget: \$ 8,000.00
Sunday Collection: \$ 4,456.00

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

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

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
Sgt. Joseph Gonzales
Airman Matthew Gonzales
Lt. Robert Lucieri, MD
Cmdr. Alexander McMahon

RCIA NEWS

Please join us in welcoming Joshua Farrar, RCIA candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at St. John's. Lord, may he be strengthened with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, as a disciple of Christ. Fill him with the joy of your presence. Increase in him the fruit of your Spirit. Help him to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that he may count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we encounter. Amen.

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

Congratulations and God's Blessings to the parents and their babies who were baptized in July and August:

Delia Maryn Burke
Mikael Salgado
Hannah Shibuya
Leo Anthony Wellings
Logan Yumul

As we welcome Delia, Mikael, Hannah, Leo and Logan into our parish family, we pray that they may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ all the days of their lives.

Faith Formation Registration

In person Religious Education Registration will take place today in the Lower Hall following the 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses. If you are unable to register in person, you can complete your registration form and drop off or mail in. If you need a registration form, it is available on our website: www.stjohnleonia.org If you have any questions, please call Mirela Tarabokija in the Faith Formation Office at 201-944-4346.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
5:00 PM BERNICE KENNELLYSYLVAI DONOHUE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM STELLA KIM (LIVING)JULIA CHOI
9:30 AM DR. CORAZON DURLAO SADANGEDGARDO SADANG
11:30 AM RON WAACKGAIL & STEVE HUTNIK
6:00 PM JOSEPHINE LOUGHLINCATHY & JIM TREACY
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS
9:00 AM DENNIS OAKES VICKI DREW DICKSON
ANNETTE KUSTRUP ELAINE LUPETIN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, ST. AEGIDIUS
9:00 AM JOSEPH FASCHING BETTY FASCHING
KEVIN WATSON (LIVING)MARY MORNHINWAY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY
9:00 AM RON WAACKSTEPHANIE & PHILLIP BATTISTA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
9:00 AM FAVIOLA GOMEZ DEPEREZMARY MORNHINWAY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, ST. ROSE OF VITERBO
9:00 AM GEORGETTE DIEMER JIM & JULIE DIEMER
7:00 PM MADELINE PHILLIPS JANET & JOHN CONNELL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
9:00 AM SEOKGU CHO ELIZABETH KIM
5:00 PM FRANK PROVENZANOJEAN DEMICHELE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM ASSUNTA KOLUCKI JUDY COYLE
9:30 AM PAUL COLLINSSEAN O'NEILL & FAMILY
11:30 AM ENCARNACION GARCIA GARCIATHE WILDS FAMILY
6:00 PM CAROL EHRAT THE MCMAHON FAMILY

Sanctuary Memorials

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Connie Bizyk

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
St. John's Parishioners

The Rectory Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
Those serving in the Military

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. The Ascension
2. Jesus goes back to Heaven
3. Pentecost
4. The Birthday of the Church
5. Pope Francis

"If you are searching for God and do not know where to begin, learn to pray and take the trouble to pray every day. You can pray anytime, anywhere. You can pray at work—work doesn't have to stop prayer and prayer doesn't have to stop work. Tell Him everything, talk to Him. He is our father, He is father to us all whatever religion we are. We are all created by God, we are his children. We have to put our trust in Him and love Him, believe in Him, work for Him. And if we pray, we will get all the answers we need."

Saint Mother Teresa

NOAH MEETS THE BUREAUCRACY

The Lord said to Noah, "In six months, I'm going to make it rain until the earth is covered with water, and all evil is destroyed. I want you to build an ark and save two of each animal species. Here are the blueprints for the ark." Six months passed. The skies began to cloud, and the rain began to fall. Noah sat in his front yard weeping. "Why haven't you built the ark?" asked the Lord. "Oh, forgive me," said Noah. "I did my best, but so many things happened." "The blueprints you gave me didn't meet the city's code, and I had to change them. Then the city said I was violating the zoning ordinance by building an ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance." "Then the Forest Service required tree cutting permits, and I was sued by the state animal rights group when I tried to gather up the animals." The EPA required an environmental impact statement concerning the flood. The Army Corps of engineers wanted a map of the proposed flood plain." The IRS then seized all my assets, claiming I was trying to avoid paying taxes by leaving the country, and the Equal Opportunity Commission said I wasn't hiring enough minorities." "I'm sorry, Lord, but I can't finish the ark for at least five years." Suddenly the rain stopped, the skies cleared and the sun began to shine. Noah looked up and said, "lord, does this mean you're not going to devastate the earth?" "That's correct," said God. "You've already had enough trouble to last a life time!"

ANNULMENT QUESTION?

When is the best time to get an annulment? Although there is no "best" time for starting an annulment, it is important to know that the final annulment decree will not be issued until the divorce is finalized. You are free to begin the annulment proceedings at the same time as the divorce proceedings. Waiting to begin the annulment after obtaining the divorce may mean being revisited by painful memories and feelings. This may move you to not proceed with the annulment. It may prove wise to begin the annulment process at the same time as the divorce process.

The Father Factor**DADS CHECK THIS WEBSITE**

FathersforGood.org

CATHOLIC SHAMPOO

While shopping in a food store, two nuns happened to pass by the beer, wine, and liquor section. One asked the other if she would like a beer. The second nun answered that, indeed, it would be very nice to have one, but that she would feel uncomfortable about purchasing it. The first nun replied that she would handle that without a problem. She picked up a six-pack and took it to the cashier. The cashier had a surprised look, so the nun said, "This is for washing our hair." Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter and put a package of pretzel sticks in the bag with the beer. "The curlers are on me."

"Our Lord needs from us neither great deeds nor profound thoughts. Neither intelligence nor talents. He cherishes simplicity" **St. Therese of Lisieux**

IMAGINE

Imagine that there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening it deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Of course you would draw out every cent!! Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you failed to invest to a good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it bums the remains of the day. If you fail to use a day's deposit, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposit. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realize the value of ONE YEAR,
ask a student who failed and has to repeat a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH,
ask a mother who gave birth to a pre-mature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK,
ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE DAY,
ask a daily wage laborer with children to feed.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR,
ask lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE,
ask a person who missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND,
ask a person who just avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLI-SECOND,
ask the person who won an Olympic SILVER medal.

Treasure every moment that you have! Treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with. Remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is gift. That is why it is called the PRESENT.

The Challenge of Consumption

Pope Benedict XVI, in the homily given at his Mass on inauguration as Pope, raised the spectre of the deserts that are growing on the planet, deserts that are both spiritual and material. The Pope said that it cannot be a matter of unconcern that so many of our contemporaries are living in the desert. "There is the desert of poverty, the desert of hunger and thirst, the desert of abandonment. These external deserts are growing," he asserted, "because the internal deserts have become so vast. Therefore the earth's treasures no longer serve to build God's garden for all to live in, but they have been made to serve the powers of exploitation and destruction."

KIDS KORNER

1. What feast do we celebrate 40 days after Easter?
2. What event in Jesus' life does this feast celebrate?
3. What feast do we celebrate 9 days after this?
4. What event in the Church does this feast celebrate?
5. Who is the visible leader of Jesus' Church?

Answers on page four

Home improvement: Take your family to Church

INFORMATION SHEET

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