

St. Leo Parish



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PARISH FAMILY OF ST. LEO, STAMFORD

Mass Intentions

SAT. (September 18)

5:00 PM Vincent Surwilo
by Sondra & family

SUN. (September 19)

8:00 AM Ettore & Rosa Venturi
by son, Vincenzo

10:00 AM John Rothermich
by Howe Family

MON. (September 20)

8:30 AM Harriet Abruscato
by Dr. & Mrs. Gregory D'Onofrio

TUES. (September 21)

8:30 AM John & Edith Mckee

WEDS. (September 22)

8:30 AM Carl Pavlick by family

THUR. (September 23)

8:30 AM Monsignor Thomas Whalen

FRI. (September 24)

8:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners

SAT. (September 25)

5:00 PM Karen Colangelo
by mother, Joann

SUN. (September 26)

8:00 AM John, Mary & Donald Cavaliero
by family

10:00 AM Anthony & Jennie Stabile
by daughter, Mildred Ritchie

***The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
in memory of
Edwin Carney
by Kevin & Sue Manning***

***2nd BANNES OF MARRIAGE
Matthew Green
and
Megan Fiske***

Send prayer requests to:
annhogan@optonline.net

**St. Leo Drive-Thru
Fall/Winter Clothing Drive**

**Saturday, September 25th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

We will be collecting new and gently used Fall/Winter clothing and linens for Person-to-Person, who provide items to needy families in Fairfield County. Please see the St. Leo website

www.stleostamford.org

for details of the specific items being requested

Thank you for your generosity!
The Social Concerns Committee

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!

**1st prize - Mark Orsaia
ticket 17442**

**2nd prize - Agnes Cawai
ticket 02717**

***This fall St. Leo Parish will
inaugurate a new on-line catechesis.***

***Please check our parish webpage
StLeoStamford.Org for updates on
"FORMED" in the coming weeks.***

Youth Group

Beginning this fall, St. Leo Parish will be joining with the other parishes of Stamford to form a city-wide Catholic Youth Group. They will meet on Friday nights, at Holy Spirit Parish in Stamford. More information to follow soon.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Mass and Mail-in Collection \$6,041.
Faith Direct On Line Giving \$4,069.

Last week's collection amounted to \$10,110.
Thank you for your generosity.

ST. LEO SENIORS

Due to COVID restrictions and with regard to the health and safety of our Senior Community, we feel it is best to postpone the St. Leo Seniors' monthly meetings.

We will revisit in January and keep you posted as the situation changes.

Judy Sarnelle, President

THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN JOY

One morning at daily Mass in Casa Santa Marta, Pope Francis reflected on Christian joy, which we cannot buy because it is a gift from God. The Pope likened this joy given by God to the joy of a mother embracing her baby after childbirth, because it is a joy "purified" by the suffering of labor. The joy of the Christians, he said is a "joy in hope".

Pope Francis based his homily on the observation that Saint Paul "was very brave", "because he had strength in the Lord". Of course, he noted, sometimes even the Apostle to the Gentiles was afraid. "It happens to all of us in life, to have some fear." he added. So much so, that sometime one wonders whether "it would be better to keep a lower profile, to not be a little less Christian and seek a compromise with the world".

Saint Paul knew that "neither the Jews, nor the Gentiles" liked what he did, but this didn't stop him and in the end he endured hardship and persecution. The Pope said that this should make us think about our fears. Even Jesus in Gethsemane felt fear and anguish. And in his farewell speech, to his disciples clearly says that "the world will rejoice" for their suffering, as was the case with the first martyrs in the Coliseum.

"We must tell the truth: Christian life is not just one big party. Not at all! We cry, we cry so many times. When we are sick; when we have a problem with our son, in the family, with our daughter, or wife, or husband; When we see that our salary does

not reach the end of the month and we have a sick child; when we see that we cannot pay the mortgage on the house and we must somehow survive. So many problems, we have so many. But Jesus tells us: 'Do not be afraid!'. 'Yes, you will be sad, cry and people will even rejoice, the people who are against you'".

But, he continued, there is another sadness: the sadness that comes to all of us when we take the wrong road". "To put it simply, we try to buy the happiness and joy of the world, of sin. In the end there is a void within us, there is sadness". And this, he reiterated, "is the sadness of the wrong sort of happiness". Christian joy, "is a joy in hope, which comes".

"in times of trial we do not see this. It is a joy that is purified by trials, our everyday trials: 'Your sorrow will turn to joy'. But it's hard to go to a sick person who is suffering greatly and say: 'Come on! Come on! Tomorrow you will have joy!' No, you cannot say this! We have to help them feel what Jesus made us feel. When we are in the dark, we do not see anything, 'I know, Lord, that this sorrow will turn to joy. I do not know how, but I know it!'. An act of faith in the Lord. An act of faith!"

To help us understand the sadness turns to joy, Jesus takes the example of a woman in labor: "It's true, women suffer a lot in childbirth - the Pope said - but then when she holds her child, she forgets". What remains is "the joy of Jesus, a purified joy". That is "the joy that remains". The Pope acknowledged that this joy is "hidden in some moments of life, we do not feel it in bad times, but it comes later: a joy in hope". This, then, "is the message of the Church today: Do not be afraid!"

Source: Vatican Radio - May 31, 2014



Helps to build a strong foundation.

Classes start Tuesday, September 28, Wednesday, September 29 & Thursday, September 30.

Any questions, please contact the Religious Education office at :

smstleo@yahoo.com

203-348-0052

ROSARY EVERY WEEKDAY

AFTER 8:30 AM MASS

St. Leo Rosary Group looks forward to seeing you and your loved ones weekday mornings after the weekday morning mass.

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

Please join our Rosary Group on the 3rd Thursday of every month when a World Peace Rosary will be prayed after the 8:30 am Mass in English, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Hungarian, Korean and French.

Any questions about either of the Rosary sessions, please call Katie Arnau (203-564-3626) or Ann Hogan (203-968-1486).

**Parish Registration
or change in Information**

If you attend our parish on a regular basis, please consider registering. It is helpful, especially whenever the need arises for special sacraments, sponsor certificates, religious education classes, etc. Kindly fill in the form below and return it to the rectory either by mail or by dropping it in the collection basket.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

WEEKENDS: Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM

WEEKDAYS: Monday-Friday 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4:00-4:30PM

BAPTISM: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month
(Pre-Baptism classes and Baptism,
call Eileen Towne at 203-348-0052)

MATRIMONY: By appointment, at least
ONE YEAR in advance

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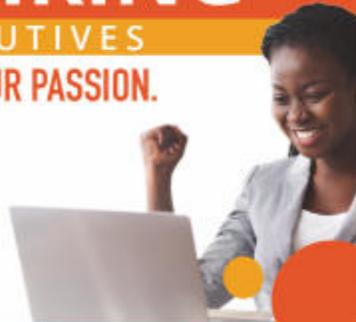
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