

# St. Leo Parish



stamford, ct

## PARISH FAMILY OF ST. LEO, STAMFORD

### *Mass Intentions*

#### **SAT. (Aug. 3)**

- 8:30 AM** Carmela Pavia  
by Andrea Coscarelli
- 5:00 PM** Joan Cackowski  
by Marcia Mandi

#### **SUN. (Aug. 4)**

- 8:00 AM** A Special Intention for Sean and  
Cecilia Fieler  
by Mater Salvatoris
- 10:00 AM** Joseph and Estelle Sverchek  
by Joe and Ann Sverchek
- 11:30 AM** Intentions of Parishioners

#### **MON. (Aug. 5)**

- 8:30 AM** Dominick Sheehan  
by the Combest family

#### **TUES. (Aug. 6)**

- 8:30 AM** Angelo Mallozzi  
by Angela Mallozzi

#### **WEDS. (Aug. 7)**

- 8:30 AM** Joseph and Estelle Sverchek  
by Joe and Ann Sverchek

#### **THUR. (Aug. 8)**

- 8:30 AM** Louise Caputo  
by John and Kate Herman

#### **FRI. (Aug. 9)**

- 8:30 AM** Tricia Mattiello  
by her mother Mary Ann

#### **SAT. (Aug. 10)**

- 8:30 AM** Elena Scanlon  
by the Sarnelle family
- 5:00 PM** Dorothy Harvey  
by Virginia Verrastro

#### **SUN. (Aug. 11)**

- 8:00 AM** A Special Intention for Christopher  
and Kristjana Underhill  
by Mater Salvatoris
- 10:00 AM** Francis Baldoz  
by his family
- 11:30 AM** Intentions of Parishioners

***The Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
in memory of  
Geroge "Bud" Ritchie  
by his wife, Mildred.***

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### **Into the Deep A New Manna**

In the history of the people of Israel there are several moments of particular importance, but one of them stands out from the rest from a foundational point of view. These are all the events that mark and accompany the departure of the people from slavery in Egypt, their wandering in the desert and their entry into the Promised Land, led mainly by Moses, as the Book of Exodus tells us. Israel entered Egypt as a family: Jacob and his sons (Gen 46). Israel will enter its land again, the land promised to Abraham, constituted as a people, with a unity acquired and consolidated in the trials they had to endure in the desert. There, as we know, many events took place, culminating in Yahweh's covenant with his people on Mount Sinai (Ex 19-24), one of the most significant of which was the giving of the manna with which God himself fed his people (Ex 16).

Now, to a New Covenant for a New People of Israel corresponds a New Manna (Eucharist). But the newness does not imply a break in God's action with his people, but rather the fullness of the promise, a maturation. There is a profound relationship between the gift of the manna in the wilderness and the bread of life that is Jesus Christ (Jn 6:35), both are the "bread from heaven" that God gives to his people. In Dr. Brant Pitre's book and lectures, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* I have found very suggestive explanations of the continuity between Israel's faith in Yahweh's providence and the Church's faith in the Eucharist. I offer here some brief remarks on this relationship.

In the Jewish reflection preceding and contemporary to Jesus Christ, there existed a series of beliefs regarding the manna that we can easily connect with the Eucharistic faith. In the first place, it was considered to be pre-existent: it had actually existed before the fall of Adam and Eve. Existent from dawn of creation – untouched by the sin of humanity's first parents, eating manna was thus a return to Eden. In the second place, the manna was a supernatural reality, kept on high in the heavenly Temple for the feeding of God's people. From a Jewish perspective, the earthly Temple in Jerusalem was a kind of visible, material sign of the invisible, immaterial dwelling of God, the heavenly Temple. In the third place, when the Messiah finally came, they expected him to bring back the miracle of the manna. In this regard, it is very interesting that, as the letter to the Hebrews tells us, inside the Ark of the Covenant "were the gold jar containing the manna, the staff of Aaron that had sprouted, and the tablets of the covenant." (Hb 9:4)

God had prepared the way in history for a new manna to be given to the people by a new Moses. This explains the expectation of the followers of Jesus and their desire to make him king. However, what the Jews did not expect, nor could they expect, was that this manna would be a person, Jesus Christ: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven" (Jn 6:51), understood not only in a symbolic, metaphorical or spiritual way, but, as we will see later, in a very real way: "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (v. 51), "my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" (v. 55). We will touch on the meaning of this reality later.

Therefore, our faith in the Eucharist is rooted in the Jewish faith in God who provided the manna for his people, but it requires a step forward, an act of faith in the words of Jesus Christ, received in the Church, trusting in his person: "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (v. 29).

Blessings,  
Fr. Javier Nieva, DCJM

### SUMMER VACATION

During the summer months, many of our parishioners are away on vacation. We are grateful to those parishioners who make up their envelopes for absent weekends, when they return. Our collections fall off by approximately 20% during the summer months. Unfortunately, our bills do not go away, even if you do.

Please consider using our **Faith Direct** program which enables you to support St. Leo in a secure and convenient way.

You can sign up via our website [stleostamford.org](http://stleostamford.org) (bottom right blue box).

When you sign-up, please consider checking the box that allows you to support St. Leo Parish more by helping to cover the costs of processing your donations. This is also tax deductible.

### 2024 BISHOP'S APPEAL

As of July 22, we have received  
**\$134,430** from **249** families  
This is **104%** of our parish goal of  
**\$129,700**

### *St. Leo Fair*

**Bishop Caggiano will preside at  
the 10am Mass on Sunday  
August 25 to support our fair.**

### Married in the past 5 years (more or less)?

St. Leo clergy invite you to the rectory on  
**Saturday August 10 at 6:30pm.**

Children also welcome.

Please, confirm your attendance by emailing  
[office@stleostamford.org](mailto:office@stleostamford.org)

Fellowship and Spanish food, including Sangría,  
will be offered.

If you cannot make it this time, don't worry, there  
will be more opportunities.

### *In Your Prayers*

Send prayer requests to:

[prayer.requests@stleostamford.org](mailto:prayer.requests@stleostamford.org)

### Mass in Honor of Blessed Michael McGivney

Tuesday August 13th is the feast day of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. Although not yet a saint, as he was born and worked in Connecticut when it was one diocese, we can say a mass in his honor.

**Our mass will be at 6:30 PM on 13th August.**

All are invited, with a special invitation extended to parishioners who are Knights of Columbus and are also invited to the rectory following mass.

For Knights who can come to the rectory after mass, please RSVP to [office@stleostamford.org](mailto:office@stleostamford.org) or call 203-322-1669 option 3.

Blessed Michael McGivney, Priest was born on August 12, 1852 in Waterbury, Connecticut of Irish immigrant parents and baptized there on August 19 in St. Peter's Church. Ordained priest on December 22, 1877, he was assigned to St. Mary's Church, New Haven, where his remarkable ability to relate to all people of every social, economic and religious background became apparent. In 1882 he founded the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal benevolent association that offered spiritual and apostolic direction to Catholic men. He died of tuberculosis on August 14, 1890, while Pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Connecticut and was beatified on October 21, 2020 in Hartford.



The following children were welcomed into the Roman Catholic family of faith, through the saving waters of Baptism.

*Month of  
July*

**Alessandra Rhode Paidas  
Carmella Grace Rivas  
Zaire Jaxon Thorman**



IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the deceased members and friends of our parish who returned to God in the past month.

**Arlene Carlon  
John Lodato  
Daniel Schaefer**

May they Rest in Peace.

AUGUST 4, 2024

## *St. Leo Fair Volunteers*

The diocese requires that all volunteers, in any capacity, in the parish must attend a “**Protecting God’s Children for Adults**” workshop. If you have not already attended one, and volunteer, or anticipate volunteering at our annual fair, please consider one of the following Virtus Training classes that will be available in the next month:

\*\*\*\*\***Note New Sessions Added for August**\*\*\*\*\*

**Tuesday August 6 at 5:30 pm (ZOOM)**

**Saturday August 10 at 10 am (ZOOM)**

**Tuesday August 13 at 9:15 am (ZOOM)**

To register for a class go to:

[www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

On the left side of the screen click **First Time Registrant** to begin the process. To proceed, click on **Begin the Registration Process** and continue to follow the prompts.

Note that your organization is: “Bridgeport, CT (Diocese)”

## **BOOTH SPONSOR FORMS VOLUNTEER FORMS AND RAFFLE TICKETS**

may be returned in the box at the back of the church or to the Parish Office.

Extra tickets are available at the office.

### **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 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 contact Katie Arnau  
203-564-3626 or [kta123@icloud.com](mailto:kta123@icloud.com).*

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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**WEEKENDS:** Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM

**WEEKDAYS:** Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM

**CONFESSIONS:** Monday - Friday 8:00 - 8:25 AM  
Thursdays - 6:30 - 8 PM  
(during Adoration)  
Saturdays 9:00 - 9:30 AM  
4:00 - 4:50 PM

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

**MATRIMONY:** By appointment, at least  
ONE YEAR in advance

**R.C.I.A.** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):  
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### **TELEPHONES:**

Rectory: 203-322-1669

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Rectory: Mon. - Thur. 9 am - 5 pm**

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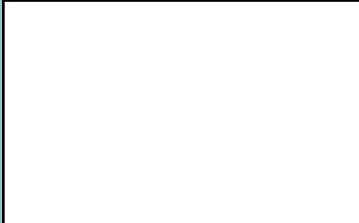

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