We, the parish family of St. Leo the Great Church in the heart of Little Italy, are united in our Catholic faith and rich in our heritage. We see the face of Christ in all of God's people and welcome new members. In answer to our baptismal call we reach out in the areas of liturgy, devotion, education, needs for the poor, evangelization and advocacy. Our stewardship of time, resource and talent go beyond the parish boundaries to hospitals, schools and nursing homes. Thus we strive to follow Christ, who is the “…Light of the human race.” (Jn 1:4)
If you are interested in helping, Just show up in the 

Saint Anthony Prep Week Schedule.

Saturday, May 11
8:00am - Pro-Populo
4:30pm - Sal Barbieri - Philomena Scalia

Sunday, May 12, Mother’s Day,
9:30am - Mary Theresa Collison - Students & Staff of Pandola Learning Center

Monday, May 13,
8:00am - Lucy Ianneo - Joe Mileo

Tuesday, May 14,
8:00am - Salvatore Miliock - Jos Mileo

Wednesday, May 15,
8:00am - Joseph Geiger - Jos Mileo

Thursday, May 16,
No Mass

Friday, May 17,
8:00am - Reverand Angelo Coso - Thomas Iacoboni

Saturday, May 18, Armed Forces Day!
8:00am - Pro-Populo
4:30pm - Sal Barbieri - Eleanor Stein

Sunday, May 19,
9:30am - Iris Cook - Korpsz & DeSales Family
11:30am - Maria Vecchi - Rosalinda Gioconda & Marco Mannetta

WHERE ARE THE SHEEP?

It’s not easy to reenter the mindset of Jesus’ time on earth. In nearly 2,000 years a lot of things have changed. Understanding His time is essential to get the full meaning of His parables.

Jesus’ preferred method was to teach through examples, using what was most familiar to the people – parables. Today such an approach might involve talking about people going to the mall, texting, caught in traffic, or other scenes from daily life. Jesus’ time was largely agrarian, small business, local shops, hand crafts. So, He drew His lessons from these common realities.

One summer with my scouts in Italy, troop Roma 46, we were on one side of a large hill, while three flocks of sheep were on the next side. All the sheep were kept in a large pen overnight for their safety. There were a few wolves in the area and other dangers. Each morning the entire mass of sheep would be released and would walk through our camp. There were three shepherds who would take up different positions on the next hill. Each one had his own particular call. It was fascinating to watch this confusion of animals suddenly separate into three distinct flocks, each following their own shepherd.

I took advantage of the situation and pointed this out to the scouts. “See what Jesus means in the Gospel? I know my sheep and mine know me. They hear my voice and follow me”. It was just so cool to have a graphic illustration of Jesus’ teaching every day right before our eyes.

The world offers many shepherds. Some want to do us good. Some are, maybe, kind of neutral. Some want only to take advantage of us. We have seen how horribly this can go wrong with cult leaders. “Mine know my voice and follow Me”. Jesus’ lessons are meant that we “might have life and have it to the full”. Stop and consider the many voices calling out to us. Ask which ones really call us to fullness of life. In the midst of all the noise and confusion, listen for the quiet,

- Father Bernie.
Please Keep in Your Prayers:
Bonnie Lankford
Jennie Scaffidi
Santina Transparenti
Lubov Slonovo
Theresa Ferraro
Ronee Moss
Frances R. Vitale
Ruby Commentz
Bindhoff
Charles Ferraro
Daniel Colasurdo
Robert Ritchie, Jr
Bill Neibuhr
Maria Martinez
Jerry Meyers
Justine Menefee
Carl Lang
Marie Rippey
Ethan Adolph
Joey & Marian Armingter
Rosemary Lazzati
Frank Lancelotta
Gary Davila
Mark Tosti
Christina Barbieri
Carolyn Baker
Holly Wallerson
Sal Ranieri
MJ DeLaurney
Edward Hnat
Justin Happel
Andrew O’Grady
Richard Di Seta
Eddie Stromberger
Lauren Scalici
Theresa Gabriele
Theresa Clapp
Emma Webster
Darlene Dorsch
Michael Girolamo
Pat Novak
Pat Greco
Bob Zelkoski
MaryAnn Walsh
Chris Venuti
Jodie Weyer
Oliver Moses Jaquez

**Quote from Mother Theresa**
It’s not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts.

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May 11 - Garage sale (9a - 2p)
May 12 - Sodality, Mother’s Day Procession
May 18 - Armed Forces Day
May 18 - Preakness Stakes
May 19 - Sodality Meeting (10:30am)
May 19 - Bingo (Lodge)
May 27 - Memorial Day (Office Closed)
June 1-2 - Saint Anthony Festival
June 3 - KoC Meeting, 4th Degree (7pm)
June 13 - Feast Day of Saint Anthony
June 16 - Father’s Day
June 21 - Strawberry Explosion (Lodge)
July 1 - KoC Meeting, 4th Degree (7pm)
July 4 - Independence Day (Office Closed)
July 5 - (Office Closed)
July 5 - FND (Lodge)
August 17-18 - Saint Gabriel Festival
September 2 - Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 6-8 - Little Italy Madonnari Art Festival
September 11 - Patriot’s Day
September 22 - Crab Feast (Lodge)
September 23 - Feast of Saint Padre Pio
September 29 - Feast Day of Saint Gabriel
October 14 - Columbus Day (Office Closed)
October 27 - Sock Hop (Lodge)
November 1 - All Saints Day (8:00, 12:10)
November 2 - All Souls Day
November 3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 11 - Veteran’s Day (Office Closed)
November 17 - Bingo (Lodge)
November 24 - L I L, Memorial Mass (9:30 am)
November 28 - Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
November 29 - Thanksgiving Break (Office Closed)
December 15 - Bingo (Lodge)
December 24 - Christmas Eve (4:00, 6:30, Midnight) (Office Closed)
December 25 - Christmas Day (9:30) (Office Closed)
December 31 - New Year’s Eve (6:30) (Office Closed)

*** If you have an important date to add please email SaintLeosFacilities@gmail.com
***SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND CANCELLATIONS
SEASONAL REFLECTION

"Thank You, Mom"
From the initial wonder to the morning sickness,
From the sleepless nights to the giggles of delight,
From the first steps to the temper tantrums,
Thank you, Mom.
From school day pride to detention day disappointment,
From the big game to the big show to the big "uh-oh,"
With secret shared moments and home-cooked meals,
Thank you, Mom.
Through tears and laughter,
Through sorrow and joy,
For all the ups and downs,
and for the journey yet to come,
Thank you, Mom!

Pastor’s Liturgical Wish List

Though there is much to do at this time of year, maybe an extra contribution to replace the funds used on the Air Conditioning System and the Audio System could be made to put us in better shape for the New Year.
Any assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Life of Mary Vestments: The chasuble orphreys are beautifully printed images with eight panels illustrating the life of the Blessed Mother. The images are inspired by the Gospel of Luke.
Deacon’s Dalmatic and Stole $750.00*Paid - Sodality

Paschal Candle (Easter 2018) - $400.00 *Paid
Parish Maintenance

Repairs and updating Heating and Air conditioning system $50,000.
Repairs and updating of sound system in Church $44,000.

Generous people have all but completed our search for new vestments. It would really be helpful we could concentrate on paying off the repairs and updates. We do not know how soon we may be faced with the need of repairs or improvements. Getting these things paid off will leave us in good shape.

If you would like to contribute in Memory of your family or loved ones, please call the parish office at 410-675-7275

Thanks to the loving generosity of some good people, all the vestments have been bought and paid for. They have already begun to enhance our celebrations of the Eucharistic Liturgy.
Still remaining is to "catch up" on the payment of the AC and Audio systems. These are perhaps even more important for a prayerful celebration of the Sacraments. Good to be able to hear what is happening and to be cool/warm in Church despite the weather outside. We've managed them, but need to recoup the funds expended before something else comes up, as it often does. Please consider a gift to the parish to defray some of these costs and to prepare us better to face the future. Thank you and God bless everyone for your prayers and your generosity!

- Fr. Bernie

Weekly Laugh…..Hopefully!
What creature is smarter than a talking Parrot?

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS FROM LITTLE ITALY LODGE OSIA #2286 FOUNDATION, INC.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED IN 2019 - The Little Italy Lodge OSIA #2286 Foundation, Inc. will be awarding educational scholarships totaling $12,000 (2 for $4,000 and 2 for $2,000) for the 2019-2020 academic year. These awards assist individual of Italian descent in furthering their education. Eligible Little Italy Lodge members, their spouses and certain family members may apply. Applications which explain the requirements and information needed to be considered are available at the Lodge and on its website (www.littleitalylodge-osia.org) and Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/sonsoflittleitaly).

TASTE OF ITALY FUND RAISING EVENT - This major fund raising event for the Foundation is scheduled for April 28, 2019. It is usually a sellout so mark your calendar. Details will be made available at a later date.
Due May 30, 2019.
Deposit of $45.00 is due by April 30, 2019. The balance is due May 30, 2019. Please make checks payable to St. Leo’s Church with Sodality Bus trip on Memo Line. Checks can be sent to: Jodi Weyer, 12390 Boncrest Drive, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136
ALL MONEY NON-REFUNDABLE
3 hour cruise includes local steamed crabs, Maryland crab soup, fried chicken, clam strips, fresh local corn on the cob, coleslaw, dessert, coffee and soda. Cash bar on board. The cruise will be aboard a reproduction turn of the century paddle wheeler on the Choptank River.
On our return trip we will stop at a roadside stand to shop.
Round trip charter bus from St. Leo’s departing at 9:00 am returning at approximately 6:30 pm.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Jodie Weyer 410-371-1980 or Sandy Wright 410-256-1433

Banns Of Marriage

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Saint Anthony Festival Resident Parking

The Saint Anthony festival is coming up very soon! We have one major announcement and a slight change to the festival this year. The one change we are making is the streets will be closed THURSDAY MAY 30, instead of our usual Wednesday May 29. The one thing residents need to remember is that you will get one more day to park in the “festival limits” but it is critical that your car be moved on THURSDAY MAY 30 BY 7AM!!!!! Your vehicle will be towed at your expense if not moved. We are trying to accommodate the neighborhood while still being able to set up and breakdown on time while keeping the streets open as long as possible. If this can work we can move forward closing the streets later instead of a whole day earlier. I also want to reiterate that we hope that we don’t have tow anyone’s car but there have been times in the past even with closing the street on Wednesday, we still have cars on Thursday. I would also like to ask if you have one major announcement and a slight change to the festival this year. The one change we are making is the streets will be closed THURSDAY MAY 30, instead of our usual Wednesday May 29. The one thing residents need to remember is that you will get one more day to park in the “festival limits” but it is critical that your car be moved on THURSDAY MAY 30 BY 7AM!!!!! Your vehicle will be towed at your expense if not moved. We are trying to accommodate the neighborhood while still being able to set up and breakdown on time while keeping the streets open as long as possible. If this can work we can move forward closing the streets later instead of a whole day earlier. I also want to reiterate that we hope that we don’t have tow anyone’s car but there have been times in the past even with closing the street on Wednesday, we still have cars on Thursday. I would also like to ask if you see your neighbor to please mention the change to them. We will also try to pass out flyers prior to the event! Thank you!!!!!

Bread & Wine For the Month of May
In loving memory of Harry, Michele and Suzanne Stein from Eleanor Stein

Answer of the Week. A spelling Bee!
**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Baptisms**
Parents must be registered and practicing members for at least three months. Parents are asked to call the parish office to register for Baptismal Preparation and discuss the date for the Baptism of their child.

**Confirmation**
Classes are available for those wishing to receive this Sacrament.

**Confirmation/RCIA**
We welcome all who wish to be Confirmed.

**Marriages**
In order to facilitate marriage preparation, couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the Pastor 1 year in advance of their intended wedding date.

At least one of the engaged must be a registered parishioner and practicing member of the parish for one year.

**Penance**
Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before every liturgy. If a different time is needed, please call the office.

**Anointing/Visiting of the Sick**
Anyone in need of this Sacrament, please call the rectory office.

**Rosary**
The Rosary will be recited immediately following the weekday Masses and thirty minutes before each weekend Mass.

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**WHY DO WE DO THAT**

**Question:**
How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

**Answer:**
Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the Body of Christ, what one member does affects all. What the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service.

If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply. You might also begin to see a spiritual director, someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices. Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply. Best wishes!

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

When something delights us, it touches us in a unique and special way. We are stirred within, filled with happiness, glee, and joy. The object of our delight captivates us, and we are eager, sometimes beyond words, to obtain it. Have you ever been delighted by your faith, the Gospel, God's Word, or an encounter with God? The Gentiles were delighted when they learned they were sharers in the Good News and ecstatic that they were included. They recognized their shepherd and realized that they discovered something or someone unlike any other before. We can easily become lukewarm in our relationship with God and forget just how life-changing the Good News of our faith really is. We are brought to the springs of life-giving water and are gifted with something secular life simply cannot provide: Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

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**Word of the Week.**

If you think you can or think you can't. You're Right!

Never give up. Today is hard, tomorrow will be worse, but the day after tomorrow will be sunshine!

"We are, all of us, molded and remolded by those who have loved us." - Francois Mauriac
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