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)
Saint Anthony Prep Week Schedule.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day - Closed!

Tuesday, May 28 - Cut & Cook - Peppers & Onions

Wednesday, May 29 - Cook Calzone Mix

Thursday, May 30 - Streets Closed - Begin Outside Set Up. Vehicles need to be moved by 7am

Friday, May 31 - Festival Set Up - Full Swing

***** 9 AM START TIME*****

If you are interested in helping, Just show up in the school hall.

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We are still in need of Volunteers for the Festival. Please see Wanda Daniels or Sue Corasaniti for more details. You may also email:
SaintLeosVolunteers@gmail.com

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ADAM AND EVE ARE ALIVE

Our current culture presents all kinds of challenges for living and spreading the Gospel message. Among the most basic is the unchecked egoism, the manic centering on one’s self as the center of the universe and the sole measure of right and wrong.

This takes us right back to Adam and Eve. Their basic sin was to not let God be God, or to hold themselves as the center and determining factor of all things. To a degree this stands at the base of every sin. I prefer my will and my desires to what is objectively right or wrong. I make myself the only measure of morality. I reject any “outside influence” in determining my choices.

This is sadly typical of current culture. No one can tell me anything. I decide what I will do. As long as I think I am not causing any harm I’m all right. I reject any set of values or moral standards. It is no wonder what kinds of things are done, are accepted, are legislated into law.

Why is this wrong? We believe in revelation – that God has actually spoken to us in many and varied ways and offered us insight we could not come to on our own. We have the whole history of salvation: patriarchs, prophets, kings, holy women, all leading up to Jesus, Himself. As Scripture says: “In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, Jesus Christ; as a will of confirmation and purification for us, in order that we might worship the living God, and that we might come to possess the promises given to our ancestors.” Hebrews 1:1-2.

We live between rationality and revelation. God’s gift to us is our intellect, our free will. The exercise of that free will is guided by and subject to a set of values and principles that at points go beyond what we could come up with all on our own. We have been given a manual for human life, a guidebook for our journey through this world. At times discerning the best action or the true meaning of revelation is a challenge. We have not been given an exhaustive description. We have some room to reflect and discover. The basics, however, are clear. The faith community and its history help to recognize those values that do not change over time and which enlighten our lives.

The image of a railroad comes to mind. Trains symbolize travel, adventure, journey. But they can only go where there are tracks. There is freedom of motion within reasonable limits. Such is the life of faith.

- Father Bernie.

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Readings for the week of May 19, 2019

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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

Monday, May 20,
8:00am - Dr. William Sweeney - His Family

Tuesday, May 21,
8:00am - Anthony Bruni - Jos Mileo

Wednesday, May 22,
8:00am - Antoinette & Louis Milio - Family

Thursday, May 23,
No Mass

Friday, May 24,
8:00am - Mimmo Cricchio, Sr. - Mary Ann & Mimmo Jr,
Saturday, May 25,
8:00am - Pro-Populo
4:30pm - Rita Cannella - Guido & Tina Cricchio/DeFranco

Sunday, May 26,
9:30am - Sister Marie Duerr, SUSC - Sister Mary Catherine Duerr, SUSC.
11:30am - Deceased Neighbors from Little Italy - Mannetta Family

8:00am
9:30am
11:30am
Please Keep in Your Prayers:
Bonnie Lankford
Jennie Scaffidi
Santina Transparenti
Lubov Sionovo
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 Arminger
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

May 18 - Armed Forces Day
May 18 - Preakness Meeting (10:30am)
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

7 Things Every High School Graduate Should Hear
1. Live with intention. College will be full of new opportunities. Think carefully about your priorities for your new start.
2. Make the right friends. There will be plenty of new people! Concentrate on the ones who motivate you to be a better person.
3. It's a big world! Look for new perspectives, new opportunities, and new ideas that push you to grow.
4. Find a mentor. Building relationships with people who have "been there, done that" can be a great help.
5. Give yourself away. You may not need to volunteer anymore, but you'll surprised what you learn, how you grow, and who you meet when you serve.
6. Before you go, learn how to do your laundry, address an envelope, schedule a doctor's appointment, use public transportation, and cook basic meals (ramen doesn't count!).
7. Remember that God is in control. And that's a good thing!

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 $34,000 (+$10,00 Donation)

Generous people have all but completed our search for new vestments. It would really be helpful if 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 happened when past, present and future walked in a room?
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: Jodi Weyer 410-371-1980 or Sandy Wright 410-256-1433.

Sacred Giving

May 4 & 5, 2019
Attendance: 234 Offering: $3,246.00

May 11 & 12, 2019
Attendance: 324 Offering: $4,171.00

Saint Anthony Vendors
- Pap’s Peppers
- T-Mobile
- Alpha Omega
- Bill Wierzalis (Photo’s of Italy)
- Ameri-Dry
- Mike Ngrabski (Drawings)
- Gina’s Wish
- Tom Keegan (Belts/Wallets)
- The Pasta Palette
- Paparazzi Sparkle & Shine
- Wellness Solutions
- Bob Bell Automotive - Nissan/Kia
- Chilly-Willy (Italian Ice)
- Promotion Center for Little Italy, Baltimore
- Knights of Columbus, Saint Vincent Pallotti Council
- Daughters of Isabella
- Son’s of Italy Lodge
- Pandola Learning Center

Banns of Marriage

April 27, 2019
April-Ann Marshall & Matthew Jovinelli
May 11, 2019
Jessica Amodeo & Alex Puleo
June 22, 2019
Christina Jackson & Thomas Bannister

August 3, 2019
Abby Neuberger & Nicholas Budnick
September 21, 2019
Melinda McGuire & Paul Sullivan, Ill.
September 28, 2019
Alexandra Fitzgerald & Richard Armstrong
November 9, 2019
Kelsey McBain & Matthew Osgood

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 see your neighbor to please mention the change to them. We will also try to pass out fliers prior to the event! Thank you!!!!

Saint Anthony Festival.

I just wanted to make a quick announcement concerning the Saint Anthony Festival volunteers. We are in need of volunteers, if you can help us out please contact Wanda Daniels - SaintLeosVolunteers@gmail.com. You can also contact the rectory if need addition help getting in contact with Wanda. The festival is quickly approaching and we still have openings! We are hoping for a very successful event with great people, great food and great weather! 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.

It was tense!
**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.

**Communion**
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.

**SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Saint Vincent Pallotti/Union of Catholic Apostolate Cenacle (1st Sunday)**

**Saint Gabriel Society (2nd Sunday)**

**Sodality of Our Lady (3rd Sunday)**

**Saint Anthony Society (4th Sunday)**

**Hands and Hearts Ministry**

Please note that meetings are not held during the summer months. Meetings resume in September.

**Senior Program**
Tuesdays in the School Hall for camaraderie and prayer, coffee, lunch, card games, bingo, and birthday celebrations.

**Father Oreste Pandola Learning Center**
Offers many course in Italian language, cooking, baking, art, Bocce and many more subjects.

**Nursery School**
Nursery School for children on Sunday at 9:30 AM at the Church Hall.

**Knights of Columbus**
Saint Vincent Pallotti Council # 14535.
Promotes Unity, Charity, Fraternity, and Patriotism and is open to Catholic Gentlemen age 18 and over.

**Saint Joseph Assembly # 3502 (Fourth Degree Knights)**

**Narcotics Anonymous- Twelve Step Program**
Meetings held every Wednesday at 7:30 Pm in Church Hall.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT**

**Question:**
I've heard of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. What are they, and what's the difference?

**Answer:**
As God has shown us mercy, so too are we called to show mercy to those we encounter. We see mercy throughout the Gospels, but the parable in Matthew 25 forms the foundation for the first set of Works of Mercy. This parable of the last judgment shows each person being asked how well they cared for those around them, and being reminded that this care for those in need is care for God Himself. Each person is asked if they have fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, sheltered the stranger, cared for the sick, and visited the imprisoned. These - along with burying the dead - are the Corporal Works of Mercy, as they primarily concern the physical life of a person.

The list of the Spiritual Works of Mercy developed later. These actions of love primarily concern the inner life of a person. They are instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, admonishing sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offenses, comforting the afflicted, and praying for both the living and the dead. All of these actions are concrete ways of bringing the love of God into the world.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**
How do people know that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ? Some folks prefer to keep their faith a secret and rarely mention their belief in Jesus. Others are more vocal and readily tell people that they are Christian. For Jesus, there is another way to recognize whether one is a disciple. He tells his friends that all will know they are disciples if they have love for one another. The love to which Jesus calls us to is not just an earthly love. It's not just about doing nice things for people or even keeping positive thoughts about others. Jesus' love is divine love. Put simply, Jesus became human so that we can become divine. We are called to look at the world, people, and ourselves as God does. This requires unconditional compassion and a whole lot of mercy and forgiveness. We cannot do this alone. That is why the risen Christ remains with us, especially through the Eucharist, to help us become who he is. If done correctly, there will be no question about who has our allegiance.

**Word of the Week.**
Munificence - Generosity in giving.

If you think you can or think you can't. You're Right! Never travel to escape. Travel to experience and to learn.

"May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be." - St. Therese of Lisieux