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 school hall.

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

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 *****

Readings for the week of May 26, 2019


Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 139:1-10, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 25-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15


Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bc, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56


7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
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 Gabbriele
Theresa Clapp
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Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

“Freedom does not come without a price. We may sometimes take for granted the many liberties we enjoy in America, but they have all been earned through the ultimate sacrifice paid by so many of the members of our armed forces.” - Charlie Dent

Today we praise the men and women who sacrificed their lives in the name of our country. Their selfless devotion, outstanding courage, and honor should inspire us to make their sacrifice meaningful.

We are forever grateful for the ultimate sacrifice of those who died for the United States of America. May their courage and dedication will never be forgotten.

Quote from Pope Francis
Genuine love is demanding, but its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes.

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
Weekly Laugh…..Hopefully!
What did the grape do when he was stepped on?

Mary, Elizabeth & Friendship
What does a 2,000-year-old girl talk and look like?
The Gospel tells us in the story of the Visitation, recorded in Luke Chapter 1. This week, we celebrate that special feast when Mary visits Elizabeth. So what can women learn from this friendship?

Help a sister out. The Visitation involves a first-trimester mother traveling cross-country to serve a friend. Who needs your help this week?

Affirm each other. Elizabeth's first words were ones of encouragement. We may know our friends' flaws, but we don't need to fixate on them.

Sing out loud. Mary ends their encounter with the Magnificat, one of the most celebrated song-prayers of Scripture. Celebrate with your friends! Rejoice over each other's blessings.

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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 $38,000. (+12,000 Recent Donation)

Repairs and updating of sound system in Church $34,000 (+$10,00 Recent Donation)

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

The family of Jennie Scaffidi would like to thank the parish community and all the community organizations that have reached out to our Mom while she was ill. A special thank you to Fr. Lou Mica, J. Austin Bitner (Cantor), Paul Binko (Organist), Mr. Fran Blattermann and Mr. John Kidwell (who served as Altar Servers) and Mrs. Tina DeFranco (serving as the Eucharistic Minister) at our Mom’s funeral Mass. We gratefully appreciated everything.
Sale of the Day Bus Trip
Suicide Bridge Crab Feast Cruise and Roadside Stand
Tuesday, July 16, 2019
Cost: $90.00 (includes Tax and Gratuity)
HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. PLEASE RSVP By March 30, 2019
to: Jodi Weyer 410-371-1980. A Deposit of $45.00 Is Due by April 30, 2019. The Balance Is Due May 30, checks payable to St. Leo’s Church with memo line.
Checks can be sent to: Jodi Weyer, 12390 Boncrest Maryland 21136
The cruise will be turn of the century paddle wheeler on the Choptank River.
Our return trip with stop at a roadside stand to shop.
Round trip charter bus from St. Leo’s departing at 9:00 am returning at approximately 4:30 pm.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Jodi Weyer 410-371-1980 or Sandy Wright 410-256-1433

Sacrificial Giving
May 11 & 12, 2019
Attendance: 234 Offering: $4,171.00
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Attendance: 302 Offering: $9,541.00
Please if you put a loose check in the collection please write your envelope number on the memo line – Thank you

Saint Anthony Vendors
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- Knights of Columbus, Saint Vincent Pallotti Council
- Daughters of Isabella
- Son’s of Italy Lodge
- Pandola Learning Center
- Conrad’s Seafood
- Stephen Oshins

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 Budnichuk
September 21, 2019
Melinda McGuire & Paul Sullivan, III.
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. 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 additional 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.
He let out a little wine.
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.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT

**Question:**
Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

**Answer:**
You've probably noticed the priest continuing to where white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days - just over seven weeks - from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time - about six weeks - Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" - the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the paschal mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

**Sixth 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 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:**
*Palimpsest (n):* Writing material (such as parchment or tablet) used one or more times after earlier writing has been erased. Also something having usually diverse layers or aspects apparent beneath the surface.

*If you think you can or think you can't. You're Right!*
Breathe. Let go. And remind yourself that this very moment is the only one you know you have for sure.

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God." - Gerard Manley Hopkins
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