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)
Readings for the week of June 2, 2019

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
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5accd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf.7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP...

“When He came to us He did not leave heaven and when He returned He did not leave us”. This quote from one of the Church Fathers leads into the meaning of the Ascension. It is the confirmation of Jesus’ nature and origin. It confirms His promise to “go and prepare a place for you (us)”. It provides the opportunity to reflect on the Incarnation, a decision on God’s part that is permanent. Jesus’ human nature is forever wedded to the Divine Nature. Another Church Father reminds us that “God became one of us that we might become God” or be fully united to God and enjoy life in God’s own nature.

I recall a painting by Norman Rockwell in which a crowd of people is walking in front of a large church in a city. All of them are bowed over, looking down. On the display sign on the church the priest and an assistant are putting up the message, “lift up your eyes”. In today’s version they would all be looking down at cell phones.

The Ascension calls on us to broaden our horizons, to really see where we are. In God we live and move and have our being. Our life is lived on the horizon of eternity. We always stand before the Infinite. With such a view some of our worries and concerns don’t seem so desperate or important. Other issues and questions gain a new and profound importance.

Take a moment to stand upon the heights. Join the Apostles on the mountaintop and enjoy the view. See all of life in a new perspective.

Where He has gone, we are to follow. What He has done is prepare the way for us. By love, fidelity, and perseverance we will get there.

-Father Bernie.

National Donut Day

This week is National Donut Day. But don’t just think about deals at your local bakery! How about revitalizing the way you wander into the church hall for sweet confections this Sunday?

Introduce yourself to someone new. No matter your parish size, it’s difficult to know everyone. New families or single people of all ages may slip through the cracks. This Donut Sunday, seek out a new face!

Volunteer to help. Sign up in the coffee-making rotation or simply offer to help clean up. Little acts of service are something everyone can participate in!

Invite a friend. The next time your parish offers after-Mass hospitality, think ahead and consider inviting someone who hasn’t been to church in a while. Maybe introducing them to new community will be the sign of love and hope they’ve been waiting for!
**Quote from Saint Anthony**

*Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.*

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**Please Keep in Your Prayers:**
- Ethan Adolph
- Joey & Marian Armstrong
- 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 DiSeta
- Eddie Stromberger
- Lauren Scalici
- Theresa Gabriele
- Theresa Clapp
- Emma Webster
- Darlene Dorsch
- Michael Girolamo
- Pat Novak
- Pat Greco
- Bob Zelkoski
- Marty Bauer Jr.
- Pete Belletti
- MaryAnn Walsh
- Chris Venuti
- Jodie Weyer
- Oliver Moses Jaquez
- Doreen Cucina
- Matczuk
- Dylan Ownby

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**June 1-2** - Saint Anthony Festival

**June 3** - KoC Meeting, 4th Degree (7pm)

**June 13** - 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)

**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** - LI 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 pig say at the beach on a hot summer’s day?

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 (+$10,000 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

Welcome National Center on Institutions and Alternatives (NCIA)

NCIA is a non-profit organization based in Baltimore, MD. Recently they opened Herbert J. Hoelter Vocational Training Center which trains the homeless veteran population, returning citizens and community members who are currently receiving SNAP benefits through the state of Maryland. NCIA’s vocational training programs include certification in the areas of automotive repair, CDL class B licensure, HVAC and Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones). The programs are accelerated 15 week courses in which, the first two weeks are focused on barrier removal to ensure students can attend classes without many challenges. Based on the students current situation we offer workshops focused on resume building, skill assessments, and interpersonal skills needed for job placement.

Saint Leo’s would like to take this time to welcome NCIA as they are currently leasing the Pandola Learning Center. We are happy to work along side NCIA as they benefit the community of Baltimore and on smaller note, they can fully utilize our building which is a win/win situation. Along with the terms of the lease, together we plan on improving the Pandola Learning Center, making it better for everyone.
Sodality 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
2019. Please make
Leo’s Church with So-
dality Bus trip on Memo
to: Jodi
Weyer, 12390 Boncreset
Maryland 21136
REFUNDABLE
The cruise will be
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 ap-
approximately 6:30 pm.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jodie Weyer 410-371-1980 or Sandy Wright 410-256-1433

Sacrificial Giving

May 18 & 19, 2019
Attendance: 302 Offering: $9,541.00
May 25 & 26, 2019
Attendance: 275 Offering: $3,248.00
Please if you put a loose check in the collec-
tion please write your envelope number on the memo line - Thank you

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
- 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 & Nicho-
las Budnichuk
September 21, 2019
Melinda McGuire & Paul Sulli-
van, III.
September 28, 2019
Alexandra Fitzgerald & Richard
Armstrong
November 9, 2019
Kelsey McBain & Matthew
Osgood

Thank You!

I know that this “thank you” is in advance of the festival but I would just like to say— and I can’t say it enough—thank you! Every event amazes me of the dedication you have to the parish and to the new people for trying something new! Again these events are affected by weather and other events out of our control but the one thing we can always depend on is our dedicated volunteers. We cannot do this with out you. I hope for a successful event this weekend, I hope volunteers and customers can enjoy their time in Little Italy - there is really nothing like this event with how special it is. I cant say thank you enough and I will see you this weekend!

Coming Soon - Saint Gabriel Aug 17 & 18

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 addi-
tion help getting in contact with Wanda. The festival is quickly approaching and we still have openings! We are hoping for a very success-
ful event with great people, great food and great weather! Thank you

Bread & Wine For the Month
of June
In loving memory of Joseph Platerote, Jack & Robert Glaze
by Josephine Platerote Family

Answer of the Week.
I’m bacon!

SOLD OUT!
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.

Knights of Columbus
Saint Joseph Assembly # 3502 (Fourth Degree Knights)
The Visible Arm of the Knights of Columbus

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

WHY DO WE DO THAT

Question:
Why do some dioceses move holy days or not even celebrate them at all. Doesn't everyone do the same thing?

Answer:
The short answer is no, not everyone does the same thing. Although the Church is universal, there are many local customs and saints that each country, sometimes just a region, will honor. For example, feast days and patronal days may not be major feast days on the Church's universal calendar but are celebrated as such in one place. Holy days of obligation are the same way. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has a certain amount of discretion in choosing days which best reflect the local church's experience and history.

Another reason certain feasts are moved is a practical one. With limited clergy, or a great difficulty for people to get to Mass, the feast day may be transferred to a Sunday. The rationale is that if a significant feast should be part of the church's celebration, then better to do so on a Sunday when people and clergy are available, rather than try to fit it on a day when one or both cannot be there.

Christmas and Immaculate Conception are always observed as days of obligation. In the U.S., we celebrate six holy days of obligation. There are also other special days, and they are ranked in order of importance as solemnity, feast, memorial, and optional memorial.

Seventh Sunday of Easter
How do we find our way through life and discover who we really are? It is easy to get distracted by life's preoccupations and worldly constructs. We can avoid dealing with deeper questions simply by being absorbed in life's demands and the roles we are asked to play. Is it important to us that we come from God and have our identity in Him? The world cannot succeed in telling us who we are. Only God can. Only through Jesus's resurrection can we see clearly that he is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, and the bright morning star. It is by following his example that we can all become one with the Father and brought to perfection. We are designed to be one with God and united with one another as believers in Jesus Christ. When someone experiences our speech and actions, do they witness the fact that we truly believe this?

Word of the Week.

Pungle: To make payment or contribution of money - usually with “up”.

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.

"Faithfulness in the little things is a great thing." - Hudson Taylor