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)
### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, June 8,**
8:00am - Pro-Populo
4:30pm - Harry & Genivine Stein - Eleanor Stein

**Sunday, June 9,**
9:30am - Alfonso Mannetta - Famiglia Mannetta
11:30am - Sacred Heart in Thanksgiving - Theresa Gabriel
11:30am - Antonia Klima Keane - Mannetta Family

**Monday, June 10,**
8:00am - Nicola & Loreta Serafini - Carmela Serafini

**Tuesday, June 11,**
8:00am - Teresa Weis - Gina Weis

**Wednesday, June 12,**
8:00am - Carl Weiciecoskie - Gina Weis

**Thursday, June 13,**
8:00am - Pro-Populo
4:30pm - Fred Cucco & Son Vincent - Eleanor Stein

**Friday, June 14,**
8:00am - Salvatore Milio, Sr. - Jos. Milio

**Saturday, June 15,**
8:00am - Pro-Populo
4:30pm - Fred Cucco & Son Vincent - Eleanor Stein

**Sunday, June 16, Father’s Day**
9:30am - Leonardo Scaffidi - Jennie Scaffidi and Daughters
11:30am - Aurelio Berti (anniversary) - Daughters

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**Readings for the week of June 9, 2019**


Monday:  Gen 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:  Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [cf. 2b]/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:  2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:  2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday:  2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [17a]/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday:  2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday:  Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

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### COMFORT ZONE

We use this expression, being “taken out of my comfort zone”. Sometimes events push us beyond the familiar. Sometimes our decisions, choices, or commitments take us where we would normally not go. And we have to allow that sometimes it’s the Holy Spirit Who inspires us and leads us where we would dare not go.

Change is not comfortable. It calls on us to let go of the familiar and take on something new. Much as we complain when everything is always “the same old thing” we do not like the demands of change.

I recall the words of Cardinal Newman of England: “in another world it might be different, but in this world to grow is to change and to be perfect means to have changed often”. There is no standing still. We get some pauses, some times of little activity, but then it’s off to the races again.

The dynamism of life in nature and in us is constant letting go, leaving behind, and taking on something new. In accepting the salvation the Lord won for us we are continually being remade “until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13).

The Spirit came upon the Apostles and changed them from frightened men hiding from the Jewish authorities to bold preachers of the Gospel willing to risk their very lives. And indeed most of them were eventually martyred. In so many ways this is true of all the saints – so many stories of life and experience and change.

The Lord might not be asking that much of us but does ask us to grow and change. Invite the Spirit into your heart and be prepared for what comes next. It might be difficult or even scary, but will bring you to fullness of life.

- Father Bernie

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### MOST SINCERE THANKS

A very heartfelt “thank you” to all the staff, volunteers, and all the participants in the St. Anthony Festival. I do not know how to sufficiently express my appreciation or to emphasize the importance and benefit of this celebration. For any and every help or contribution, please accept my prayerful gratitude.

And we thank God that the weather contributed so well to the success of the festival.

Fr. Bernie
Quote from Saint Francis

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

Please Keep in Your Prayers:
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Santina Transparenti
Lubov Sianov
Theresa Ferraro
Ronee Moss
Frances R. Vitale
Ruby Commentz
Bindhoff
Charles Ferraro
Daniel Colasurdo
Robert Ritchie, Jr
Maria Martinez
Jerry Meyers
Justine Menefee
Carl Lang
Marie Rippey
Ethan Adolph
Joey & Marian Arminger
Rosemary Lazzati
Frank Lancelotta
Gary Davila
Christina Barbieri
Carolyn Baker
Holly Wallerson
Sal Ranieri
Mj DeLaurney
Edward Hnat
Justin Hapal
Andrew O'Grady
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Winner – Winner!
The Annunciation Circle of the Daughters of Isabella would like to congratulate Jennifer Krashoc for winning our raffle. Thank you to everyone who supported our organization.

Son’s of Italy Lodge - Little Italy
Bingo package is only $10.00 for the full package.
Food Available for purchase

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 16 - Bingo (Lodge)
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)
July 21 - Bingo (Lodge)
August 4 - Bingo (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 20 - Bingo (Lodge)
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!**

How do you make a Kleenex dance?

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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)
  - 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 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

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**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
A Deposit of $45.00 is Due by April 30, 2019, The Balance is
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Attendance: 275
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Saint Anthony Vendors
• Pap’s Peppers
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• 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 & Nicholas Budnichuk
September 21, 2019
Melinda McGuire & Paul Sullivan, 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

Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church
Welcome to one of the newest feasts in the Catholic Church! The feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, was established by Pope Francis in spring 2018. While the formal celebration is new, the honor is as old as the Gospels. Jesus spoke few words on the Cross, but several of them were addressed to his mother and the apostle John. “Woman, behold your son.” “Son, behold your mother.” This means far more than simply someone to care for Mary as she got on in years and someone for John to celebrate Jewish festivals with. John represents all of us, the Church. Jesus entrusted Mary to us as our mother. At the end of the historic Second Vatican Council in the midst of tumultuous times, Bl. Pope Paul VI formally declared Mary as Mother of the Church and invited us to pray to her under that title. With our recent celebration of the birthday of the Church at Pentecost, we remember that every birth has a mother. Happy Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church!

Bread & Wine For the Month of June
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Answer of the Week
Put some boogie in it!
**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.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT**

**Question:**
Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

**Answer:**
The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples - and every baptized person - receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.

**Pentecost Sunday**
When faced with a decision or a dilemma, where do we turn? Whenever we have to discern the proper course of action, the Holy Spirit is available as our advocate and guide. As Christians, we look not to our world for direction but to God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to help us find our path to proper thought and conduct. Wisdom, right judgment, knowledge, understanding, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord are all perfect tools for discernment. These gifts allow us to keep our relationships and perspective in proper order. It is the Holy Spirit who opens our eyes to see that which we would otherwise overlook and opens our hearts to receive those people who would otherwise be ignored. Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you today.

**Word of the Week.**
Precipitous - Done rashly; acting too quickly and without sufficient thought.

**If you think you can or think you can’t. You’re Right!**
See risks as opportunities.

"Being in love with God is never boring." | Fr. Thomas Dubay
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