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MASS SCHEDULE Monday-Wednesday & Friday-Saturday 8:00AM Saturday Evening 4:30PM Sunday Mornings 9:30AM, 11:30AM Mass times for Holydays of Obligation will be posted and announced prior to the Holyday Confessions will be heard thirty minutes before every liturgy. If a different time is needed, please call the office.

OUR MISSION
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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

**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

**Monday, June 17,**
8:00am - Ankie Cusimano - Thomas Iacoboni

**Tuesday, June 18,**
8:00am - Deceased Members of Pastore Family - Thomas Iacoboni

**Wednesday, June 19,**
8:00am - Jennie Scaffidi - Mr & Mrs Sergio Brotto

**Thursday, June 20,**
No Mass

**Friday, June 21,**
8:00am - Jennie Scaffidi - Tony & Sue Walmsley

**Saturday, June 22,**
8:00am - Pro-Populo
4:30pm - Mimmo Cricchio (birth) - Guido & Tina Cricchio DeFranco

**Sunday, June 23,**
9:30am - Mimmo Cricchio (birth) - MaryAnn & Mimmo Jr.
11:30am - Blessed Mother in Thanksgiving by Teresa Gabriele

Readings for the week of June 16, 2019

**Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
**Next Sunday:** Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

TOTALY OTHER

The Swiss Theologian, Hans Urs von Balthasar, called God the “totally other”. And we have this Feast of the Most Holy Trinity: One God, Three Persons, Unity, Diversity, Singularity, etc. And that’s totally weird! And it should be. We’re talking God here, not some other person. We are made in the image and likeness of God, not the other way around. God as Ultimate Being, Foundation of all reality, the Only In-contingent Being is beyond and more than all of creation put together. That’s how it is.

The Trinity tells us that God is not some lump on a log. God is not the old dude with a long beard on a throne. That image and many Others might help our understanding but no image can embrace the full reality of the Divine.

The Trinity tells us that God is dynamic, alive, and active. In God there is giving and receiving, loving and being loved. Having and sharing. God is Giver and Gift and Receiver. If we “cut God down to our size” we end up with a being not capable of creating, loving, forgiving, redeeming. We are the ones who struggle to live in perfect charity, not God.

We as images of the Holy One in Three are called to communicate, share, give and receive. We are called to create – to work with creation and to form families, friendships, communion. The foundation of all reality is a Family, Team, Workforce, Platoon, Coffee Clutch, Friends out to have fun. We mirror that. We live that. This reality is the basis of our life and being.

Yes, the Holy Trinity is weird, very mysterious. We come from, live in, and return to Ultimate Mystery.

- Father Bernie.

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
**Please Keep in Your Prayers:**
Bonnie Lankford
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 Arm-inger
Pat Greco
Rosemary Lazzati
Frank Lancelotta
Gary Davila
Christina Barbieri
Carolyn Baker
Holly Wallerson
Sal Ranieri
MJ DeLauney
Edward Hnat
Justin Happel
Andrew O’Grady
Richard Di Seta
Eddie Stromberger
Lauren Scalici
Theresa Gabriele
Theresa Clapp
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Bob Zelkoski
Marty Bauer Jr.
Pete Belletti
MaryAnn Walsh
Chris Venuti
Jodie Weyer
Oliver Moses Jaquez
Doreen Cucina
Matczuk
Dylan Ownby

**Quote from Saint Rose of Lima**
Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.

**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 SaintLeosFacili-ties@gmail.com

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND CANCELATIONS
Where did Tarzan go on summer vacation?

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

Weekly Laugh…..Hopefully!
Where did Tarzan go on summer vacation?

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 Due May 30, checks payable to St. Leo’s Church with Memo: Sodality Bus trip on Memo Line. Checks can be sent to: Jodi Weyer, 12390 Boncrest Maryland 21136

**Suicide Bridge Crab Feast Cruise and Roadside Stand**

ROUND trip charter bus from St. Leo’s departing at 9:00 am returning at approximately 6:30 pm.

**Roadside Stand**

On our return trip we will stop at a roadside stand to shop.

- Dessert, coffee and soda
- Fresh local corn on the cob
- Coleslaw
- Maryland crab soup
- Fried chicken
- Clam strips

3 hour cruise includes local steamed crabs.

Drive, Reisterstown, ALL MONEY NON-REFUNDABLE

Local steamed crabs, fried chicken, clam on the cob, coleslaw, da.

Cash bar on board.

**Answers of the Week**

Hollywood and Vine.

**Sacrificial Giving**

**June 1 & 2, 2019**

*Attendance: 236* Offering: $4,059.00

Please if you put a loose check in the collection please write your envelope number on the memo line - Thank you.

**World Refugee Day**

Today, we remember the plight of millions of people across the globe displaced from their homes by war, famine, corruption, and other violence. These people are part of our human family, and their needs are Christ's needs. In Matthew 25, we see God's heavenly expectations for disciples. We are to meet Jesus in the least among us - the hungry, the thirsting, those without adequate shelter or clothing, the ill, and even the incarcerated. This shouldn't be too much of an imaginative stretch. After all, Christ himself knew what it was to be a refugee. St. Joseph took the Holy Family to Egypt, fleeing from the wrath of Herod. Jesus spent his first few years of life as a stranger in a strange land. Mary knew what it was like to navigate an unfamiliar marketplace and to be surrounded by a foreign tongue. Joseph had a practical trade but had to start from nothing all the same. Let's pray for all refugees today and to see in them our own story of faith.

**Banns Of Marriage**

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

**August 3, 2019**

Abbey 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 can’t say thank you enough and I will see you this weekend!

**Coming Soon - Saint Gabriel Aug 17 & 18**

**I want to congratulate all the men out there who are working diligently to be good fathers whether they are step-fathers, or biological fathers or just spiritual fathers. T.D. Jakes**

**Bread & Wine For the Month of June**

In loving memory of Joseph Platerote, Jack & Robert Glaze by Josephine Platerote Family
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 9:30AM 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 7:30Pm in Church Hall.

WHY DO WE DO THAT

**Question:**
I accept on faith that God is a Trinity of Persons, and I know it's something we can't fully understand. Should I just accept that, or should I try to learn more?

**Answer:**
There's a legend from the life of St. Augustine. As the early Church grappled with the identity of Christ and his relation to the other Persons in the Trinity, the holy theologian wrote a book about the Trinity. The story goes that, while he worked on the piece, he took a break to walk along the seashore. He came upon a small boy who had dug a hole in the sand. He was carrying a bucket, which he'd fill up with seawater and pour into the hole. Back and forth he walked. St. Augustine gently chided the young boy, "You can't pour the whole ocean into that hole." The boy responded, "And you cannot fit the whole Trinity into your mind."

The Trinity is a mystery! Our finite mind can't comprehend the infinite God. Of course, the lesson isn't about giving up trying to understand God. St. Augustine did write that treatise, after all. The hunger to know more about God is good. We can read books about the Trinity or about the fatherly love of God, the life of Christ, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. More than that, we can deepen our life of prayer. The heart of our Trinitarian teaching is "God is love." The Three Persons are an infinite relation of love between one another. Real understanding of that comes less through our heads but through our hearts.

**Most Holy Trinity**

We believe in one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The reality that God is three distinct Persons yet One is something that is difficult for the mind to grasp. But, understanding God in this way is not impossible for the contemplative heart. We need only to look around us to see our triune God playing and interplaying with all of creation with each of His Persons manifesting itself. God our Father abounds in and through creation. God the Son beats in every human heart, in love, in tenderness of mercy, and in our neighbor. God the Holy Spirit breathes life into all things and guides the course of time and the seasons, bringing wisdom and guidance to all things. Breathe in the height and depth of God's triune presence and may your heart contemplate His presence and glory.

**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.

"[God] cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence." | St. Teresa of Calcutta
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