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Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
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Closed for lunch from 12:30-1:30 PM

O ur MI ssion
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 23, 2019

Sunday:  Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
            4:30pm - Mimmo Cricchio (birth) - Guido & Tina Cricchio DeFranco

Monday:  Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [6]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17.

Tuesday:  Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
            4:30pm - Nancy Azzaro - Famiglia Mannetta

Wednesday:  Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:  Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 7:21-29

Friday:  Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
            4:30pm - Jennie Scaffidi - Mr, & Mrs. Salvatore Ranieri

            9:30am - Virginia M. Corasaniti - Joe & Sue Corasaniti
            11:30am - Jack Glaze (anniversary) - Mother & Brothers

Next Sunday:  1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [cf. 3a]/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

CORPUS CHRISTI

We live in a time in which discoveries in science reveal that the reality we once thought relatively simple is more complex and wonderous than we ever imagined. We live in a time when many people think that merely thinking something makes it true. There is reluctance to accept the fact that there is truth, truth that is valid for all people and always. And we know all too well what the Church is facing these days from the reprehensible behavior of some and the attempt to cover up on the part of others.

In this context we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Over the years many have investigated, questioned, researched this central sacramental reality. Many a time persons have tried to say that it is only symbolic – there is no real change and thus no “Real Presence”. Some have claimed that this is enough. Some seem embarrassed by the claim and water it down to gain acceptance. Jesus did not do this. When some of His followers could not accept His discourse on the Eucharist, they decided to leave. He did not stop them. He did not run after them. He held to His words.

Science tells us that physical reality is much more mysterious than it seems. What makes a thing itself is beyond our immediate vision. We rely on instruments and mathematics to support our understanding. We cannot see quarks or electrons but surmise their existence by observing their effects.

The history of the Eucharist is decorated with miracles and tales of great conversions, holy deeds, lives of service, self-sacrifice. We can call these the effects, the signs that lead to a deeper reality. By its fruits we can know it. Google “Eucharistic Miracles” and be amazed by carefully presented and well-documented accounts.

All the articles of our Faith point to realities that do not depend on the opinion of the individual. The community of believers is the context of the Eucharist and the result of it. We stand with Jesus against the sarcasm, skepticism, and egotism of the present age. Our belief in the Eucharist surpasses time and space because the Author and Subject of it always does. The Lord is eternal and constantly at work for us.

Believe in the Eucharist. Thank God for this gift that prolongs Jesus’ life with us. Prepare before receiving such a gift both to somewhat merit it and to benefit maximally from its powerful effects. It is our Gift, our “food for the journey”, our direct sharing in God’s life. Take, receive, live, give.

- Father Bernie.
if you would like to volunteer.

There is a schedule posted that is at least two
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Lubov Slonova
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
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Son’s of Italy Lodge - Little Italy
The Order of Sons of Italy in America is looking for
new members! The Little Italy Lodge #2286, cordially
invite you to join us... The purpose of our organization
shall be to enroll in its membership any one of Italian
birth or descent; spouses of those of Italian lineage
and those adopted by person of Italian lineage and
the spouses of such adopted persons; widows, wid-
owers and divorced spouse. To promote national edu-
cation, to uphold the prestige of the people of Italian
Heritage in America, establishing a motto of “Liberty,
Equality and Fraternity”. For more information about
joining, you may contact Susanne Spinnato Walmsley,
the lodge Membership Chairperson
swalmsley44@gmail.com

STILL IN NEED OF MONEY COUNTERS!
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month, we need your help. We meet in the rectory at
9:00 AM. There is a schedule posted that is at least two
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Bread & Wine For the Month
of June
In loving memory of Joseph
Platerote, Jack & Robert Glaze
by Josephine Platerote Family

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 Gabri-
el
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 9 - Grand Lodge Gala
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-
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***SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND CAN-
CELLATIONS
BE ADVISED!!!

Recently there has been attempts to impersonate clergy/staff of Saint Leo’s by replicating similar email accounts with other email providers in an attempt to possibly scam people. Please verify the sender’s email address before responding. Here are the official email accounts of the parish. It’s my recommendation that if an email is received and its not listed below to report the email as “phishing scam” and then to block that email address so that no further contact can be made to your account. Also make sure the spelling of the email accounts are correct. Look to make sure o’s and 0’s are not mistaken along with other numbers or symbols that can represent the “correct” spelling.

Fr. Bernie - bpcpromedias@hotmail.com
Donna - SaintLeosOffice@gmail.com
Rob - SaintLeosFacilities@gmail.com
Wanda - SaintLeosVolunteers@gmail.com

If you are unsure that an email is from the parish please call, especially if it seems unusual. Please do not send any personal information to unverified websites or email addresses as you may become a victim of fraud. I appreciate your help in this matter!

-Rob

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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.

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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 (+$10,000 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

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Weekly Laugh…..Hopefully!

When does a joke become a dad joke?
PARISH REGISTRATION

We strongly encourage those who participate regularly in the life of our Faith Community to register with us and to use envelopes. For those who wish to make St. Leo’s their parish family with future plans to celebrate a baptism, a wedding or obtain a letter to be a godparent or sponsor, you are encouraged to be formally registered and actively participating on a regular basis for at least three months before. Registration Forms can be found in the back of the Church or on our website, www.saintleorcc.com.

THE ROSARY AT ST. LEO’S

We are in need of help leading the Rosary before both the 9:30am and the 11:30am (especially) Sunday Mass. Won’t you help us honor our Blessed Mother by volunteering for this most humbling and gratifying experience? I will help instruct and guide until such time you are comfortable. Think you might be interested? Give me a call and we’ll talk. Mary Jean DeLauney at 410-935-8507 or maryjean.delauney@gmail.com (Please note this is a new email)

Sacrificial Giving

June 7 & 8, 2019
Attendance: 236
Offering: $4,059.00
June 15 & 16, 2019
Attendance: 279
Offering: $4,967
Please if you put a loose check in the collection please write your envelope number on the memo line – Thank you

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
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

RCIA

Anyone interested in receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist—Please contact the Rectory as we are preparing for this next year’s course. Those who participate will receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) next year. Anyone who has been away from the Church and wishes to return to active practice, please contact us as well. May the Lord Jesus lead us on in His Holy Spirit!

Answer of the Week.

When it becomes apparent!

Tips to prevent a heat related injury

Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed

***Consult with your doctor for more information***

♦ Wear appropriate clothing - light weight and light colored clothing.
♦ Stay indoors - Try to keep your body cool as much as possible. If you don’t have AC, find a place (mall) to cool off during the hottest times of the day.
♦ Plan outdoor activities accordingly - Try to limit your outdoor activity to when it’s coolest, like morning and evening hours. Rest often in shady areas so that your body has a chance to recover.
♦ Pace Yourself: Cut down on exercise during the heat. If you’re not accustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment, start slowly and pick up the pace gradually. If exertion in the heat makes your heart pound and leaves you gasping for breath, STOP all activity. Get into a cool area or into the shade, and rest, especially if you become lightheaded, confused, weak, or faint.
♦ Wear Sunscreen: Sunburn affects your body’s ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated. If you must go outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher 30 minutes prior to going out. Continue to reapply it according to the package directions.
♦ Do not leave children or pets in a vehicle that is unattended - Cars can quickly heat up to dangerous temperatures, even with a window cracked open. While anyone left in a parked car is at risk, children are especially at risk of getting a heat stroke or dying. When traveling with children, remember to do the following:

♦ Drink plenty of fluids - Drink more fluids, regardless of active you are. Don’t wait until you are thirsty to drink.
♦ *check with your doctor if you are on water pills or any other medications that might limit your intake of water or your tolerance to heat.
♦ Stay away from drinks containing sugar and alcohol - These drinks actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also avoid very cold drinks as they may cause stomach cramps.
♦ Replace salt and minerals - Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body that need to be replaced. Sports drinks can replace those deficiencies.
♦ If you are on a low-salt diet, have diabetes, high blood pressure, or other chronic conditions, talk with your doctor concerning sports drinks/salt tablets.
♦ Keep your pets hydrated - Provide plenty of fresh water for your pets and leave the water in a shady area if possible.

♦ Check for updates - Check local news for extremem weather updates and safety tips and to learn about any cooling shelters.
♦ Know the signs - Learn the signs and symptoms of heat related illnesses and how to treat them. Use the buddy system when working in the heat to monitor the condition of the people around you. Heat induced illness can cause a person to become confused and lose consciousness. If older than 65 years old, have a friend or relative call twice a day to check in.
♦ Monitor those at high risk - Infants and young children, people over 65, overweight people, overexertion, people that are physically ill, and people with prior heat illness.
**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:**
How do you explain "Real Presence" to children.

**Answer:**
The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist. Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transsubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3).

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**SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Saint Vincent Pallotti/Union of Catholic Apostolate Cenaledge (1st Sunday)
Daughter’s of Isabella (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)**
The Visible Arm of the Knights of Columbus

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

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**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**
How can we ever succeed at truly loving God and our neighbor and fully embrace Gospel living? Achieving this goal without an intimate connection with Christ is impossible. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, connects us with God in a unique and most intimate way. His very life and presence is wedded with ours. Being forgiven and nourished, we are given the strength and conviction to pick up our wounded and broken lives and be living heralds of Good News. Our world is broken and needs authentic, living witnesses to bring it back to truth. Nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, are you ready to be sent?

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**Word of the Week**

Assiduous - Showing great care, attention and effort. Marked by careful in remitting attention or persistent application.

If you think you can or think you can’t. You’re Right! Never give up. Today is hard, tomorrow will be worse, but the day after tomorrow will be sunshine.

"Blood is poured and flesh is broken, yet in either wondrous token Christ entire we know to be." | Lauda Sion
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