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**Saturday, June 29,**
8:00am - Pro-Populo
4:30pm - Nancy Azzaro - Famiglia Mannetta

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

**Monday, July 1,**
8:00am - Geraldine Lioi - Thomas Iacoboni

**Tuesday, July 2,**
8:00am - Alphonse & Eleanor Apicella - Apicella Family

**Wednesday, July 3,**
8:00am - Deceased members of Iacoboni Family -
Thomas Iacoboni

**Thursday, July 4,**
No Mass

**Friday, July 5, Office Closed**
8:00am - In Memory of Anne Haggerty - Pomento Family

**Saturday, July 6,**
8:00am - Pro-Populo
4:30pm - Santina Cricchio (birth/anniversary) - Guido & Tina Cricchio DeFranco

**Sunday, July 7,**
9:30am - Mary Theresa Collison - Teresa Corapi & Family
11:30am - Joseph Berti - Sisiters

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**Readings for the week of June 30, 2019**

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

**Monday:**
Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday:**
Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 [3a]/Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:**
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

**Thursday:**
Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:**
Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:**
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [3a]/Mt 9:14-17

**Next Sunday:**
Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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**CAN YOU HEAR ME CALLING?**

We have tremendous inertia. I feel it often. I look for the day when everything is done and there’s nothing more to do. Well, that never comes. Sometimes there are pauses, but never a complete stop.

We speak of the whole Church as being on mission. We call it the “Pilgrim Church”. As a faith community we journey through time, through history. Sometimes the populations that comprise the Church are on the move for many reasons.

But there is a way we journey even if we are in the same place for years. There is an interior journey, the spiritual journey. The Lord calls us continually to a deeper life. We can enter more fully into the reality and mystery of God. We can discover our own capacities for love and service. We can gain insight into God’s Plan for us. This is very much a journey, a process, a path of discovery.

From the beginning of Salvation History people have been called out of complacency into a richer and more reflective life. We could say that Adam and Eve were called into being. Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and Aaron, Ester, Ruth, and so many more received a call in various ways. It is typical of relationship with the Lord that we are called up and sent forth.

There is no standing still in the spiritual life. We go forward or lose ground. Today Jesus renewes the call to a more authentic faith and deeper spirituality. Whenever and however the Lord calls, are we willing and ready to respond with a loving and faithful, “yes”.

- Father Bernie.
Please Keep in Your Prayers:
Bonnie Lankford
Lubov Slonovo
Theresa Ferraro
Ronee Moss
Frances R. Vitale
Ruby Commentz
LeeAnn Farnese
Theresa Clapp
Theresa Gabriele
Pat Greco
Bob Zelkoski
Marty Bauer Jr.
Pete Belletti
MaryAnn Walsh
Chris Venuti
Jodie Weyer
Oliver Moses Jaquez
Doreen Cucina
Matczuk
Dylan Ownby
Joe Manganello
Stephen Piccirilli

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, widowers and divorced spouse. To promote national education, 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!
If you have one or two Monday mornings available a month, we need your help. We meet in the rectory at 9:00AM. There is a schedule posted that is at least two months in advance. Call the parish office at 410-675-7275 if you would like to volunteer.

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 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 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 SaintLeosFacilities@gmail.com
***SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND CANCELLATIONS
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

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!

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)

A very special thank you to Mr. Carl Julio for a recent $10,000.00 towards the sounds system. Mr. Julio has been a long time contributor towards Saint Leo’s Church and Saint Jude Shrine. Thank you Mr. Carl Julio!

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.

Weekly Laugh…..Hopefully!
What is Forrest Gump’s password?
Independence Day

Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It’s good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we’re afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let’s continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

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 light-headed, 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 these 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 extreme 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 or 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.

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!

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

Sacrificial Giving

June 15 & 16, 2019
Attendance: 279  Offerings: $4,967.00
June 22 & 23, 2019
Attendance: 202  Offerings: $3,653.00
Please if you put a loose check in the collection please write your envelope number on the memo line - Thank you

Answer of the Week.
I forrest1!
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)
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.

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:
This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer:
Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don’t see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn’t simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it’s fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

13th Sunday in O.T.
"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." Jesus' words may seem a bit harsh but are directly on target. The life of discipleship can be costly. Upholding the tenets of the Gospel can put us at odds, even with those most close to us. Jesus never misses an opportunity to spend time with outcasts and sinners. It matters little to him whether doing so breaks a Sabbath law. The Gospel may seem unrealistic, but it is the Gospel nonetheless. We respect the dignity of all persons, from conception to natural death. We work on behalf of justice, which calls us to be with the poor, lonely, confused, and broken. The old "eye for an eye" mentality no longer applies when it comes to dealing with those who hurt us. When Jesus asks you to follow him, will you go?

Word of the Week.
Demure - Modest and reserved in manner or behavior. “Despite her demure appearance, she is an accomplished mountain climber.

If you think you can or think you can’t. You’re Right!
Happiness looks good on you!

"Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting for an instant." | St. Maria Goretti