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**

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**Readings for the Week of July 7, 2019**

**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

**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

**Next Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] or PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9a]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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**Patriotism? Yes!**

With July 4th we reflect on our country and our place in it. What about our role as Catholic Christians?

Way back at the start of the Church St. Paul recommended praying for the civil authorities and public institutions, noting that our well-being depends on them. We are called to be “in the world but not of it”, to live in the common reality but to stand a little apart from it. It is a difficult but achievable balance.

We hear sometimes “my Country right or wrong”. In one sense this is true. As a citizen I am part of my nation and should stand with it. When right, I go along and contribute what I can. When wrong, I seek to correct its faults and weaknesses to make it even better. How do I judge this? We have a set of basic values in the Gospel message that provide us with a vision, an ideal. By my vote, my actions, my good example and service I build up the nation along with all who share these values and those who may come to accept them.

Some say, “my Country, love it or leave it”. This is hard to accept. If I leave an institution with which I have some problems or questions, I deny myself the chance to effect some change, even if minimal, and I deny my talents and insights to the greater community. To persevere, to stick with it is a better option. Despite frustration and disappointment, I hold on for a better tomorrow.

These days as we celebrate and relax, let’s not forget that our Country lives today because of the many sacrifices of a great many men and women. Those who have died or who sacrificed their lives, we pray for their peaceful rest and learn from their example. Those still with us we honor and respect and take advantage of their experience and advice.

Happy and Safe Fourth of July!

- **Father Bernie.**

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**Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mary Sergi. May she rest in the Arms of the Lord.**
Please Keep in Your Prayers:
Bonnie Lankford
Lubov Sionovo
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
Bob Zelkoski
Marty Bauer Jr.
MaryAnn Walsh
Chris Venuti
Jodie Weyer
Oliver Moses Jaquez
Doreen Cucina
Matczuk
Dylan Ownby
Joe Manganello
Stephen Piccirilli
Tony Walmsley

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

Saint Gabriel Memorial Baskets
As we approach closer to the Saint Gabriel festival we are taking orders for memorial flower baskets to be place on the altar during the festival. The flower baskets cost $50.00. Please call the rectory for more information!

Bread & Wine For the Month of July
In loving memory of Vinci Guerra & Rock Families by Jean & Family

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
Weekly Laugh…..Hopefully!

What is made of brass and sounds like Tom Jones?

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.

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
wandadaniels56@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
Feast of St. Benedict

Have you ever wanted to change the world? 5th century Europe was a dark place. The Roman Empire had fallen, and barbarian tribes were picking over the scraps of what remained. Faith hung on, but there was no consistent, coherent Christian culture in the world around. Young Benedict began his life with education and privilege but became disillusioned by a life pursuing material success. He withdrew to a monastery and spent much time in solitude. He began attracting followers, whom he organized over time into 12 monasteries, with a 13th established to train young monks. He wrote a rule of life including basic principles for living as Christ. His monks took three vows: conversion to Christ, obedience to the local abbot, and stability to remain with the community. Benedictine monasteries became lights in the darkness, secure centers of Christian culture enlivening the faithful beyond their walls. When the world around us seems complicated and contrary to the Gospel, how will you be a light?

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 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!
**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.

**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**

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**WHY DO WE DO THAT**

**Question:**
What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

**Answer:**
Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

**14th Sunday in O.T.**

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am sending you like lambs among wolves." Getting people to see the truth about who they are is not always easy or welcomed. Some people want to believe that they have life under control and they do not need any further advice, direction, or challenge from others. Being heralds of the Gospel means doing precisely that. We come with a message that is not always welcome or desired by our sisters and brothers. Yet, it is desperately needed. People need to be reminded of who they are, who God is, and the necessity of repentance for entering the Kingdom of God. It is not about what we want but what God wants. We are called to be peacemakers and laborers for justice and mercy.

Are you willing to bring this challenging message to those who may be indifferent or even hostile to hearing it?

**Word of the Week.**

Afflatus - a divine imparting of knowledge or power: inspiration

If you think you can or think you can't. You're Right!
The secret to your success lies within your daily routine!

"In whatever direction we go, [God] is there before us, calling to us and coming to meet us." | Henri de Lubac
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