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MASS SCHEDULE

8 am Mon, Tues,
Wed, Fri, Sat
4:30 pm Saturday
9:30 & 11:30 am
Sunday

Holy Days of Obligation

Mass times announced

Confession is heard 45
minutes before Mass. To
schedule a different time,
call the parish office.

The Rosary - after 8 am
Masses and 30 minutes
before weekend Masses.



*Saint Leo the Great Church
was built for Baltimore's
Italian immigrants and
dedicated September 18,
1881. It is registered as a
Historical Landmark by the
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PAROLE DI PADRE

Words from Father Bernie Carman, SAC

† BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR †

We celebrate the unrepeatable event of Christ's coming to us, as one of us. Each year our faith in His coming is renewed and passed on. Many of the Advent readings called to mind the "end times," the definitive return of Jesus at the end of history. We live our lives between these two "poles."

In this middle time there are still countless ways that the Lord Jesus comes to us. First among them is the Holy Eucharist He left us to keep His saving life, death, and resurrection accessible to us. In the Eucharist, the very life of Jesus is present and re-presented to us even daily. Receiving Holy Communion brings us into intimate and real contact with the Lord Himself. The risen, transformed body of the Lord is our ongoing nourishment and sustenance.

The reading of Sacred Scripture brings to life the Word spoken to us. Particularly when proclaimed during the Liturgy, the Word reaches us with its power to transform.

In nature all around us, God reaches out and offers lessons in life. The evidence of the Creator lives in every part of creation.

The events of history, especially our personal history, can be used by the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide us.

And other people, notably those who are close to God, offer endless contact with the Holy One. Every person who grows in the love and knowledge of God becomes a communication of the Divine.

And so the Lord is constantly calling, ever knocking at my door. The Lord Jesus is born for me every day. Every day is a little Christmas. Have a Merry one! †



INTENZIONI DI MESSA

CHRISTMAS Saturday/sabato 25 dicembre

9:30am Leonardo & Giovanna Scaffidi by Angela C. Scaffidi

4:30pm Vigil for Feast of Holy Family - Philomena Scalia by Guido & Tina Cricchio DeFranco

FEAST of HOLY FAMILY Sun/domenica 26 dicembre

9:30am Philomena Scalia by Carmela Serafini & Family; Healing Mass for Lauren Scalici by grandparents Walt & Sadie Zaccari Witz

11:30am Vincent Cannariato (birthday / anniversary) by Guido & Tina Cricchio DeFranco

Monday/lunedì 27 dicembre

8am Alberto Rigato by Marco Minnie & Joyce

Tuesday/martedì 28 dicembre

8am Philomena Scalia by Marie Palmer Welsh

Wednesday/mercoledì 29 dicembre

8am Philomena Scalia by Veronica Piqueras Leyko

NEW YEAR'S EVE Friday/venerdì 31 dicembre

6:30pm Vigil Mass for New Year's Day - Philly by her sister Eleanor Stein

NEW YEAR'S DAY Saturday/sabato 1 gennaio

9:30am In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph by anonymous

4:30pm Rose Mary Scaffidi by Angela C. Scaffidi

Sunday/domenica 2 gennaio

9:30am Marge & George Ward by Joe & Sue Corasaniti

11:30am Angelina & Marco Ferretto by daughter Gisele Ferretto

To follow along with the lector, locate today's readings in the RED hymnal for Feast of Holy Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

NO 8 A.M. MASSES on Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.



PANE E VINO PER DICEMBRE

Bread & Wine for December

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NUMERI DEL FINE SETTIMANA

Weekend Numbers for December 11-12
Attendance 174 adults, 7 children / Offertory \$3,272

PREPARING YOUR WILL? Our Parish Council asks you to consider including St. Leo's in your estate planning. Planned giving is a way to make a gift to our parish while taking into consideration the needs of your loved ones. The most common way is to designate our parish as a beneficiary in your Will. Other options may come from a life insurance policy or other asset. A planned gift may enable you to make a larger donation to St. Leo than you thought possible; it has the potential to create savings on capital gains or estate taxes, lessening the financial burden on your family and loved ones. An attorney or financial planner can help. Your gift will help ensure that St. Leo's continues to serve our Little Italy community and parishioners.

LITTLE ITALY LODGE 2022 DUES - Sons of Italy Little Italy Lodge is accepting members' **\$40** dues for 2022 between now and March 15, 2022. (After the deadline, members' names who have not renewed will be removed from the roster.) Mail a check payable to Little Italy Lodge #2286 and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Susanne Walmsley. Please email swalmsley44@gmail.com for the address; and please do **not** mail your dues to the Lodge.

The staff of Saint Leo's Church wishes you heaps of blessings during the Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of Jesus ... together. As we ring in 2022, we ask God to have mercy on us, continue to bless us, and to guard each of us in safety, happiness, and health. BUON NATALE ... MERRY CHRISTMAS to our wonderful Saint Leo's community!

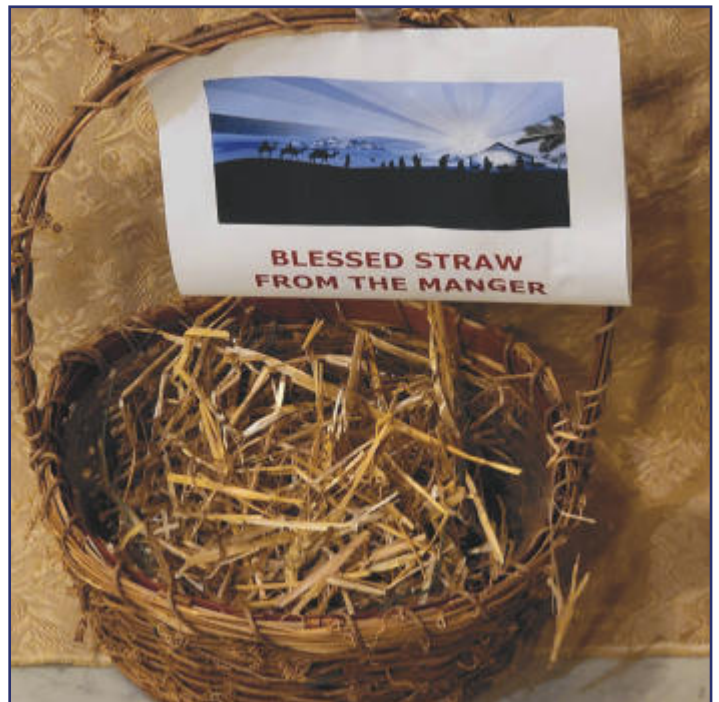
VOTE FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Please take some time to reflect on those members of our parish community who you think may be good candidates to serve on the Parish Council. Official nominees will be listed in our January bulletins so parishioners can vote. Elections will take place the week of January 29 and newly elected officers will be announced the week of February 5.

TO VOTE:

- **In church:** complete a form and place your vote in the back of church
- **Online:** vote on our website, saintleorcc.com
- **By email:** Vote by email to saintleosoffice@gmail.com. Please include:
 - Nominee's name
 - Nominee's talents
 - Describe why you think this person would be a good Parish Council candidate

BLESSED STRAW - Note the basket of blessed hay under our Nativity to the right of the altar. It is customary to take bits of straw from the church manger to keep in your wallet, pocket, or purse. Traditionally, a piece of this straw means wealth in the coming year. *Buona fortuna a voi!*



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Saint Leo's Church
CARRYOUT PASTA DINNER
Sunday, January 23, 2022
10am-2pm ~ Pandola Learning Center in St. Leo's
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Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



The shepherds in the hills around Bethlehem were the first to find out about the birth of Jesus. They were the first to visit the new baby and his family in the stable. The shepherds of the Lord in your life are people who love God and you very much. They praise God and say wonderful things about God. They tell you how good you are. They protect you from evil and harm.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for the shepherds you sent to love and care for me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will be a good shepherd and protect my brother and sister from harm.

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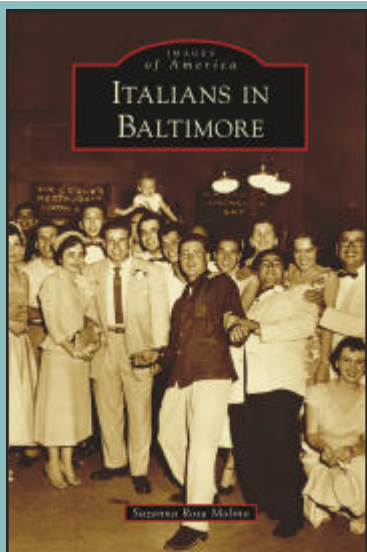
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