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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday evening 4:00pm Sunday 7:30, 11:00am.

WEEKDAY MASS

7:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday ,Friday 8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday (Convent)

FRIDAYS

NO Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:00 a.m. to 4:00PM

HOLY DAY MASSES

7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. (school days only) 12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

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Sacrament of Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms are celebrated on the Second Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least one year prior to the wedding.

Saint Leo's School Mrs. Nancy Pierce (Principal) 120 Main Street 537-1007 www.St-Leoschool.org St. Leo's Cemetery Office: 108 Main Street 537-7257 St. Leo's Cemetery Location: 360 Lancaster St. St. Leo's Religious Education Office (CCD) 118 Main St. 537-1198 Ellen Wade-Medeiros ST. LEO **LEOMINSTER**



SATURDAY JULY 17 8:30AM NO MASS

4:00PM Nathan Roberts 11th Anniv. by family

Lazziro Silva by family

SUNDAY **JULY 18** 7:30AM Edward Peana by family

8:30AM

11:00AM Larry Guartafierro by family

Antonio Paulo Moleiro by family

MONDAY JULY 19 7:00 AM NO MASS 8:30 AM Antonio & Aurora

TUESDAY JULY 20 7:00 AM NO MASS

8:30 AM Health & Well-Being for Vince & Ann Cremona

WEDNESDAY **JULY 21** 7:00 AM NO MASS 8:30 AM NO MASS

THURSDAY JULY 22 NO MASS 7:00AM

Presentation Sisters Prayer Association 8:30AM

FRIDAY JULY 23 7:00AM NO MASS

8:30AM Health & Well-Being for Vincent & Ann Cremona

SATURDAY JULY 24 8:30AM NO MASS

4:00PM Cherrie Bourgeois by family

SUNDAY JULY 25

7:30 AM

8:30AM

11:00AM Mary Clark 24th Anniv. by family

Winnie & Austin Walsh by family



Last weekend our parish community contributed \$5,066.24 for Ordinary, \$698.00 for Capital Improvement, \$14.52 for Assumption, \$20.00 for fuel and \$611.50 for rice bowls.

Thank you for your generosity!



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our Holy Father has declared next Sunday, July 25th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This will be the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly since this special day will now be celebrated on the last Sunday of July each year. This day was chosen since it is the Sunday closest to the solemnity of Saints Joachim and Ann, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Here at St. Leo's we will take this opportunity to celebrate our grandparents and elderly in our parish. We will include special prayers and a blessing prayer for those grandparents and elderly who are with us at our Sunday Masses.

It seems especially significant that we honor our grandparents and elderly at this time. As we are heading out of the pandemic, we celebrate the resilience and health of our elderly and grandparents. They have continued to live life amidst the difficulties of the pandemic. Many of them faced great challenges as they were isolated and vulnerable during those difficult days. We are thrilled that they are still present, offering their examples of faith and trust in the Lord during these challenging times.

Please encourage your elderly relatives and neighbors to join us next weekend as we honor them and celebrate their presence at St. Leo's and the community beyond!

Have a great week!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Bill

> The Diocesan Office for Healing and Prevention

Can be reached at 508-929-4363 All calls are confidential

Citurgical Roles

WEEK JULY 24 & JULY 25 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

V. Spingola

4:00PM W. Benton 7:30 AM N. Pierce 9:30 AM

J. Quinn

11:00AM

J. Shannon D. Lanciani
B. LeBlanc M. Marien

USHERS
R. Burns
L. Burns
A. Fournier
K. Lambert

T. Marchand S. Pepin



THE LATEST FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

- 1. This week, our Food Pantry will be open MONDAY. We invite parishioners who are in need of food to sign up for the pantry. To sign up for the Food Pantry call 978-786-7637 on next MONDAY between 10:00A.M. and 2:00 P.M. Come to the back of the rectory between 5:00 and 5:30 P.M. to pick up your food!
- 2. We are asking parishioners to donate this weekend, BROWNIE & CAKE MIXES Please drop off items at the Rectory on the side porches on Monday.
- 3. We continue asking you to submit your prayer intentions to us. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will pray for your intentions. Maybe a prayer request you submitted previously had been answered. Share your stories of prayers answered with us!

Thank you from the Saint Vincent de Paul Society

FAREWELL RAFAEL AND THANK YOU!

Our Seminarian Rafael Longhini is completing his ten-week summer assignment here at St. Leo's. He began visiting us on weekends during the past school year as he was studying English at Worcester State University. He has won us all over with his thoughtfulness, kindness, and work ethic! As his English has continued to improve, he has even shown us his sense of humor! At the end of August Rafael will report to St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore to begin his studies in theology. Rafael, thank you for all you did for us while here at St. Leo's. May God bless you! We look forward to the day when you will serve our diocese as a priest!



M. Tarara

A LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN RAFAEL LONGHINI

Dear Parishioners,

I was born in Brazil in 1997, and since I was 5 Years old, I have been an altar boy at St. Anthony Parish in the city where my parents live. When I turned 18, I entered the seminary in Brazil and graduated in philosophy in 2017. Then, hearing Jesus' call to go and make disciples among all nations, I decided to come to the United States in August 2019. Since I arrived in the Diocese of Worcester, I lived at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies and studied English at Worcester State University. My first assignment was at St. John's in Clinton, my second assignment was at Good Shepherd Parish in Linwood, and my third assignment was here at St. Leo's. Since the fall of last year, I have been able to serve this community on weekends. During this summer, I spent 10 weeks helping and learning daily in this community of faith. This weekend I close a cycle in my formation. I am preparing to go to Baltimore next fall to study Theology.

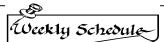
I am grateful for this opportunity to serve this community and all the parishioners for welcoming me. I want to say thank you to Fr. Bill for all the support and teaching. Thanks also to all the parish staff. Finally, please keep me and my vocation in your prayers, and may God send more young people willing to be priests. May God bless you all.



HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Our non-profit hospice program is looking for Patient Companion volunteers who would like to work with terminally ill patients and their families. Hospice training and support are provided.

For more information, interested parties can call Carol Recchion, MDiv UMass Memorial Health Alliance Hospital at 978-798-3192



SUNDAY JULY 18
Monday JULY 19
5:30PM FOOD PANTRY
Tuesday JULY 20

6:00PM NO TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)

Wednesday JULY 21 Thursday JULY 22

6:00PM NO SCRIPTURE STUDY
7:00PM NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00PM BOY SCOUTS
Friday JULY 23

9:00ÁM NO ADORATION 4:30PM

Saturday JULY 24

10:00-3PM NO IRISH STEP DANCERS

2:30PM CONFESSIONS

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

The annual appeal for **Partners In Charity** is now underway. **Our goal is still \$70,000**. The overall goal of the diocese remains the same at \$5 million. We are at 68% of our goal. We have collected \$48,485.12 We thank everyone participating in this year's campaign, for their generosity and we hope you will be able to participate again. The diocese will be the only one to send out letters to all of our parishioners. If you receive one please forward all donations to the Diocese.

By pledging your donation, you are able to spread out the amount over 10 monthly payments. With everyone contributing what they are able, I am confident we as a parish community can reach our goal.

Sincerely, Fr. Bill



CHICKEN BBQ

The Fitchburg Knights of Columbus will be having a Chicken BBQ Sunday August 22nd from Noon until 2:00PM. Menu will consist of half a Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn on the cob, and Cole slaw. Tickets are \$12.00 and must be purchased in advance and are available at the Knights on Electric Ave. from noon until 7:30 pm Daily. Deadline for tickets is August 18th no tickets at the door. All proceeds benefits the Knights Charites.



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