



**ST. LEO THE GREAT**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILTON, NY  
December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



*Merry Christmas from Fr. Joe, Deacon Jim,  
Deacon Jeff and the Staff of St. Leo Parish!*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S**

**Monday - December 27**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday - December 28**

6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Council Meeting, Room 5

7:00 PM Women's Group, Room 2

**Wednesday - December 29**

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 PM Rosary for our Country, Church

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive, Parish Center

7:00 PM Bell Choir, Room 2

**Thursday - December 30**

7:00 PM Cursillo Grouping, Nursery

7:00 PM AA Meeting, Room 5

**Friday - December 31 New Year's Eve**

**4:00 PM Mass**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Saturday-January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**4:00 PM Mass**

**Sunday - January 2 Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM Mass

10:30 AM Mass with Children's Liturgy

11:45 AM Adult Bible Study - "The Real Presence of Jesus"

6:00 PM Mass

7:00PM Youth Ministry and Confirmation



Let us remember in prayer

*Tom Popowich, husband of Kathi Popowich;  
Salvatore Gallo, Erica Joan McDowell, (Sr. Jeromita SSJ).*  
Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light  
shine upon them.

**PLANNING FOR YOUR LEGACY**

The Diocese of Rochester is sponsoring a FREE seminar to help you make informed choices from a Catholic perspective regarding planning for your legacy. Topics covered will include Wills and Estate planning, All about Health Care Proxies, The Power of Attorney and other Legal Documents and Legacy Gifts that Make an Impact. This event will be held on Thursday, January 6 beginning with refreshments at 6 PM and the workshops starting at 6:30 PM at St. James Hall, Peace of Christ Parish, 130 Brett Rd., Rochester. Please register with the number of people attending by emailing [stewardship@dor.org](mailto:stewardship@dor.org).



Our Sanctuary Candle burns in prayer in memory of Al Bishop.  
From: The Family

**SCRIPTURE CORNER**

Do you want to spend time in prayer each day? A good way to begin is to read or reread the daily Scripture readings. Prepare for Mass by taking a few moments to read the Scripture readings. Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Mt 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:-14/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b 12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Is :9-1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Sunday 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**FORMED:** Get Catholic videos, books, etc. for all ages!

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<https://stleo.formed.org>

The Sunday Mass will be live streamed on the St. Leo Hilton Facebook page on Saturday at 4 PM.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Office closed - No Mass or Communion Service

**Tuesday - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

8:30 AM Richard Ring (Birdie Proctor)

**Wednesday -Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 AM Mary Jane Skarzynski (Terri and Paul Ahrens)

**Thursday - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 AM Regina Catanise, Victoria Vacca, Rosario Saracino (son)

**Friday - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

**4:00 PM** For a Special Intention

**Saturday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**NO CONFESSIONS**

**4 00 PM** For a Special Intention

**Sunday - Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM Herbert Gardner (Rose Franklin)

10:30 AM Gaing Ngo (Family)

6:00 PM Yvonne McAllister (Sharon Prince)

**CMA UPDATE**

Due to the early deadline for publishing the bulletins, the latest information on our CMA standing is as of December 13. Thanks to the 165 parishioners who have made pledges totaling \$64,300 for 84.61% of our goal Remember no gift is too small and each and every one is important.

Last year we had 228 donors. Can you please help?

**STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

In 2022 our Stewardship Fair will be done a little differently. Starting January 8 and 9 and each weekend in January, some of St. Leo Ministries will be featured. Representatives of each Ministry will be available after Mass to answer any questions about their Ministry.

**SILENT NIGHT**

It was Christmas Eve in the Austrian Alps. Fr, Joseph Mohr was distraught because the organ was broken, he wanted a song that could be sung organless, so he hastily wrote the words, "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright..." and gave them to his organist, asking him to compose a simple tune. That night December 24, 1818, "Silent Night" was sung for the first time as a duet accompanied by a guitar.



"Silent Night" was first published for congregational singing in 1838 in the German hymnbook, *Katholisches Gesang*. It was used in America by German-speaking congregations, then appeared in its current English form in a book of Sunday school songs in 1863.

Were it not for a broken organ, there would never have been a Silent Night

**WEST BY NORTHWEST ULTREYA** - A Cursillo Center of the Rochester Diocese. Ultreya meets the last Saturday of each month at 5:15 PM

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Contact Margaret, 392-8064; Theresa, 392-4856 or the Parish Office 392-2710; concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins. Those unable to attend Mass regularly will have Holy Communion brought to their homes.

**Parish Membership:** those who choose to worship regularly with us are invited and welcome to join our parish community offering your time, talent and financial support. Call the Parish Office, 392-2710 to register.

**Christian Formation:** Ongoing education for Pre-School through adults.

**Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA):** Our faith community invites anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or wishes to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church by their Sacraments contact Mary Lou Rosien, 594-2621, [mary.louise.rosien@dor.org](mailto:mary.louise.rosien@dor.org).

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Call the Parish Office, 392-2710 when you become engaged.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call Carol Steiger at [CSteiger@rochester.rr.com](mailto:CSteiger@rochester.rr.com) 392-9558. six months before the anticipated birth date. Parent class is re-



### AMAZONSMILE

Thanks to our parishioners who use AmazonSmile when making purchases from Amazon, AmazonSmile has sent St. Leo a check

for \$73.25 as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 and September 30, 2021.

Do you purchase items from Amazon? Do you know that the AmazonSmile Foundation gives 0.5% of your purchases to St. Leo's? AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support St. Leo the Great every time you shop, at no cost to you.

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Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>. There are several Saint Leo Church's; make sure you select the Hilton, NY location. NOTE: You are now ready to shop. Use this site for future purchases so that Saint Leo's can receive the credit. If you have any questions contact the Parish office at 392-2710.

### QUESTION?

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

### ANSWER:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us close to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. LEO

Please consider online giving - Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. There are three paperless ways to give electronically to St Leo Church. Visit our St. Leo parish web site at [stleochurch.org](http://stleochurch.org) and click on "Electronic Donations:"

1. You may set up an ACH auto withdrawal from your account
2. Click on Vanco and give online either 1 time or set up a giving schedule
3. ext to give: text from your cell phone 844-929-1030 and follow the instructions.

### HOPE & Relief

Dear God, rest your hands on recovery efforts in the Kentucky communities. Let all people find relief and healing in you. Amen.

### IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER

Meg Camp, Owen Camp, Karen Cardone, Jackie Collins, Jay Confer, Susan Crump, Christine Davison, Steve Ewert, John Flanagan, Lynn Frisch, Laurie Gavigan, Pamela Godshalk, Don Hettig, Ed Hubbell, Ernest Hubbell, Cheryl Johnson Family, Justine Kelly, Inge Kresimon, Pete Kutzer, Dcn. Bill Lenhart, Don Mac Kenzie, Paul Marvin, Catherine McGinnis, Erin Merritt, Catherine Miller, Sue Nealon, Norene Peter, Mike Pitcher, Kathi Popowich, Jennifer Pringle, Anne Reyner, Laura Richter, Ken Robinson, Jamie Rothfuss, Maddie Scheuerman, Cheryl Schojan, Diane Sellitto, Sara Shiveler, David Smith, Sr.; Donna Smith, Linda Smith, Cameron Tomlin, Mary Beth Turiano-Fox, Marily Vargas, Marilyn Walker, Carol Williams, Ron Wilson, Mary Wirth, Sally Woodley, Ray Yeaton, and all in need of prayer.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Merry Christmas! There is something sacred about sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and His sons and daughters. All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him. ©LPi

### DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

#### December 25, 2021 - The Nativity of the Lord

"He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188)." The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God's beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed. ©LPi

### ST. LEO PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a warm and supportive community to aid in the salvation of souls, to promote evangelization, and to serve God, our congregation and our world.

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