

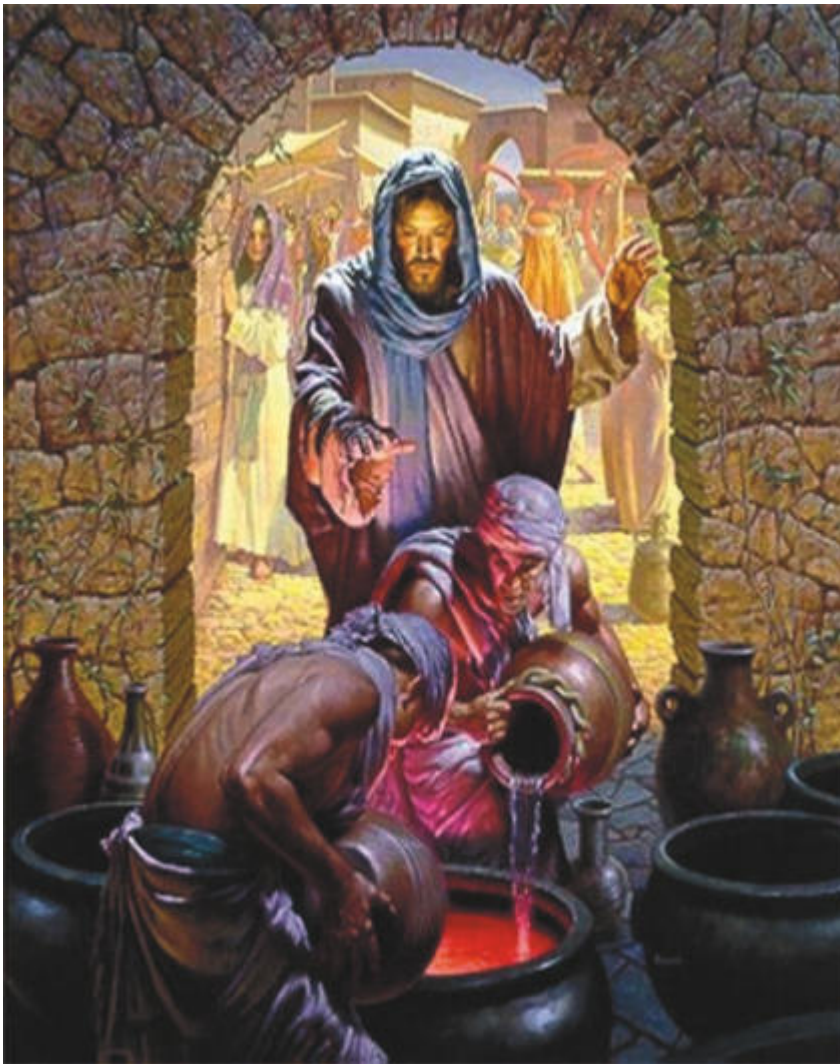


Mary, Mother of the Church

A Roman Catholic Parish * Msgr. Thomas Ginty, Pastor

Waterbury, Connecticut

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022



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SS. Peter & Paul Church

St. Leo the Great Church
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NEW Mass Schedule

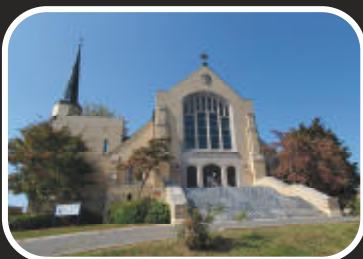
4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Leo
8:00am Sunday Mass @ SS Peter & Paul
11:00am Sunday @ St. Leo the Great

NEW Daily Mass Schedule

8:00 am Wednesday & Thursday's @
St. Leo the Great

Confession Schedule

3:00 pm Saturday Afternoon @ St. Leo
or anytime by appointment



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



ATTENTION BINGO WORKERS

There will be a meeting of all Bingo volunteers, including kitchen help and callers on

➡ **Wednesday Jan. 19th at 7:00pm** ⬅
in St. Leo the Great hall

Please try to attend this important meeting as we will be determining whether or not we can move ahead with our plans of reopening our Bingo games.



ATTENTION BINGO CALLERS

If you have already volunteered to be a Bingo caller, please attend the meeting above too!

If you are willing to LEARN to be a caller, please attend this meeting on the 19th too as there will be a portion of the meeting devoted to becoming familiar with the bingo machine and learning how to be a "Caller". It's not difficult, there is a very minimal time commitment and it's FUN!



Winter Weather and Closing alerts

Any time an event at our parish may need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be posted on TV

CHANNEL 3 OR 8



We didn't really get to give Fr. Lavorgna a proper send off from our parish so guess what?

We're having a belated "Farewell Party" for our dear friend Fr. Lavorgna on:

SUNDAY JANUARY 30TH
2:00 TO 4:00PM
ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH HALL

Hope to see you there!

Women's Retreat Mary, Mother of the Church
Annual Women's Retreat

Theme: "All around us we have known You"

Be part of the experience...You'll have the opportunity to participate in the sacraments, to hear conference talks, share with other women and to reflect on this year's theme. If you can't commit to an entire weekend, please consider the one day "commuter" rate.

Where: Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Ctr. Farmington, CT

When: March 4th, 5th and 6th. (Three day full retreat)

Cost: \$290.00 for the full weekend or \$145.00 for just one day; Saturday March 5th (commuter rate)


Deposit of \$100.00 check and or credit card, non-refundable to confirm reservation. Balance to be paid in full upon arriving.

Meals: Delicious meals included in retreat fee.

To Register: call: 860-677-8519 or register online at www.ourladyofcalvaryretreat.net

*Any questions please call or text Pat Longo
203-910-5990*

All ladies in the parish are welcome!



St. Sebastian

- ❑ He was born in 257
- ❑ His feast day is January 20th
- ❑ He became a saint because he was not canonized. He was proclaimed a saint by the early Christians.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him,

"They have no wine." — Jn 2:1-3

Excerpt from the Labyrinth for Peter BEEM, 1998, 1990 CCD.



SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend

The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 22/23, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection on January 22/23.

Thank You!

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January Social Outreach

Brian Gibbons Social Outreach Program

The program provides case management and support services to people living outside or those recently housed. Visits are made to campsites, factories, and abandoned buildings several times a week and even in the bitter cold and snowy days of the winter months. We provide food, warm clothing, hygiene products, camping equipment, and most importantly, HOPE.

Items they mostly need are:

Warm Socks !!!

There will be a box for the socks & gift cards should be dropped in the collection basket. Thank You!!



\$5.00 Gift Cards to:

- McDonalds
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Mass Intentions  for the Week

MASSES AT SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

Sunday, January 16th

(SSPP) 8:00am Special Intention

Sunday, January 23rd

(SSPP) 8:00am Clarence Demers—Memorial
(The Lucarelli Family)

**Daily Morning Mass
And Winter Weather**

Just a reminder....
If schools are closed
or delayed due to bad
weather there will be
NO daily morning
Mass at St. Leo the
Great Church.



MASSES AT ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH

Saturday January 15th

4:00pm James Shukie—Memorial
(Fr. John Mariano)

Sunday, January 16th

11:00am Thomas Barrett—13th
Anniversary (Wife & Family)

Wednesday, January 19th

8:00am Thomas & Madeline Loy—
Memorial (The Caporale Family)

Thursday, January 20th

8:00am Lucy DiCarlo—Birthday
Remembrance (Friend Diane
Colangelo)

Saturday, January 22nd

4:00pm Viola Sharkis—Memorial
(Douglas Codianni)

Sunday, January 23rd

11:00am Michelle Strileckis—Memorial
(Claudette Paolino)



Please remember in your prayers our
deceased members of Mary, Mother
of the Church Parish, especially;

Mary Stender



PARISH COLLECTIONS

The regular collection reflects the
offertory collected at the Masses as
well as those contributions mailed
into the parish office.

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| January 9th | Regular | \$3261.00 |
| On-Line Giving | | \$370.23 |

We Thank you for your continued support!

The Sanctuary Lamp at
St. Leo the Great will burn this week for:

Claire Tamburini



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If parishioners would like to send correspondence to
Fr. Lavorgna at his new assignment, here's where he is!

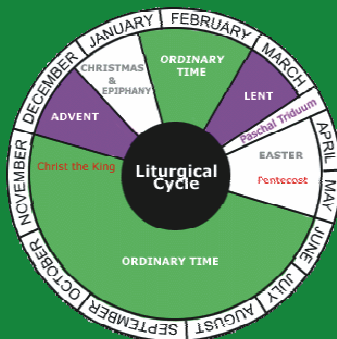


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For current events and updates





Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Lent, Christmas and Easter.

Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

This is a time of conversion, maturation, and quiet growth. It comprises the longest time on the liturgical calendar when the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and miracles while on this earth.

GREEN is the liturgical color of Ordinary Time that we find on priestly vestments and in our church decor. It is the color of life and hope.

3 Things to Note about the 1st Miracle of Jesus. "The Wedding Feast of Cana"

- 1. Jesus was invited.** Here's the important thing here: Jesus was invited. The very first miracle that He did, He did because He was invited into the lives of the people who benefited from it: the couple who were being wed.
- 2. He was told the problem.** Next, aside from inviting Christ Jesus into our daily lives, we should make sure to tell Him what we need.
- 3. What He does will always surpass what we can do.** Jesus can and always will surpass all that we can do. Whether it's striving to live a holy life, serving Him in ministry, doing service to others, or simply taking care of our own families, Jesus can and will help us do better than what we could possibly do ourselves.



The Men's Association is sponsoring a Night of Music with Acoustic Routes with our own Dick Kelley and Rosemary Defeo on January 21st from 6:30 to 9:30 at St. Leo the Great Hall



Admission is \$3.00 per person - no charge for children under 10. Limited snacks available but feel free to bring your own.

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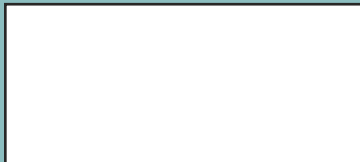
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