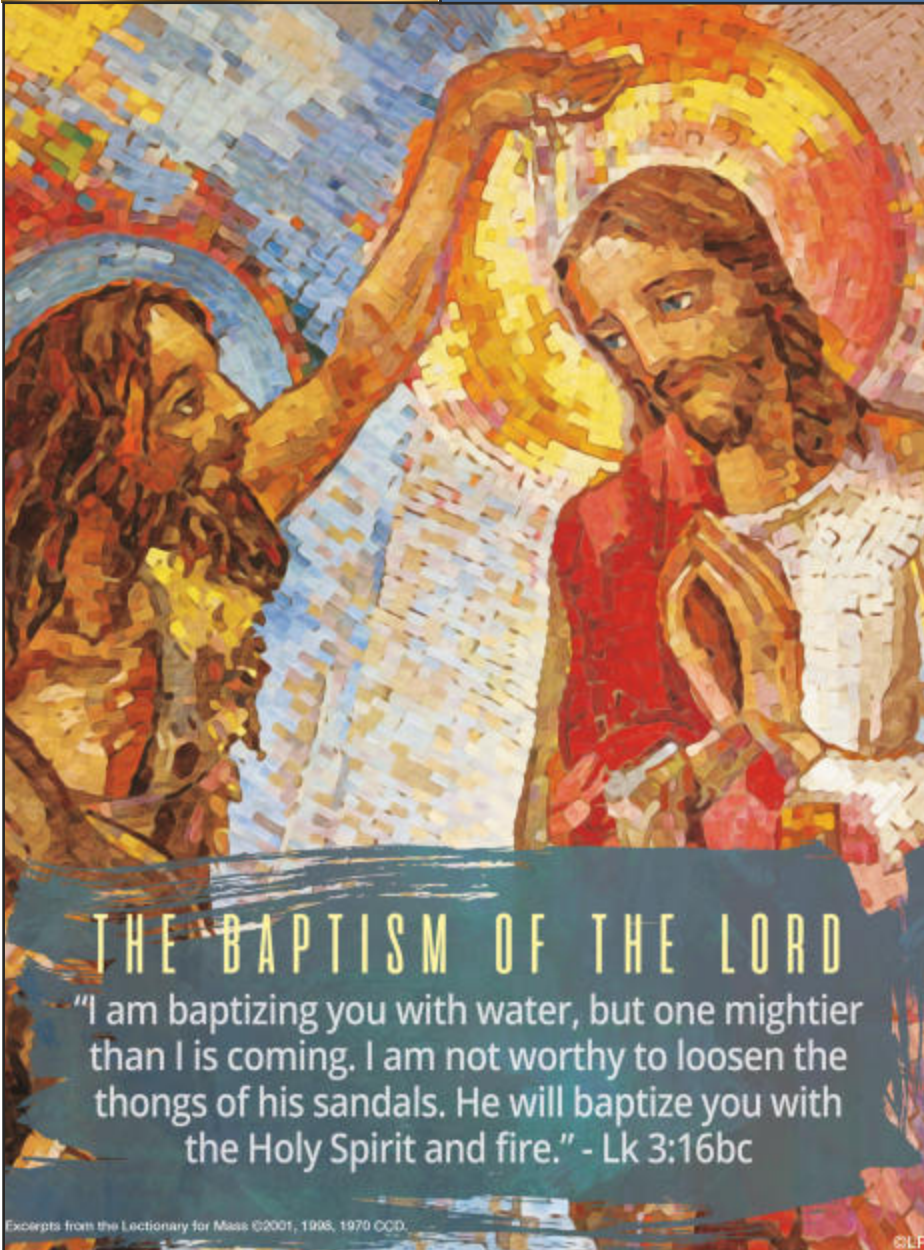




ST LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 8-9, 2022



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"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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Mass times:

**Monday, Thursday, Friday:
12:00pm**

Wednesday: 7:00pm

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am

Confession:

Wednesday, 6:30pm

Saturday, 4:30pm

**Confession also available by
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2109 Sulphur Spring Rd., Inwood, WV 25428

Saturday January 8

5:00pm +Dan Gargano by his family

Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday January 9

9:00am +Angie Cataldo by Carla and Charlie Hopkins

1:30pm Epiphany Dinner

Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3 9-10[11b]/Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday, January 10

12:00pm Living and Deceased members of the Witt Family
by Amy Kee and Jim Kee

Readings: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 11

5:00pm Bingo

Readings: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 12

7:00pm +Genie Tobin by John and Audrey Mollica

Readings: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 13

12:00 +Helen White by Len and Gloria Verge

Readings: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 14

12:00pm Fr. Brian Shoda (return to good health)
by Kathy Rice and Marita Barnes

Readings: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 15

5:00pm +Dottie Anderson by John Anderson

Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 16

9:00am +Dawn Martincheck by St. Leo Choir

Readings: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11
/Jn 2:1-11

The Altar Wine for the month of **January** is offered by St. Leo's Catholic Church in honor of all those on our prayer list.

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of **January** are offered by Connie Marino in memory of her mom and dad.

The Hosts for the month of **January** are offered by Dwight and Kathy Daugherty in memory of Charlie Emery.

COLLECTIONS

General (first collection used for operating expenses)

\$3046.00

Debt Reduction (second collection used to pay the mortgage) \$1594.00

Pantry \$25.00

Solemnity of Mary \$355.00

Tornado Disaster Relief
\$1326.00

On-line donations \$4094.00
(\$2005.00/general; \$814.00/debt;
\$675.00/Christmas; \$100.00/
Catholic Charities; \$500.00/
pantry)

Thank you to everyone that has mailed in their contributions and donated online. Your support is critical and much appreciated during this difficult time. God Bless you for your generosity!

If you wish to donate online, please visit our website-www.stleo.com-and scroll down to the donate button. You can choose a one time donation or set up a recurring donation.

If you wish to mail a donation into the church, please us the following address: P.O. Box 93, Inwood, WV 25428.

Attendance

Saturday 5:00PM-65

Sunday 9:00AM-145

St. Leo is raffling off a beautiful quilt, handmade by our own Kathy Rice. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Chances will be sold after the Masses. All proceeds benefit our Building Fund. Winner will be drawn at the Epiphany Dinner.

Please join us on Sunday, January 9, 2022 for St. Leo's Epiphany Dinner in our Fellowship Hall at 1:30pm. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex; please let us know how many will be attending. Those with last names beginning with A-K are asked to bring side dishes; L-Z are asked to bring desserts. Bring something that highlights your ethnic heritage or something that tastes good! We hope to see you all there!

The Food Pantry is looking for the following items which will be used for the Homeless in Martinsburg:

Tote Bags

Small pop top Baked Beans

Small individual cereal boxes

Fruit cups, protein bars

Pop tarts, peanut butter/cheese crackers

Cereal bars, small box raisins, boxed tuna/chicken salad.

General pantry needs for Food Distribution:

Shelf or dried milk, 1lb canned ham, canned chicken, broth, soups, stews, 1 or 2lb bags of rice, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, small jars jelly, small jars peanut butter, small jars of oil, pasta sauce, pasta, yams, gravy, small bag sugar/ flour (1lb) pudding and jello, cake mix and frosting, canned pumpkin pie and fruit filling, graham cracker pie crust, instant coffee/tea.

We will continue to take donations of turkeys however, we cannot redeem bulk certificates.

As always, thank you all for your support and generosity!

Three five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org with your name, address, and phone number.

The New Testament Cycle 1 Jan 17-Feb 20 (registration open from Oct 13)

This course explores the stories in and behind the writings we call the New Testament. The course is a general overview introducing the student to the cultural context, composition, themes, and pastoral application of the New Testament accounts for growing in Biblical knowledge. We will study the texts from the threefold perspective of the World within the Text: Literature, The World behind the Text: History, and the World in Front of the Text: Our Culture. Through the study of Biblical maps, articles and religious art present on authoritative websites, our text and class discussions students can grow in New Testament knowledge, understanding and application to their life and ministry.

Introduction to Prayer Cycle 2 Mar 7-Apr 9 (registration opens Jan 19)

"Prayer is our means of taking a sighting, of re-orienting ourselves – by re-establishing contact with our goal. In the presence of God many components of our life fall into perspective and our journey makes more sense. Prayer is inseparable from living." (Casey, p.5). This course explores prayer as essential to our lives as Christian people, as individuals, and within our community of faith. Through this course, students will explore the qualities, forms, and expressions of prayer that help to form and sustain our lives as Catholic Christians.

Survey of Catholic Doctrine Cycle 3 Apr 25-May 15 (registration opens Mar 9)

This course will look at some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church. Participants will come to a better understanding of the Trinity, original sin, church, salvation history, and the communion of saints. Participants will be asked to identify the meaning of magisterium, ecumenism, eschatology, and other Catholic terms.

ST LEO PRAYER LIST

Joan Scalfani	Susan Ellis	Joshua Shirk	Elise Anderson	Fritz Eagan	Sheila Keebaugh
Jean Burkhart	Claudia Bell	Dina Cirone	Bret Twigg	Tom Tobin	Wayne Damon
John Mollica	Alfie Bohon	Rue Thompson	Alice Cooke	Tracey Potts	Tom Anderson
Audrey Mollica	Marge Ruth	Pat Shelly Jencks	Rosetta Talton	Merle Betts, Sr.	Brian Burke
Barbara Beatty	Ruby Bageant	Ann Carran	Connie Marino	Mary Beth Parsons	Kristin Dunbar
Rena Beans	Brenda Balwanz	Pat Baginski	Pam Sells	Monica Cressin	Karen Fitzpatrick
Marianne Bere	Sylvia Neuffer	Pat Whitacre	Bart Rogers	Andrew Staley	Edward Robertson
Mark Woynicz		Patrick Nickole	Angie Bangit	Aldo Torboli	Ken Kuscsik
Kathy Kuchinsky		Susan Woodward	Timothy Desmond	Jeanne Zirk	Brenda Desmond
John Dearth		Chris Burke	Wesley Rabens	Steve Butler	
Eva Dearth		Daniel Mulhearn	Blanche Blanchette	Brian Rhodes	
Jay Imerpatrice		Les & Joan Hellem	Paula Frank	Elaine Henke	
Kim McDonald		Rivers Jenkins	Nick Netreba	Lois Gargano	
Fr. Brian Shoda		Marita Barnes	Chris Brown	Wayne Hicks	
Lynda Hines		John Woynicz		Terry Dieterich	
Scott Banks		Betty Vangilder		Dennis Kordyak	
Jim Kee		Sandra Aaronson		Ken Tromm	
Joe Berryman		Anthony Imperatrice		Daniel Mangino	
Tim Muia		Vincent Imperatrice		Stacy Huffman and Family	

Please Pray For Our Military

S/Sgt. Christopher Woynicz, *deployed*

Ryan Toelle, *Army*, Lone Star Dust Off,
El Paso, TX

Cpt. Philip Allen, *Marines*, *deployed*

Mason Willett, *Army*

Lari Bittinger, *Air Force*,

Zane Craighead, *Marines*,

Ryan Christopher Walker, *Navy*

Joshua Tristan Walker, *Navy*

Conor Clapsaddle, *Coast Guard*

John Posadas, *Army*

Lt. Melanie Arehart, *Army*,

Valerie Herndon, *Navy*

Joseph Zygmunt, *Air Force*

2nd Lt. Kaige Edgar, *Army*

SrA James Rand, *Air National Guard*

PFC Carlos Jared Sanchez,

Nebraska National Guard,

Fr. Josh Stephens, *Air Force*, **Chaplain**,

Columbus AFB, MS

Airman 1st Class Shailey Petik, *Air Force*,

Offutt AFB, Nebraska

Maj. Blake Bennet, *Air Force*, *deployed*

Do you have a family member or friend currently serving? Please let us know. Call the office at 304-229-8945 or email secretary@stleo.com.

Gift cards are sold before Mass on Saturdays and after Mass on Sundays. They are also available from the parish office Monday through Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm. You can contact Joseph Ash in the office during the week at 304-229-8945 or business@stleo.com. We have Sheetz, Royal Farms, Martins, Food Lion, Weis, Target, Walmart, Lowe's, and Amazon cards on hand.

If you would like to order retail/restaurant cards for gifts, there is a list on the gift card table. You can also find the list on our website-www.stleo.com. Simply email Melanie Nesselrodt with your order at nesselrodtmelanie@gmail.com.

St. Leo receives a percentage of every card sold which helps us pay down our mortgage debt. Please consider supporting this ministry!

And if you shop Amazon frequently, please use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and choose St. Leo as your charity of choice. A percentage of your purchase will come back to St. Leo. St. Leo recently received a disbursement of \$137.62, which is from the shopping period of July 1, 2021-September 20, 2021.

Thank you to all and God Bless!

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Divorce and Beyond - A New Beginning

Four of the most dreaded words are: I want a Divorce! Along with those words comes, Fear, Denial, Anger, Grief, Guilt, Self-Worth, Loneliness, Singleness. We offer hope and healing, simply by listening and sharing experiences and insights with others. Even if you are seeing a therapist one on one, a group setting can help you by showing you that others are experiencing the same feelings. If you or someone you know is having difficulty with a recent Separation or Divorce we encourage you to join us.

.We are meeting starting Tuesday, January 18th, 6:30pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church 106 S Duke Street, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. There will

be 11 sessions for a total cost of \$10. Space is limited so you are advise to register early. For more information and a registration form Contact Richard Hitchcock at 803-331- 2565, email rhitchsr@gmail.com or Lorraine Javorsky at lormjav@gmail.com.

A registration form is available on St. Leo's website at www.stleo.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St. Leo Knights of Columbus invites our Parish family to join us on January 15, 2022, at 3:30 pm for an in-person Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity being held in our Church. The Exemplification is the process of entry for new candidates wishing to join our Order. Come join us and give our candidates, Charles Steg and Ross Semler your support as they become Knighted and add an additional path to the enhancement of their Faith journeys.

MARY'S REFUGE, A MINISTRY OF SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

With a sense of joy and celebration, we announce a new ministry at Saint Joseph Catholic Church!

Father Gallagher wanted to find a use for the empty convent, and through prayer, reflection and the intercession of Mary, the concept of a maternity home began.

A maternity home is a warm, home-like environment where pregnant mothers in crisis can feel safe, nurtured and supported. The program is based on the needs of the individual mothers and their unique situations. The goal is to stabilize the family so they are able to see a positive and productive future, and gain independence.

We will call our maternity home Mary's Refuge to honor Our Most Blessed Holy Mother in a wonderful way.

There are many parts to creating this vision of a vibrant and beautiful home for mothers, including your loving support. We are hoping to welcome moms in late spring, early summer of 2022, into a safe, structured setting to celebrate the most wonderful creation - a newborn child!

Over the next few months, you will receive requests for support. We will focus first on fixing the electrical system, roof and plumbing, and then turn our attention to the rooms and how they will be refurbished. We will provide periodic progress reports about the house.

Kim Roche has been the driving force behind the ministry, and we appreciate her passion and energy concerning this project. Please reach out to her at kimroche.marysrefuge@gmail.com if you want more information about this ministry.

If you want to contribute to the project, please contact Pat Michel by calling 304-267-4893 or emailing pmichel@stjosephwv.org. We welcome ideas, as well as financial and volunteer support.

Thank you, and God Bless you all.

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MARY'S CORNER

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the
Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace
of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and
fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one
another

and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land
and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are
our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause
of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your
protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son,
Jesus. Amen.

Per the office of Bishop Brennan, the
Dispensation from the obligation to
attend Mass has ended in West
Virginia. You can read the Bishop's
letter regarding this on our website,
www.stleo.com or on the Diocesan
website, www.dwc.org.