Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019

The Roman Catholic Community of

Saint Leo the Great

"My hour has not yet come."

JN 2:4

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:
Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
Novena Prayers following 9:00 a.m. Mass
Monday – Miraculous Medal
Tuesday – Saint Anthony
Wednesday – Saint Jude
Thursday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Friday – Sacred Heart

HOLY DAY MASSES: See Bulletin

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

50 HURLEY'S LANE
LINCROFT, NEW JERSEY
07738-1406

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY through WEDNESDAY
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
SATURDAY
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
SUNDAY
Office is closed

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Parish Statement of Vision & Purpose

With charity, joy and missionary enthusiasm the Roman Catholic Family of Saint Leo the Great, Lincroft, commits to giving ourselves unconditionally in service to the People of God in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior

Directory

Pastoral Center
Parish Center 732-747-5466
Fax 732-219-5181
Email parish@stleothegreat.com
Website www.stleothegreat.com
Convent 732-741-3430

Religious Goods Store
908-770-1989

Pastoral Staff

Pastor	Reverend John T. Folchetti, D.Min.
Weekend Assistant	Reverend Rocco Cuomo
Weekend Assistant	Reverend David X. Stump, SJ.
Deacon	Mr. Edward H. Wilson
Deacon	Mr. Richard Tucker
Deacon Candidate	Mr. John Senkewicz
Pastoral Associate	Sister Jeanne Belli, S.S.J.
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Parish Trustee	Dr. Joelle Zabotka
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Receptionist	Mrs. Carmel Grassano
Receptionist	Mrs. Elizabeth Barca
Evening Receptionist	Sister Marlene Cunningham, R.S.M.
Saturday Receptionist	Mrs. Joan Gittens

Parish Administration

Director	Mr. Joseph A. Manzi
Bursar & HR Director	Mrs. Maureen Leach
Controller	Mr. Carmine S. Giambrone, CPA
Bookkeeper	Mrs. Sharon Kreft

Pastoral Ministries

Saint Leo the Great School
School 732-741-3133
Website www.saintleothegreatschool.com

Principal	Mr. Cornelius G. Begley, M.A.
Vice Principal	Mrs. Deirdre Senkewicz, M.S.
PTA President	Mrs. Paula McKeon

Office of Parish Faith Formation
Office 732-530-0717
Email FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com

Pastoral Associate	Mr. Mark G. Russoniello, MAPT
Director	Ms. Kay Hetherington
Coordinator, K-5	Ms. Margaret J. Lang
Coordinator, 6-8	
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Karen Ann Lenahan

Worship & Liturgical Ministries

Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors	
Moderator	Deacon Edward Wilson
Sacred Music	Mr. George Murphy, *Director*
Sacristan	Mr. Michael Bosch

Catholic Youth Ministry

Director	Mrs. Joan M. Kret

Buildings & Grounds

Custodian	Mr. John Kersey

Evangelization & Spiritual Formation

Coordinator of R.C.I.A.	Mrs. Janice Campbell
CLOW	Mrs. Patricia Hicks
Reflection for Women	Mrs. Patricia Hicks
Senior Spirituality	Sister Jeanne Belli, S.S.J.

Parish Council

Chairperson	Mrs. Michele Massaro-Linzalone
Vice Chairperson	Mr. John Senkewicz

Christian Service Ministries

Social Concerns	Mr. John Senkewicz, Coordinator
Lunch Break	Mr. Gary Krall, Coordinator

Parish Organizations

Carnival	
General Manager	Mr. Joseph A. Manzi
Holy Name Society	
President	Mr. Stephen Mercadante
Vice President	Mr. Thomas Dogas
Knights of Columbus	Grand Knight Douglas Walsh
Saint Joseph's Society	Mr. Donald Listing

Community Outreach

Bereavement Support	Sister Jeanne Belli, S.S.J.
Spiritual Direction	Sister Jeanne Belli, S.S.J.
Caregiving Friends	Mrs. Mary Lee
AA - 8:30 a.m. Saturday	

Parish Athletic Activities

Director & Coordinator	Mr. Anthony Biancaniello
SLG Athletic Association	

BAPTISMS:
Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the Baptism.
Baptisms are usually celebrated twice a month on a Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
Please see our website for information.

MARRIAGES:
Please call the Parish Center one year in advance PRIOR to making any other arrangements.

HOSPITAL & HOME COMMUNION CALLS:
Call the Parish Center

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES / LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY:
Must be: a registered Parishioner, a faithfully practicing Roman Catholic, over the age of 16, if married, must be in a valid Catholic marriage, and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion & Confirmation. (cf. Canon Law)

Couples Pasta and Movie Night

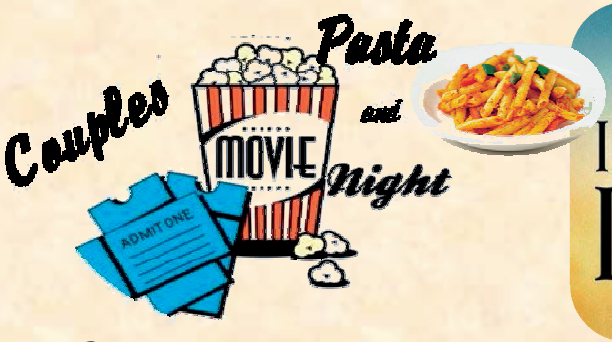
Saturday, January 26th

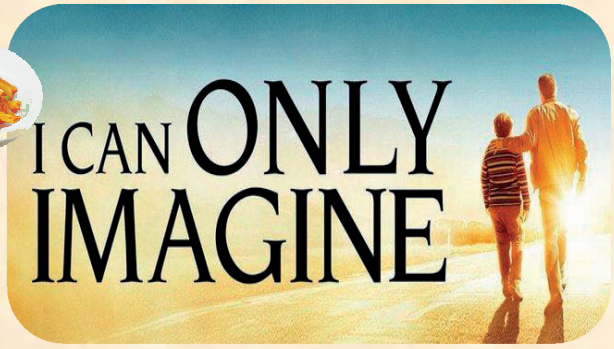
6:30 p.m.

following the 5:30 p.m. Mass

(location to be announced)

Enjoy a fresh cooked pasta dinner prior to watching our featured movie





Starring:

J. Michael Finley, Madeline Carroll,
Dennis Quaid, Cloris Leachman

Growing up in Greenville, Texas, Bart Millard suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son.

Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song *"I Can Only Imagine"* as singer of the Christian band, MercyMe.

Sign up at www.stleothegreat.com/movie-night

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 19
5:30 p.m. - I/O Peter & Hilda Chiaffitelli / People of Parish
+Molly Balestrieri, r/b Hilda Chiaffitelli Family

Sunday, January 20
7:00 a.m. - Intentions of Gloria Tito
+Frank Rizzo, r/b Joanne Nasso
8:30 a.m. -+Anthony Oroszlany, r/b Hicks Family
+Joseph Cali, r/b Steven Yurcisin
10:00 a.m. -+James Grise, r/b Sidoti Family
+Carolyn Hickey, r/b Karin Crine
11:30 a.m. -+Maria Manganiotis, r/b Rose Tamburro
+Anne & Dominick Taddeo, r/b Sileo Family

Monday, January 21
9:00 a.m. +Tony DeGregorio, r/b Family
Int. of Suzanne Bilello

Tuesday, January 22
9:00 a.m. -+Mary Wynne, r/b Manzi Family
+Marie Cerlione, r/b Barbara & Dennis Barghaan

Wednesday, January 23
9:00 a.m. - Int. of Gabriella Grassano, r/b Family
+Nicholas Pappas, r/b M/M Joseph Brasco

Thursday, January 24
9:00 a.m. -+Chris Meyers, r/b Sr. Jeanne
+Dr. Thomas Dorigatti, r/b Pat & Dan Chukurov

Friday, January 25
9:00 a.m. -+Rosanna Clavin, r/b Rafferty Family
+Wesley Textores, r/b Textores Family

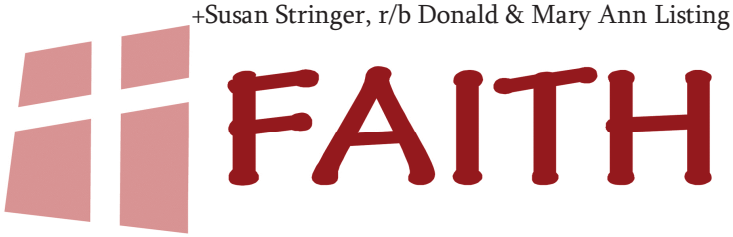
Saturday, January 26
8:00 a.m. -+Joseph Pompa, r/b Diane & Jim Bailey
5:30 p.m. -+Betty DeFelice, r/b Kathy Moyer
+Alice Tomchuk, r/b Pat & Dan Chukurov

Sunday, January 27
7:00 a.m. - The People of the Parish
+Mamie Granata, r/b Madeline Normoyle
8:30 a.m. -+John Hall, r/b Lucyk Family
+Eileen Sullivan, r/b Ficsor Family
10:00 a.m. -+Joseph R. Cali, r/b M/M Neil Begley
+Edward Konczynski, r/b Meehan Family
11:30 a.m. -+Anne Musacchia, r/b Ellen & Robert Nash Fam.
+Susan Stringer, r/b Donald & Mary Ann Listing

Church ~ Tabernacle Vigil Light

Week of January 21st

In Memory of:
Phil Schepel
Requested by:
The Schepel Family



Liturgical Assignments - January 26/27

Please arrive 15 minutes early.
If you are unable to serve at the time scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. Thank you!

Mass	5:30 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	M. McGee	C. Manzi	D. Anderson	L. Campanella	M. Linzalone
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	T. Gioia M. Sparber N. Ricciardi C. Oliver E. Almerini R. Almerini	C. Manzi J. Manzi I. Nibot J. Flatley	C. Russo N. Gray A. Grimm S. Portera J. Kret G. Vasil	C. Borghetti J. Bornemann M. Federico N. Mercadante M. Rizzolo M. Alonso	M. Fallon M. Barr P. Barber T. Waters J. Waters D. Listing
Altar Servers	E. Gretsky S. Compton C. Ailor	M. Lawson S. Lawson	H. D'Orsi M. Battista D. Russo	K. Bauman K. Bauman J. Cizin	L. Rizzo A. Rizzo D. DeMasi
CLOW			L. Zimmerman M. Lee A. Burns C. Dill	J. Sharkey A. Matthews J. Paszkiewsicz	

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY, January 21
Martin Luther King Day
Parish Center Closed
9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **Chapel**

TUESDAY, January 22
9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **Chapel**
4:15 p.m. Rel. Ed., K-6 / School

WEDNESDAY, January 23
9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **Chapel**
4:15 p.m. Rel. Ed., K-6 / School
6:15 p.m. Rel. Ed., 8th / School
6:30 p.m. Rel. Ed., 7th / School
7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer / Convent

THURSDAY, January 24
9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **Chapel**
10:00 a.m. Bible Study / P.C.
6:15 p.m. Rel. Ed., 8th / School
6:30 p.m. Rel. Ed., 7th / School

FRIDAY, January 25
9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **Chapel**
11:30 a.m. Saint Joseph's Society Mtg / P.C.

SATURDAY, January 26
8:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**
8:30 a.m. A.A. / P.C.
4:30 p.m. Confessions / Church
5:30 p.m. Mass / **Church**
6:30 p.m. **Couples Pasta & Movie Night**

SUNDAY, January 27
National Catholic Schools Week Begins
Masses: 7:00, *8:30, *10:00 & 11:30 am/**Church**
**8:30 & 10 a.m. Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Now that the season of giving is over, please do not forget that poverty continues year round.

In your charitable giving, please remember the local needy who come to us for assistance: Help us to help them by donating regularly to the poor boxes located inside the Church doorways. Thank You!

Offertory

Thank you for your continued support! You may also donate electronically via our website (click on E-Giving) or using your financial institutions electronic bill pay.

Your Prayers Are Requested

Remember Our Men & Women who are serving in the Military here and overseas. Pray for their safety and for their families.

Remember Our Sick, Home Bound, Hospitalized, especially Residents of Luftman Towers, The Pavilion & Sunrise Assisted Living, Eileen Nimon, Edward Smith, Anna Scott (mother of Tricia Hicks), Ann Marie Kalada (mother of Colleen Ailor)

Remember Our Deceased, especially Kathleen Smith

Remember Our Newly Baptized
Nathaniel Channing Sabo

Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families
M/M Jason DeHanes, Michelle Piazza WELCOME!!!

January 24th
Wishing a Very Happy Birthday to Deacon Edward Wilson

SAINT JOSEPH SOCIETY is looking for a few good men to join them! They consist of retired men of the Parish who desire to serve the Parish community on a volunteer basis. Meetings are usually held on the **third Friday of each month** September through May. **New members are always welcome.** Contact Ministry Leader, Don Listing at 732-842-7496 or just come to our **next meeting, which will be held on Friday, January 25th at 11:30 a.m. (Please note change in date for this month) in the Parish Center. - Lunch and beverages are provided!**

If you made a donation of $250.00 or more ***at one time*** in 2018 and did not receive a tax acknowledgement from us, please call the Parish Bookkeeper, Sharon, at 732-747-5466 or email Sharon@stleothegreat.com

News Around the Diocese

12 STEP SPIRITUALITY FOR EVERY DAY LIFE: Upper Room Spiritual Center, W Bangs Ave., Bldg 2, Neptune. Monday, **January 28**, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Recover your relationship with God, yourself, and with others utilizing the practical tools of traditional 12 Step Spirituality to foster patience, forgiveness, compassion, acceptance, trust and love. Presented by Grace Conte, M.A. $15 - $30 (sliding scale) To register call 732-922-0550 or email office@theupper-room.org.

FORGIVENESS - IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH! Saint Peter's Church, Forman Ave., Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ - Kolbe Hall. **Enter the New Year with a *New Heart! Speaker: Brother Loughlan Sofield*** on **Tuesday, January 29th,** 9:30AM or 7 PM. Presented by the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation. The inability to deal effectively with anger seems to be endemic to almost every culture. Interestingly, church literature and the mental health field identifies forgiveness as the treatment of choice for anger. This workshop will explore: **1)** *the causes of anger as well as the healthy and unhealthy ways of dealing with anger;* **2)** *the unique role of forgiveness;* **3)** *the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation*.
Each session will conclude with a meditative prayer experience. Free will offering. Questions? Email cpisani@saintpersonline.org or call 732-892-0049 ext. 303. Brother Loughlan's books will be available at both sessions.

ST PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP OF ST. AMBROSE PARISH: Come join us in prayer as we celebrate together monthly Mass in honor of St Padre Pio by Celebrant Fr. Jack C. Grimes. Mass will be celebrated at 7 PM followed by veneration of a first class relic of St Padre Pio. Mass dates for 2019 are as follows: **January 25, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 20, June 24 .** Future dates to follow. St Ambrose Parish, 83 Throckmorton Lane , Old Bridge NJ 08857. 732-679-5666.

TRIP TO ITALY: Seats still available for St. Anselm's Trip to Italy, **May 29-June 6, 2019**. Visiting Rome, Assisi, Florence, Siena, Padua & Venice. Non Stop flights from Newark-Rome. Return Venice—Newark via United Airlines. 4 Star Hotels, Air Conditioned Tour Bus. For information contact Sandy at 732-493-4411 x 102.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

A few weekends ago, one of our Parishioners, William Dean, an Explorer Scout, completed an Eagle Scout Project at Saint Leo's.

William's project was to refurbish and reinstall the Stations of the Cross in our Prayer Garden. William planned all phases of the project, as well as securing funding and volunteers to erect the Stations in our outside prayer space adjacent to the Basketball Courts. This labor of love by William demonstrates his faith and devotion to the Parishioners of Saint Leo the Great.

We invite all of our Parishioners to view Williams craftsmanship and to reflect on the Stations and William's gift to Saint Leo's Family.

Thank you those who helped William, too!

Youth:

Ryan Belle	Nick Chunn	Peter DeCelie
Peter Decker	Neil Estrada	Charlie Falatico
John Hackett	Danny Hullihan	Michael Hullihan
Sean Hullihan	Michael Landolfi	Colin Martin
Tom Pinnola	Jake Winter	

Adults:

Michael Dean	Peter DeCelie	Peter Decker
Brian DeShong	John Hullihan	Ken Katzgrau
Nick Landolfi	Bill Poandl	

PARKING LOT SAFETY

The next article in our **Security Awareness** series deals with Parking lot security and awareness. This informational piece covers all parking lots, not just our Church and School. The key to security awareness is very simple **"YOU MUST BE AWARE".**

Throughout the United States parking lots are the third most frequent place where violent crime occurs. As previously mentioned, the best defense is to **always be aware** of your surroundings. The following tips are to assist you with your safety and avoid finding yourself in a dangerous situation.

- Try to park your car in the best possible lighting. When parking during daylight hours, think of how the lighting will be when you return later on. If it will be darker, then park near an overhead light.
- Stay focused. Look to your front, side and rear when walking to a store. Since the advent of cell phones, people are easily distracted - making them easier to approach unseen.
- If a stranger approaches you asking questions just back away from him and keep your distance. Many predators try to disarm people with simple questions before they are attacked.
- Always keep your keys in hand. Most cars today have PANIC Buttons to alert others you are being attacked.
- The most frequent crime in parking lots is theft, so never leave valuables such as laptops or cell phones in full view. Place items in the trunk or hide them in your car. This deters the "smash & grab" criminal who will break your window if he sees something of value.
- Avoid parking near large trucks or vans with sliding doors to allow assailants to quickly pull people inside.
- When returning to your car in shopping malls, scan your car inside and out to make sure no one is lurking in your back seat.
- Once you enter your car, start the engine and drive away immediately, do not linger as assailants have forced unsuspecting people out of their cars to steal or kidnap them.
- Choose to park your car near security cameras in parking lots or garages that have them.
- If carrying many small bags to your car, try to consolidate all in one bag or knapsack. This keeps your hands free to defend yourself if you are confronted.
- Do not use parking garage stairs or elevators, they provide traps that benefit predators by isolating you.
- Avoid using your keychain button to unlock the car when you are a distance from the vehicle. The blinking red light acts as a direction arrow that shows exactly where you are headed. Wait until you are at your door.
- If your car has auto start make sure that upon remote starting the vehicle to warm the engine, that your doors remain locked. This prevents someone from entering the vehicle who can attack you as you get into the vehicle or just drive off with your vehicle.
- When walking through a parking lot leave space between you and parked vehicles. This way you avoid being attacked by someone who is hiding between parked cars. When possible always go to your car in a group.
- If you are part of a group wait in your vehicle until everyone in the group has made it safely to their vehicles.

The key to your safety is being vigilant and prepared. You must always be alert to your surroundings.

News from the Parish Staff

News From the Office of Faith Formation . . .

"It is in the Eucharist that all that is created finds its greatest exaltation. The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation." ~Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, On Care for our Common Home, # 236

- **Have you felt God's call to share your faith with others in a more meaningful way?** Please consider becoming a catechist in our Religious Education program. Catechists are needed for both Summer Program and the traditional school year Program. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 732-530-0717 or email us at faithformation@stleothegreat.com.
- **Confirmation Retreats** for all **7th Graders** (Religious Ed and School) are January 30th and 31st. **8th Grade** Religious Education will **NOT** meet on those nights.
- The **third Family Catechesis** session for our Religious Education Summer Program and Home Study children is **Sunday, January 27th at 10 AM** in the School cafeteria.
- Catholic Schools Week begins **Sunday, January 27th**. Please pray for all our Saint Leo the Great School children, faculty, staff and administration.
- Please keep all **our 2nd Graders** in your prayers as they prepare to encounter the love and mercy of God in a very special way for the first time through the ***Sacrament of Reconciliation*** on Saturday, **February 2nd**.
- Don't forget that participation at Holy Mass is one of the **Five Precepts of the Catholic Church**. Do a good thing for a friend and invite someone to come to Mass with you next weekend.

Always remember to check the Parish website, for program information, updates, changes and activities.

www.stleothegreat.com/faith-formation,

Young Disciples ignite

Joan Kret, Youth Minister

Ignite Youth Group

We are meeting today, Sunday, January 20th ,from 3 to 5 downstairs in the Parish Center. We will be playing Resolution Bingo and making a banner for the DYC which is February 9th. We will end with a prayer service in the Chapel. And of course there will be food and ice cream!

PARENTS! While the teens are busy playing games and making the banner, we will have a meeting to discuss upcoming events, activities and service/prayer opportunities. I will explain a new, easy way to help you track their hours and prayer experiences. We will also talk about the Escape Room and a possible Ski Trip. Please plan on attending from 3 to 3:30.

Visit our webpage on the Parish website for all events and activities coming up!

ITS NEVER TOO EARLY TO START YOUR SPRING CLEANING!
Anything you don't love or need, can be donated to our **Annual Rummage Sale** on **April 6th!**

Questions? Email JoanKret@stleothegreat.com

CENTERING PRAYER EVENING

Wednesday, January 23rd
7:00 p.m.. to 8:00 p.m.
Saint Leo the Great Convent
Promptness is required!

- *A way of deepening your relationship with God*
- *A way to quiet your mind*
- *A way of transformation*
- *An experience of faith*
- *A resting in God beyond thoughts, words, & emotions.*

Please RSVP - go to
www.stleothegreat.com/centering-prayer-evening

HIS WORD TODAY

"There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding… the mother of Jesus told him 'they have no wine.' His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever he tells you.'…and his disciples began to believe in him."

It is easy to remember the first miracle as told by John. Like all weddings there was an invitation, and they were present. A near crisis caused Mary to intervene. She directed the difficult moment to be converted into a miracle, instructing the waiters what to do. Using what was at hand, water and jars enabled Jesus to transform the situation. The result was a newfound belief for those who accompanied Him to the wedding.

We too are invited to be with Jesus at the Eucharistic banquet. Jesus directs us 'do this in memory of me' and our own faith is strengthened and renewed by His presence. Mary knows the crises in our lives, of family, injustice, illness. Although the words spoken by Mary in the scriptures are the last we read, she too speaks to us 'do whatever he tells you.' Her presence and intervention or intercession in our behalf still has meaning 'pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.'

Daily Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20, Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21

A VOCATION VIEW . . .

There was a wedding between God and us: "to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse." God is faithful and true. Let us do the same.

Bible Study / Reflection
Thursdays - 10:00 a.m.
Parish Center
All are welcome to attend

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 27, 2019

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its' own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21
Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.

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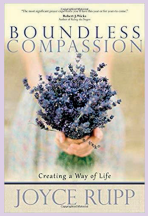
PRO-LIFE CORNER + In 1969, at the age of 21, Norma McCorvey became pregnant a third time. Friends advised her that she should assert falsely that she had been raped and that she could thereby obtain a legal abortion. McCorvey would later admit the situation was a fabrication. McCorvey was referred to attorneys Linda Coffee and Sarah Weddington, who were looking for pregnant women who were seeking abortions. The case took three years of trials to reach the Supreme Court of the United States. McCorvey revealed herself to the press as being "Jane Roe" soon after the decision's issuance and stated that she sought an abortion because she was unemployable and greatly depressed. In the 1980s, McCorvey asserted that she had been the "pawn" of two young and ambitious lawyers who were looking for a plaintiff with whom they could challenge the Texas state law prohibiting abortion. In 1994, she became a Christian and voiced remorse for her part in the Supreme Court decision. McCorvey worked as part of the pro-life movement, such as Operation Rescue. "I was sitting in O.R.'s offices when I noticed a fetal development poster. The progression was so obvious, the eyes were so sweet. It hurt my heart, just looking at them. I ran outside and finally, it dawned on me. 'Norma', I said to myself, 'They're right'. I had worked with pregnant women for years. I had been through three pregnancies and deliveries myself. I should have known. Yet something in that poster made me lose my breath. I kept seeing the picture of that tiny, 10-week-old embryo, and I said to myself, that's a baby! It's as if blinders just fell off my eyes and I suddenly understood the truth—that's a baby! I felt crushed under the truth of this realization. I had to face up to the awful reality. Abortion wasn't about 'products of conception'. It wasn't about 'missed periods'. It was about children being killed in their mother's wombs. All those years I was wrong. Signing that affidavit, I was wrong. Working in an abortion clinic, I was wrong. No more of this first trimester, second trimester, third trimester stuff. Abortion—at any point—was wrong. It was so clear. Painfully clear." Shortly thereafter, McCorvey released a statement that affirmed her reception into the Catholic Church, and she was Confirmed as a full member

LENTEN SERIES
Book Discussion - Spirituality / Personal Growth
"BOUNDLESS COMPASSION"
By Joyce Rupp
March 7, 14, 21,28, April 4



Two Sessions - either 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.
Available for Individual Study or Group Study
Cost $20.00

This book is not about an easy answer; nor does it suggest that we can "fix" the world's suffering or eliminate it entirely from those closest to us.
It is an invitation . . .

- To grow in the kind of love that motivated Jesus
- To nudge, encourage, inspire
- To be "a living Christ"
- To recognize the dignity and worth of every person

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Sunday, January 27, 2019
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
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Competition: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Age Specifications—Competitive Groupings:
Boys and Girls ages 9 – 11: (12' foul line)
Girls ages 12 – 14: (15' foul line)
Boys Ages 12 – 14: (15' foul line)

Entrance Requirements: Complete Free Throw Championship Entry Form, including Parents/Guardians signature
Entrance forms are available to sign up on the day of the Competition. All competitors must present proof of their age as of January 1, 2019
(Copy of Birth Certificate, etc. to be attached to Entry Form) at Sign-in on day of Competition.

Rules:

- Competitors (grouped per above) given three (3) Free Throw practice shots immediately followed by 15 attempts to score.
- High scorer in each Grouping wins and moves on to the next Level of Competition.
- Ties to be broken via successive rounds of best of five (5) Free Throws.
- Normal Basketball Free Throw rules apply (e.g., no stepping on or over the foul line prior to the ball reaching the rim, etc.).

Winners announced, Winning Certificates awarded and details on next level of competition provided following the conclusion of Competition.
Questions? Call Tony DiSpirito - 732-832-1185

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Please note - we will not be able to issue Sponsor Certificates or Letters of Eligibility for Baptisms or Confirmation if you are not a registered participating member of the Parish for at least six months.

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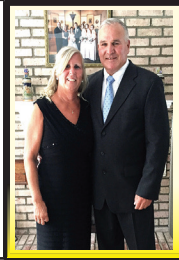
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