

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

# The Roman Catholic Community of SAINT LEO THE GREAT



*Worship with us!*

*"He commands even the  
unclean spirits  
and they obey him."*

MK 1:27

## 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

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 THURSDAY  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Office is Closed

SATURDAY

Office is Closed

SUNDAY

Office is Closed

Follow us on **Facebook** - [facebook.com/ChurchofStLeotheGreat](https://facebook.com/ChurchofStLeotheGreat) and **Instagram** - [@churchofsaintleotheGreat](https://instagram.com/churchofsaintleotheGreat)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE - THURSDAY AM** (one week prior)

## **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 - Option 1

Email [parish@stleothegreat.com](mailto:parish@stleothegreat.com)

Website [www.stleothegreat.com](http://www.stleothegreat.com)

### **Pastoral Staff**

Pastor	Reverend John T. Folchetti, D.Min.
Weekend Assistant	Reverend Alfred J. Burke
Weekend Assistant	Reverend Timothy Tighe, CSP
Deacon	Mr. Edward H. Wilson
Deacon	Mr. Richard Tucker
Deacon	Mr. John Senkewicz
Parish Trustee	Mr. Lawrence Durso
Parish Trustee	Mr. Thomas Gioia
Executive Asst./Office Mgr	Ms. Julie C. Olski
Pastor's Liaison	Mrs. Gloria Harter
Receptionist	Mrs. Carol Blaney
Friday Receptionist	Mrs. Joan Gittens

### **Parish Administration**

Director	Mr. Joseph A. Manzi, MBA, MS
Bookkeeper	Mrs. Sharon Kreft
Bursar	Mrs. Colleen Esposito
Human Resources/Payroll	Mrs. Siobhan Smith

### **Pastoral Ministries**

#### **Saint Leo the Great School**

School 732-741-3133

Website [www.saintleothegreatschool.com](http://www.saintleothegreatschool.com)

Principal	Ms. Caroline Fitzgerald, MA, MA Ed
Vice Principal	Mr. Brian C. Laux, BA, M Ed
Vice Principal	Mrs. Maria Waldman, MA
PTA President	Mrs. Maureen Doehner

### **Office of Parish Faith Formation**

Office 732-747-5466 - Option 2

Email [FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com](mailto:FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com)

Coordinator, K-5	Ms. Paula DeStefano
Coordinator, 6-8	Mr. Gary Arkin
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Karen Ann Lenahan

### **Worship & Liturgical Ministries**

Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors	
Moderator	Deacon Edward Wilson
Sacred Music	Ms. Alice Solantay, Director
Sacristan	Mr. Michael Bosch

### **Catholic Youth Ministry**

Director	Mrs. Joan M. Kret
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### **Buildings & Grounds**

Director of Security	Mr. G. Thomas Coyle
Custodian	Mr. John Kersey

### **Saint Leo the Great Nursery & Early Childhood Center**

732-333-7362

Email [nursery@stleothegreat.com](mailto:nursery@stleothegreat.com)

Director Ms. Junell Wells, BA

### **Religious Store Ministry**

908-770-1989

Email [store@stleothegreat.com](mailto:store@stleothegreat.com)

Manager Mrs. Christina Armellino

### **Evangelization & Spiritual Formation**

Coordinator of R.C.I.A. Ms. Paula DeStefano

CLOW Mr. Gary Arkin

Reflection for Women Mrs. Patricia Hicks

Mrs. Patricia Hicks

### **Christian Service Ministries**

Social Concerns Deacon John Senkewicz, Coordinator

Lunch Break/Feed A Friend Mrs. Eileen Scoles

### **Parish Organizations**

Carnival General Manager Mr. Joseph A. Manzi

Holy Name Society

President

Mr. Thomas Dogas

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Roberto Arena

### **Community Outreach**

AA - 8:30 a.m. Saturday

Bereavement Ministry

Caregiving Friends

Ms. Paula DeStefano

Mrs. Nanci Lopes

### **Parish Athletic Activities**

Director & Coordinator

SLG Athletic Association

Mr. Anthony Biancanello

Mr. Daniel Lepore

### **FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a

Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the Baptism.

Baptisms are celebrated on scheduled Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

Please see our website for information.

### **FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGES**

Please call the Parish Center one year in advance

PRIOR to making any other arrangements.

### **FOR HOSPITAL & HOME COMMUNION CALLS:**

Call the Parish Center

### **FOR SPONSOR CERTIFICATES / LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY:**

*Please note the following requirements*

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, Eucharist, & Confirmation. (cf. Canon Law)

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, January 27**

5:30 p.m. --Helen Linton, r/b Michael D'Averso  
+Antonio Raviele, r/b Raviele Family

**Sunday, January 28**

7:00 a.m. --Victoria Candon, r/b Maryann & Tom Farrell  
+Edgardo Perez, r/b Jenny Chiapparino  
8:30 a.m. --Anthony Idone, r/b Viola & Joe Ballone  
+Roger Severin, r/b Paul & Betty Anderson  
10:00 a.m. --Myron Kucharski, r/b Jenny & Nick Caputo  
+Diane Wolejsza, r/b Linda & Mike Murphy  
11:30 a.m. --People of the Parish  
+Mike Flanagan, r/b Flanagan Family

**Monday, January 29**

9:00 a.m. --Philip Valente, Jr., r/b T. Rafferty & P. Morris

**Tuesday, January 30**

9:00 a.m. --Patrick J. Connolly, r/b Lauren Carroll  
I/O Laura Howe, r/b Rosary Group

**Wednesday, January 31**

9:00 a.m. --Joseph Accardi, r/b Lauren & Paul Crupi  
+Emily Kret, r/b Kret Family



**Thursday, February 1**

9:00 a.m. --Patrick Connolly, r/b SLG Faith Formation

**Friday, February 2**

9:00 a.m. --Antoinette Trovato, r/b Occhipinti Family  
+Wesley Textores, r/b Textores Family

**Saturday, February 3**

8:00 a.m. --Kevin Casey, r/b Elisabeth Patterson  
5:30 p.m. --People of Parish  
+Thomas Rivello, r/b Kathleen Rivello

**Sunday, February 4**

7:00 a.m. --Yolanda Aurichio, r/b Patricia L. Stronczer  
+Peggy Moore, r/b Elisabeth Patterson  
8:30 a.m. --Larry Alworth, r/b Viola & Joe Ballone  
+Gina LoCascio, r/b Chiara Lore  
10:00 a.m. --John Francis Horan, r/b Coakley Family  
+Bobby Martin, r/b Deacon Ed & Dorothy Wilson  
11:30 a.m. --Thomas Rivello, r/b Kathleen Rivello  
+Apollo Alexei Venezia, r/b Venezia/Walsh Families





The Vigil Light, which is located beside the tabernacle, informs us that the Blessed Sacrament is present and is also a devotional candle. Each week we will post a notice in the bulletin for whom the candle burns; a deceased loved one, someone that is ill, an anniversary or other occasion. The offering for reserving the candle for the week is \$25. Please stop by the Parish Center Office to reserve a candle - either Church or Chapel.

Also available on a weekly basis is Altar Bread.

**Liturgical Assignments - February 3/4**

*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!*

<b>Mass</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	J. Sidoti	C. Manzi	J. Hall	E. Grimaldi	T. Kinsella
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	M. Sparber M. McGee	C. Fitzgerald	C. Lore A. Grimm	J. Cizin M. Rizzolo	M. Lang K. McCarthy
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A. Doehner E. Doehner C. Honeycutt	P. Jimenez B. Jimenez	J. Matejicka J. Matejicka T. Perednia	K. Mannarino R. Frake W. Battista	D. Raineri C. Sams R. Importico
<b>CLOW</b>			A. Burns M. Kret	E. Feuer E. DeMaio	



## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

MONDAY, January 29

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer / Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal / Church  
7:00 p.m. 12 Steps / Café



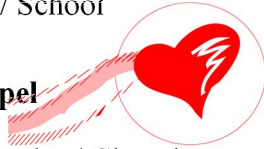
TUESDAY, January 30

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel  
4:30 p.m. Rel. Ed. Grd 1-6 / School  
5:45 p.m. Rel. Ed. Grd 7-8 / School



WEDNESDAY, January 31

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel  
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet / Chapel



THURSDAY, February 1

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Div/Sep Information Night / PC

FIRST FRIDAY, February 2

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Respect Life Prayer Gathering/Chapel



SATURDAY, February 3

**Diocesan Youth Conference at RBC**

Feast of Saint Blaise / Blessing of Throats

8:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel  
8:45 a.m. Feed A Friend / Café  
10:00 a.m. Sacramental Mtg / Café  
4:30 p.m. Confessions / Church  
5:30 p.m. Mass / Church



SUNDAY, February 4

**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY**

**Masses:** 7:00, \*8:30, \*10:00, 11:30 a.m. / Church

Feast of Saint Blaise / Blessing of Throats

\* 8:30 a.m. & \*10:00 a.m. CLOW / Church

\*10:00 a.m. Children's Mass



### BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

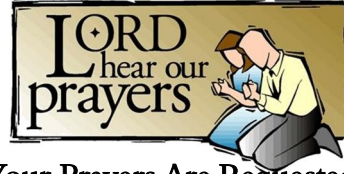
**February 4th**

All Boy Scouts of the Parish are invited to attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass on February 4th in uniform to receive a special blessing.



### Offertory

Thank you for your continued support! You may also donate electronically via our website (click on E-Giving) or using your financial institution's 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 the People of Ukraine and the Holy Land**

**Remember Our Sick, Home Bound, Hospitalized,** especially Residents of Luftman Towers, The Pavilion, Sunrise Assisted Living

**Remember Our Deceased**

**Remember Our Newly Baptized,**  
Liam Sriwongsa Wilder

**Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families**



# Welcome

### **THE BLESSING OF THROATS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE**

**Saturday, February 3rd**

At the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Chapel

At the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Church

**Sunday February 4th**

At all Sunday Masses in the Church



Join Us For  
**ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Daily in the CHAPEL  
Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

***Followed by Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m.***



## News Around the Diocese

**A NIGHT OF WORSHIP: February 9th** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold. Praise and Worship, Adoration followed by a Concert with Dana Catherine - Singer, Songwriter and Speaker. For more information, go to [danacatherinemusic.com](http://danacatherinemusic.com).

**DIVORCED & SEPARATED MINISTRY:** Saint Leo's is offering a continuing ministry entitled, "**Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family**", a healing program offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics. An **Information Night** is being held on Thursday, **February 1st** from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Send an email with your name and contact information to [healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com). One of the facilitators will get back to you regarding the details and answer any questions you may have. For more information about the program, go to [www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry](http://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry) or call/text Michele Coppola Wilson at 201-753-8485.

### **HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION:**

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warkiewicz at 732-536-6871 or email [judywarren543@msn.com](mailto:judywarren543@msn.com). All inquiries are strictly confidential. **2024 Weekend Retreats: February 16-18, 2024 and November 15-17, 2024**

**HELP WANTED:** St. Catharine Church, Holmdel NJ, is looking for an enthusiastic individual to fill a part-time position in the Religious Education Program as the **Administrative Assistant**. The Religious Education Program provides faith formation, catechetical instruction, and sacramental preparation to 600 students in grades one through eight. The job responsibilities include a variety of administrative tasks, maintaining family records, data entry, communication through email and phone calls. The Administrative Assistant will report directly to the Coordinator of Religious Education. Candidates must be proficient in computer skills, verbal and written

communication, interpersonal skills, and maintaining confidentiality. The successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing and willing to work a flexible work schedule. Please submit your resumé with cover letter and two professional references to: [ccarlo@stcatharine.net](mailto:ccarlo@stcatharine.net) or mail to Christopher Carlo, Church of Saint Catharine, 108 Middletown Rd., Holmdel, NJ 07733.

### **RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE:**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **February 16 - 18** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS:**

All are welcome. A Sensory Friendly Mass is designed for all families with children or adults diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or sensory sensitivities, or other disabilities. This is a regular Sunday Mass, with a flexible environment. After the Mass, we will join for a craft and refreshments. We invite all who are interested as a participating family or volunteer to attend our Mass. **January, 28th, 2:00pm** at Saint Agnes, 103 Center Ave., Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716. Please RSVP to: [NorMonHIS@gmail.com](mailto:NorMonHIS@gmail.com).



### **Spiritual Direction Opportunity at Church of Saint Leo the Great**

Are you being called to a deeper relationship with the Lord? Would you like to grow and nurture your awareness of God's love and presence in your life and how you respond to it?

Spiritual direction is a confidential one-on-one session between a Spiritual Director and a directee, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. It helps the directee connect with their true self in a confidential and nonjudgmental atmosphere.

As a soon-to-be graduate from the Divine Mercy University Spiritual Direction Certification Program, I am beginning the "practice of spiritual direction" phase of the program. I am seeking at least SIX 'directees' who can commit to meeting monthly for at least eight months. I am hoping to start by the end of January.

For more information, please contact Tricia Hicks - [stleothegreat.com/spiritual-direction](http://stleothegreat.com/spiritual-direction)

# CATHOLICISM 101 Come & See

WITH FATHER JOHN

**Are you seeking a deeper relationship  
with the Lord?**

Join other Saint Leo the Great Parishioners on  
this unique journey during the  
Lenten and Easter Season of 2024.

Pilgrims on the journey will explore contemporary

Catholic commentaries on topics, such as . . .

- \* What we believe as Catholics
- \* How to encounter Jesus in the modern world
- \* Rediscovering the richness of our Catholic Faith
- \* Continuing in the spirit of Lent and Easter throughout the year.

Father John will lead weekly gatherings and  
discussions that will explore videos and writings  
from Catholic leaders and authors, such as . . .

- Bishop Barron (*Word on Fire*)
- Chris Stefanick (*Real Life Catholic*)
- Tim Gray (*Augustine Institute*)
- Father Mike Schmitz (*Ascension Press*)
- Matthew Kelly (*Dynamic Catholic*)

Held in Saint Leo the Great Parish Center  
12 Monday evenings during the  
Lenten/Easter Season.

Beginning with an  
**Overview and Introductory Session**  
on Monday **January 29th** from 7-8pm.

**Be sure to attend the overview/introductory  
session on January 29<sup>th</sup> and make this Lenten and  
Easter Season a life-changing experience.**

To register for the  
**12 Steps Journey**  
go to

[www.stleothegreat.com/father-john-explains](http://www.stleothegreat.com/father-john-explains)



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

## WHAT IS NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States.

It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2024 is January

28 – February 3. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses

and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members.

Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

## a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools



## You've Been Hugged!

be the reason someone smiles today

**You are invited to take a heart next to our You've Been Hugged mailboxes, write a caring note, and decorate it!**

*Please have them back to us by February 11th.*

*Once collected they will be handed out to our local nursing homes.*

*The You've Been Hugged mailboxes are located in the Church Narthex after all masses and Religious Store during store hours*

*Tues-Fri 10AM - 4PM,*

*located in the lower level of the Parish Center*

**\*please DO NOT include any personal information\***

Sponsored by: The Religious Store Ministry and Ignite Youth Group





**Night**

**at Saint Leo the Great**

**SATURDAY, March 2nd**

**7PM TO 11PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6PM)**

**Saint Leo the Great AAC  
LIMITED SEATING**

Table reservations are available  
when you register on our website:

[www.stleothegreat.com/bingo](http://www.stleothegreat.com/bingo)

Game boards distributed at time of check-in

**All Participants  
should bring  
Food and  
Refreshments**



**8 Regular Games  
One Super Jackpot**

**Three boards per Game \$25.<sup>00</sup>**

**Super JACKPOT \$500.<sup>00</sup>**

## **2024 SAINT LEO THE GREAT HOLY NAME SOFTBALL LEAGUE - 45 Years**



Join us for our 45<sup>th</sup> year of softball. The league was started so the men of the Parish could gather socially. This is an invitation to the men of the Parish who are 18 years and older to register to play softball on Sunday afternoons beginning April 7th and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This gives us a 10-game season & 2 weeks for playoffs. We have several brothers as well as fathers and sons playing. Average age is 44 years old.

The registration fee is \$135.00 for those received **before February 10<sup>th</sup>** and **\$150 for those received after February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please make checks payable to: Saint Leo the Great Holy Name Society. Credit cards, checks and form will be accepted on Saint Leo the Great website [www.stleothegreat.com/mens-softball](http://www.stleothegreat.com/mens-softball)

The fee is used to purchase jerseys, equipment, water, small scholarships to two St. Leo students and donation to the Parish.

Every player who signs up is expected & obligated to assist in field setup when they have first game (**arrive 45 minutes early**) & field cleanup when they are scheduled to play in the late game. Additionally, we are a self-umpired league, and every player will be expected to umpire at least once during the season. The league cannot function without your support.

If you have any questions, please call or text Pete Maclearie 732-586-5683 ([pmaclearie@aol.com](mailto:pmaclearie@aol.com)).

**PLEASE, DO NOT CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER!**

**This application form must be completed and payment made before you can step on the field**

**The application must be received by February 10, 2024.** The league draft (random selections from a hat) is tentatively scheduled for **Friday, February 23, 2024**. Late Registration fees for any application received after the cutoff is **\$150** (ensure you allow time for the mail).

Please plan on joining us at the draft for beer, pizza and laughs. We will send an email with date and place.



## FAMILY WELCOMING MINISTRY

JOIN US IN  
WELCOMING  
OUR FELLOW

PARISHIONERS!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES  
WHO WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST US  
PRIOR TO MASS ON THE WEEKENDS  
BY GREETING/WELCOMING  
OUR PARISHIONERS AS  
THEY ENTER THE CHURCH.  
IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO SEE  
A SMILING FACE!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF  
THIS FAMILY WELCOMING MINISTRY,  
PLEASE SIGN UP AT  
[STLEOTHEGREAT.COM/WELCOME](http://STLEOTHEGREAT.COM/WELCOME)

## Young Disciples ignite

IGNITE Youth Group

Joan  
Kret,  
Youth  
Minister

So many things to do, so little time!  
But make time for the things that  
matter. Things that can make a  
difference in your life or the life of  
others. Scan the QR code for a list of  
community service activities and fun  
events coming up!



And don't forget to sign up for the  
Diocesan Youth Conference on  
**February 3rd** at RBC! **ALL** 8th  
through 12th Grade Students are  
invited to join us. Sign up through our  
website and we will cover the  
registration fee!

Questions??? Email [joankret@stleothegreat.com](mailto:joankret@stleothegreat.com).



## A LENTEN BOOK CLUB

Lent is a penitential season, where we often  
find ourselves making sacrifices with the  
intent of fully immersing ourselves in the  
sacrifice of our Lord. It is with this mindset  
we encourage the sacrifice of a most  
precious gift: the gift of your time.  
During this period of almsgiving and  
surrender, join us for four weeks at our  
Lenten Book Club where we will breakdown  
the concepts of suffering and renewal by  
way of the thought-provoking novel,

**"The Rocking Chair Prophet"**  
by Matthew Kelly

**Tuesdays, March 5th, 12th,  
19th, and 26th, 6:30-7:30pm**

Register online

[www.stleothegreat.com/book-club](http://www.stleothegreat.com/book-club)

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& IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

**IF YOU MADE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$250  
or more at one time** to Church of Saint Leo the  
Great and did not receive a confirmation tax letter,  
please email [Siobhan@stleothegreat.com](mailto:Siobhan@stleothegreat.com).

**PLEASE NOTE:** that dollar amount will be  
included in your total contributions on your  
contribution statement.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** It is that  
time of year! As you know, you can claim your  
Church Sacrificial Offertory contributions as a tax  
deductible donation (as long as we have a record  
of your contributions - i.e. *if you use envelopes or  
online giving*). **After January 31st**, contribution  
statements will be available. Email  
[Siobhan@stleothegreat.com](mailto:Siobhan@stleothegreat.com) **or** you may log onto  
your account on ParishSoft  
<https://trenton.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/>

### HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**"A prophet like me will the Lord God raise up for you, from among your own kin, to him you shall listen... I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into their mouth, he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it."**



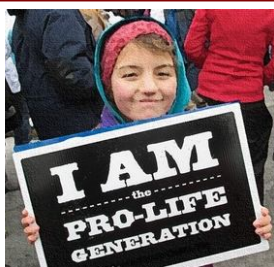
church.

The first pages of scripture tell us of a promised redeemer. The prophets, the spokespersons for God constantly reminded the people of their covenant with God. John the Baptist pointed out Jesus as the one. Jesus being present made a new covenant, and today that covenant is renewed in His

Promise, prophets, presence, preaching, the story of salvation for us all. Today we are called to listen to the voice of God found in the teaching and preaching of our church leaders, chosen ones, who are calling us to awaken and respond to the covenant God made with us. We hear the word proclaimed at mass, we open the bible at home to reflect upon it. We have so many resources on YouTube or Relevant Radio to continue to form and reform our lives. May this help us answer for His call.

### PRO-LIFE CORNER +

Last Friday, thousands of pro-life advocates across the nation and in Washington D.C. took to the streets to raise awareness for the respect for life. After the high courts reversed Roe in 2022, the focus is now to walk with mothers in need. The theme for the 2024 March for Life was **'Pro-Life: With Every Woman, For Every Child'**.



### Daily Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

**First Friday:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

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### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 4, 2024

#### First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

#### Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Simon and Andrew's mother of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.

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### **PARISH MONTHLY NOVENA**

A Novena is a prayer in which we ask God for a specific intention. It is repeated for nine days.

Please join us as we pray daily for each other's intentions. Each month we will post a new Novena Prayer and a place for you to include your intentions.

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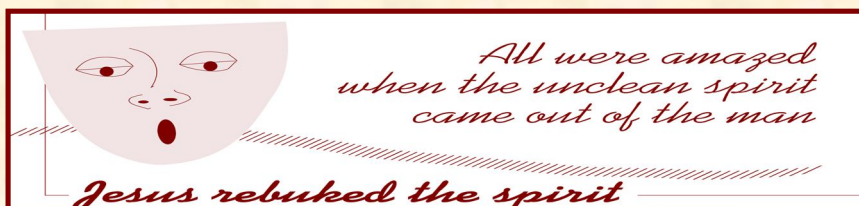
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**Please note - we will not be able to issue Sponsor Certificates or Letters of Eligibility for Baptisms or Confirmation if you are not a registered participating member of the Parish for at least six months.**

**NOTE: FEDERAL PRIVACY REGULATION - HIPAA** (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability) prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. **If you're admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from us, please notify the hospital or call the Parish Office**

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