

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

The Roman Catholic Community of **SAINT LEO THE GREAT**



Worship with us!

*“The hour has come for
the Son of Man to be
glorified.”*

JN 12:23

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 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*

Pastoral Center

Parish Center 732-747-5466 - Option 1
 Fax 732-534-3886
 Email parish@stleothegreat.com
 Website www.stleothegreat.com

Directory

Saint Leo the Great Nursery

732-333-7362
 Email nursery@stleothegreat.com
 Director Ms. Junell Wells, BA

Pastoral Staff

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

Parish Administration

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

Pastoral Ministries

Saint Leo the Great School

School 732-741-3133
 Website www.saintleothegreatschool.com

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

Office of Parish Faith Formation

Office 732-747-5466 - Option 2
 Email FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com

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

Worship & Liturgical Ministries

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

Catholic Youth Ministry

<i>Director</i>	Mrs. Joan M. Kret
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Buildings & Grounds

<i>Director of Security</i>	Mr. G. Thomas Coyle
<i>Custodian</i>	Mr. John Kersey

Religious Store Ministry

908-770-1989
 Email store@stleothegreat.com
 Manager Mrs. Christina Armellino

Evangelization & Spiritual Formation

<i>Coordinator of R.C.I.A.</i>	Ms. Paula DeStefano
	Mr. Gary Arkin
<i>CLOW</i>	Mrs. Patricia Hicks
<i>Reflection for Women</i>	Mrs. Patricia Hicks

Christian Service Ministries

<i>Social Concerns</i>	Deacon John Senkewicz, Coordinator
<i>Lunch Break/Feed A Friend</i>	Mrs. Eileen Scoles

Parish Organizations

<i>Carnival</i>	
<i>General Manager</i>	Mr. Joseph A. Manzi
<i>Holy Name Society</i>	
<i>President</i>	Mr. Thomas Dogas
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	Grand Knight Roberto Arena

Community Outreach

<i>AA - 8:30 a.m. Saturday</i>	
<i>Bereavement Ministry</i>	Ms. Paula DeStefano
<i>Caregiving Friends</i>	Mrs. Nanci Lopes

Parish Athletic Activities

<i>Director & Coordinator</i>	Mr. Anthony Biancanello
<i>SLG Athletic Association</i>	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)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

JOIN US



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

March 23/24

The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Confessions, 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.

TRIDUUM

March 28th - HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 P.M.

March 29th - GOOD FRIDAY

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death - 3:00 P.M.

March 30th - HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of the New Easter Food - 11:30 A.M. (Parish Center)

Solemn Easter Vigil Service & Mass - 7:30 P.M.

March 31st - EASTER SUNDAY

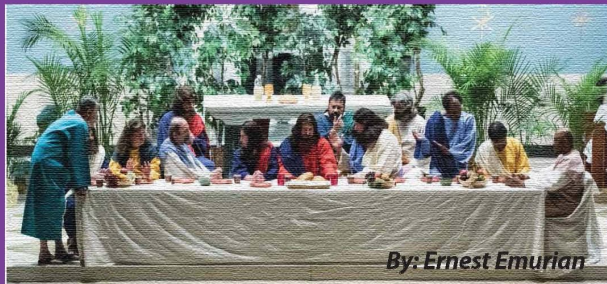
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 AM



Church of Saint Leo the Great *Presents*

*The Living
Last Supper*

A live dramatization of Leonardo de Vinci's painting
Jesus' disciples revel their thoughts
in light of the words, He has spoken...
"One of you will Betray Me"



By: Ernest Emurian

Church of Saint Leo the Great
Arts and Athletic Center (AAC building)

Performance dates:

Tuesday, March 26th

Wednesday, March 27th

Curtain: 7:30 PM

Admission is FREE

LENTEN FISH FRY



Friday, March 22, 2024

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saint Leo the Great School Cafeteria

\$ 5.00 per person

\$ 8.00 per couple

\$10.00 per Family up to 4

Serving a delicious fish dinner
with salad, rolls and dessert.
Beverages will be available for purchase.

Pizza by the slice for children.

Price includes dessert!

Take Out Available!

Just indicate when you register

Plenty of family style seating available

~ **Limit of 325 Attendees** ~

Sign Up at

www.stleothegreat.com/FISH-FRY

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 16

5:30 p.m. -+Sergio Potenziani, r/b Potenziani Family
+Mike & Ann Flanagan, r/b Flanagan Family

Sunday, March 17

7:00 a.m. -People of Parish
+Dorothy Bradford, r/b Patricia Stonczer
8:30 a.m. -+Joseph Placenti, r/b Marie Placenti
+Mary Donaghy, r/b Ann Kelly
10:00 a.m. -+Patricia Morris, r/b Jennifer & Nick Caputo
+Josephine DeCaterina, r/b Lisa & William Low
11:30 a.m. -+Helen Linton, r/b Colleen & Keith Esposito
+Eileen Donnelly, r/b Madeline Crockett & Family

Monday, March 18

9:00 a.m. -+Steven K. Daquieno, Jr., r/b Pellicone Family
+Jay Clemente, r/b Promo Family

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 a.m. -+Eileen Quinn, r/b Fran & John Merlino

Wednesday, March 20

9:00 a.m. -+Vivian Keller, r/b Anthony & Donna Hoahng

Thursday, March 21

9:00 a.m. -+Ann Farnan, r/b Chiapparino Family

Friday, March 22

9:00 a.m. -+Albert J. Genco, r/b Elise & Peter Argento

Saturday, March 23

8:00 a.m. -I/O Michael & Barbara O'Brien, r/b Chiara Lore
5:30 p.m. -+Eleanor Badamo, r/b DeSocio Family
+Edith Wagner, r/b R. Moor Family

Sunday, March 24

7:00 a.m. -+Robert Corbin, r/b Patricia L. Stronczer
+Jason Lalak, r/b Patricia L. Stronczer
8:30 a.m. -People of Parish
+Bill & Susan Warnick, r/b B. Warnick, Jr. & J. Provini
10:00 a.m. -+Diana Lynch and Family, r/b John Fircha
+John Shibles, r/b Brown Family
11:30 a.m. -+James Cotgreave, r/b Joe and Mary Koury
+Patrick Connolly, r/b Serricchio Family



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.

**Happy
Saint Patrick's Day!**



Liturgical Assignments - March 23/24

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!

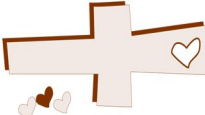
<u>Mass</u>	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>7:00 a.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:30 a.m.</u>
Lectors	A. Burns R. Pellicone	C. Levin M. Fallon	R. Gabrielan	S. Tan E. Grimaldi	M. Fallon J. Krall
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	M. Potenziani A. Ryan	C. Fitzgerald	C. Lore J. Hall	M. Rizzolo J. Cizin	J. Waters T. Waters
Altar Servers	B. Mannino C. Honeycutt K. Mannarino	A. Jimenez B. Jimenez	J. Blaney E. Purdy	V. Paini M. Trump C. Sams	J. Sharkey D. Raineri M. Alfonso
CLOW			C. Fitzgerald M. O'Donnell	P. DeStefano R. Gana O. Zavaglia	



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY, March 18

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



TUESDAY, March 19

Feast of Saint Joseph

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Church**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Church**
10:00 a.m. Drumming Prayer / Chapel
4:30 p.m. Rel. Ed. Grd 1-6 / School
5:45 p.m. Rel. Ed. Grd 7-8 / School
6:30 p.m. Book Club / PC
7:00 p.m. Social Concerns Mtg / PC
7:30 p.m. KofC Officers Mtg / MR



WEDNESDAY, March 20

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Church**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Church**
9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me / MR
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet / Chapel



THURSDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Church**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Church**
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal / Church
7:00 p.m. Divorced/Separated Mtg / PC

FRIDAY, March 22

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Church**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Church**
5:00 p.m. **FISH FRY** / Cafeteria
5:45 p.m. Children Stations of the Cross/Church
7:30 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** / Church



PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, March 23

8:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**
4:30 p.m. **Confessions** / **Church**
5:30 p.m. Mass / **Church**



SUNDAY, March 24

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

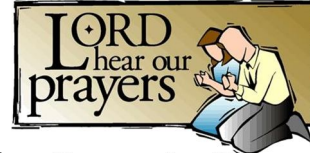
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Please join us each Friday in Lent
for Stations of the Cross
in the Church at 7:30 p.m.
Families are encouraged to participate.*



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, Ann Brown

Remember Our Deceased

Remember Our Newly Baptized, especially Nicolina Maria Moore, Angela Jennifer Murino, Giuseppe Salatino, Nathan Hayes Wieboldt

Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families

WELCOME!

The Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation is offered every Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the Church. **EXCEPT HOLY SATURDAY. The last day prior to Easter to have your Confession heard at Saint Leo's is Saturday, March 23rd - 4:30pm to 5pm**

We invite every Catholic during this season of repentance to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation (***go to Confession***) prior to Easter, as well as on a regular basis. There can be no better way to make progress on our spiritual journey than by returning in humble repentance and love to God, whose forgiveness re-establishes us as His children and restores us to peace with His Church and our neighbors.



Join Us For
**ADORATION OF
THE MOST
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Daily in the **CHURCH**
during Lent.

Monday through Friday

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

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



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

through Sunday, March 24th between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, all day vigil at Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury at 69 Shrewsbury Ave. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs permitted. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block the driveway or park in the Planned Parenthood lot.

Sign up at

www.40daysforlife.com/en/shrewsbury

Prayerfully consider volunteering for this important event. Questions? Email Monmouth4life@hotmail.com

The Spring **40 Days for Life** kicked off Ash Wednesday, February 14th and runs

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Help Us repair our infrastructure!

Projects in need of repair or upgrade

• Expansion Good Shepherd Room	\$600,000
• AAC Building Generator	\$285,000
• AAC H.V.A.C. units	\$105,000
• Church Elevator	\$130,000

AMOUNT RAISED

\$46,000

\$46,000

TOTAL \$1,120,000

NUMBER OF FAMILIES DONATED

45

Donation Levels

Platinum: \$25,000 or greater
Gold: \$15,000 or greater
Silver: \$ 7,500 or greater
Patron: \$10.⁰⁰ to \$7,499

To make a Pledge or One-Time Donation go to www.stleothegreat.com/rebuild-restore-renew



An interactive experience filled with fun, food, friends and prayer!

JOIN US for a fun culinary "teach and taste" night.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Registration required!

www.stleothegreat.com/gourmet-gatherings

CENTERING PRAYER

Every Monday

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parish Center Chapel

Promptness is required!

www.stleothegreat.com/centering-prayer



JOB OPPORTUNITY – CUSTODIAN: Saint Leo the Great Parish. Part-Time 5 days/4 hours per day. Possible full-time after three months. Must be available for night & weekend work. Compensation is based on practical experience. Must pass a background check and take a child safety course.

Responsible for maintaining cleanliness of facilities and Parish grounds inside and out - floors, windows, grounds, trash cans, air filters, vents, keeping inventory & ordering supplies as needed, using equipment - commercial vacuums, floor buffers, carpet cleaners. Other duties as requested.

Must have the following skills and qualifications, including: ability to stand and walk for long periods, ability to lift and move over 50 pounds, knowledge of different cleaning products and tools, multitasking abilities, time-management, physical strength and stamina, organization skills, good verbal communication and interpersonal skills, ability to work with minimal supervision.

Send Resume with cover letter & three references to Parish@stleothegreat.com. Calls not accepted.

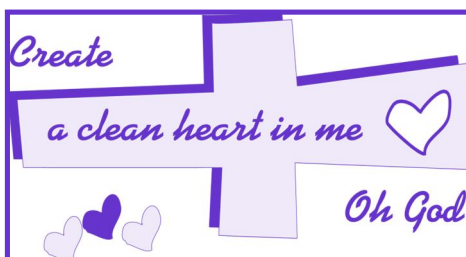
News Around the Diocese

CATECHIST FORMATION DAY 2024: will be held Saturday, **March 23rd** (9 AM-3 PM) at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold. This year we welcome storyteller, author, and encourager, Julianne Stanz who will speak about *"The Power of Witness: We all have a faith story; discover yours and how to share it with others."* Catechists are invited that serve in various Parish Ministries. For more information and to register, go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catformday.

50 YEAR REUNION: Father Judge High School, Phila., PA - Class of 1974 - Saturday, April 27th from 6 - 10 PM at Father Judge H.S. Cost is \$80 p/p. For further information and to sign up, please contact khuckel@fatherjudge.com.

RETREAT WEEKEND: **March 22-24, 2024** - **Loyola Jesuit Center** in Morristown, NJ provides weekend retreats from Friday evening to Sunday approximately 1 PM. It is a quiet listening retreat and Co-ed. A retreat can be a powerful experience and help us to remember how blessed we are. The Loyola Jesuit Center provides a sacred and tranquil setting which allows us to step out of our busy lives for a short period of time, to slow down, and reflect on the presence of the Divine within ourselves and our lives. The weekend offers preached talks on a theme, Jesuits offering daily Mass, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, optional private consultations with retreat leaders, outdoor stations of the cross and generous amounts of free time for personal prayer and reflection. This is a special gift you can give yourself by taking time away from one's busy life. All are welcome and no one is ever turned away if the suggested donation is beyond your means. If interested, **please register at** loyola.org/weekend-retreats for the above dates. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Salese at 732 754-3415.

SPRING FOR LIFE: Cocktail Party Fundraiser for **Young Adults** - ages 21-39, to support the life-saving work of **LIFENET**. Join us Thursday, **May 2nd** from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Buena Sera Restaurant, Red Bank. Open Bar, Hors d'oeuvres, Presentation, Coffee & Dessert. \$75 p/p. Business/Cocktail Attire. For information call or text Megan Kret at 732-245-8749. Register at lifeneteducation.org/cocktailparty



BUS TRIP TO NYC CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND



Saturday, May 4th

5:00 p.m.: Bus leaves from the front of Saint Leo's Parish Center

10:30 p.m.: Bus arrives back at Saint Leo's Parish Center

\$20 covers bus transportation.

Please park behind the Parish Center.

For information on Catholic Underground, go to

www.catholicunderground.net

Catholic Underground

Our Lady of Good Counsel, 230 East 90th St. - (btwn 2nd & 3rd), New York, NY 10128

7:30 PM Holy Hour

9:00 PM Performance

Free admission - all are welcome.

Sign up at

www.stleohthegreat.com/catholic-underground

HOLY INNOCENTS SOCIETY DIOCESE OF TRENTON



~What is it?

~What has it been doing?

~What is it working on now?

Join us to learn all about it!

Date: **Tuesday, April 9th, 2024**

Time: **7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

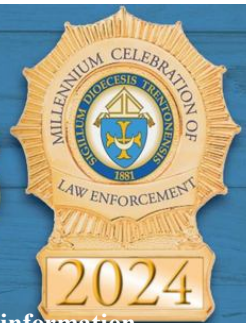
Location: **Virtually** from wherever you are!

Register to get the link by emailing

holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org

Registrations for Group viewing are welcome!

22nd ANNUAL BLUE MASS & Luncheon



Visit <https://bluemass.org/> for more information

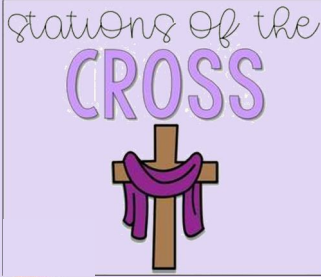
THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON'S

CELEBRATION of LAW ENFORCEMENT

Thursday, April 4, 2024 - 10:30 AM

Principal Celebrant: Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral | Freehold



FOR CHILDREN
MARCH 22ND
AT 5:45 P.M.
IN THE CHURCH



**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION
Religious Education**

Our **2024-2025** Catechetical Year for
Grades 1-8 begins with our
2024 **Summer Session**.

We are again offering *Summer, Fall, and Spring*
Sessions, both In-Person and Virtual
for all Students in **Grades 1-8**.

To enroll or re-enroll your child/children, please
go to [www.stleothegreat.com/religious-ed-](http://www.stleothegreat.com/religious-ed-information)
[information](http://www.stleothegreat.com/religious-ed-information). (Review the important documents
prior to registering.

New Students - A **Baptismal Certificate** is
required for participation in the program.

Please go to

stleothegreat.com/religious-ed-information
for information and requirements for our Program.

If you need additional assistance, contact the Office of
Faith Formation at **732-747-5466 / Option 2**.

Our **FEED A FRIEND Ministry** is in need of
Adult Volunteers to drive and deliver sandwiches
each Saturday morning to Asbury Park.

If you have an hour to spare on a Saturday
morning, please consider volunteering. Go to
[www.signupgenius.com/go/409044DA9A928ABFE3-](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044DA9A928ABFE3-help)
[help](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044DA9A928ABFE3-help)

LENTEN SHARING TREE

If you took a **Butterfly Envelope** from our
Lenten Sharing Tree, please **return it**
with your donation either in the
collection basket or mail to / drop off at
the Parish Center by **March 25th**.

In lieu of the **Butterfly Envelope**,
you may make a donation online at

www.stleothegreat.com/sharing-tree

We will use these funds to feed those in
need this Easter. Consider a simple meal
in solidarity with those in need.



Young Disciples ignite

Joan
Kret,
Youth
Minister

IGNITE Youth Group

TIME TO SPRING CLEAN!

*Clean out your Closets, Garage, Attic, etc.
If it's something you think would sell,
please drop them off at the AAC for our*

RUMMAGE SALE!

April 5th - **10am to 2pm** is for
Saint Leo's School & Parishioners ONLY
April 6th - **Early Birds 6am (\$10)**

8am to 12 Noon will be for the General Public.

Donations will be accepted

Thursday, April 4th from 3pm to 7pm,

Friday, April 5th from 10am to 7pm

*If you would like to volunteer,
sign up on our webpage*



**FOR LENT
FOR LIFE**

The **CRS Rice Bowl 25%
Initiative** for
Lent 2024
is **HERE!**

The annual **Catholic Relief
Services Rice Bowl** campaign
starts on Ash Wednesday and

runs through Lent. It is vital funding for the
international work CRS does on our behalf. But do
you know Saint Leo's Parish Ministries can benefit
from the Rice Bowl, too? 25% of Saint Leo's rice
bowls' total collection can go to **support our Parish
Ministries working to alleviate poverty and hunger**;
ministries that include Food Pantries, Saint Vincent de
Paul Conferences, and Social Concerns. To participate
in the **CRS Rice Bowl 25% Initiative**, just: *use your
Rice Bowls at home*. Don't have one? No problem!
Make your own by going to [www.crsricebowl.org/](http://www.crsricebowl.org/families)
[families](http://www.crsricebowl.org/families). Get an activities calendar and other great ideas
there, too!

*Aim to put at least \$1 a day into the Rice Bowl for the
40 days of Lent – that's \$40. At the end of Lent, count
it up and give a check made out to **Church of Saint Leo
the Great** for the amount of money you put in your Rice
Bowl and write "Rice Bowl" in the memo section, then
Saint Leo's Parish Ministries will get 25% of the total
collected with the rest going to CRS.*

Help raise vital funds for the **international work CRS
does on our behalf** and for **Saint Leo's Parish
Ministries serving locally**. For more about the work of
CRS, please go to www.crsricebowl.org.

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

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"Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip... and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew. Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.'"



If you asked someone 'would you like to see Jesus?', surely the reply would be 'Yes, but where can I find Him today?' The answer is clear, as we have Him present in the Blessed Sacrament, in the gift of grace and all the sacraments. The church is our sacrament of encounter with God.

How many people need us to be the Philip, the Andrew; to point out and bring them to Jesus. Jesus is present in the face of those in need, and we are to be the face of Jesus for them. May this be our task as our Lent will soon draw to a close.

*We wish
to see Jesus*



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~USCCB Respect Life

Lent



Daily Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

A VOCATION VIEW . . .



The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD March 24, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.

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