



Norship with us!

"I am the vine, you are the branches"

JN 15:5

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 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 Website www.stleothegreat.com

Pastoral Staff

Pastor Weekend Assistant Deacon Deacon Deacon Parish Trustee Parish Trustee Executive Asst./Office Mgr Ms. Julie C. Olski Pastor's Liaison Receptionist Friday Receptionist

Reverend John T. Folchetti, D.Min. Reverend Alfred J. Burke Mr. Edward H. Wilson Mr. Richard Tucker Mr. John Senkewicz Mr. Lawrence Durso Mr. Thomas Gioia Mrs. Gloria Harter Mrs. Carol Blaney Mrs. Joan Gittens

Parish Administration

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

Pastoral Ministries

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

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

Office of Parish Faith Formation Office 732-747-5466 - Option 2

Email FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com

Coordinator. K-5 Coordinator, 6-8 Administrative Assistant

Ms. Paula DeStefano Mr. Gary Arkin Mrs. Karen Ann Lenahan

Worship & Liturgical Ministries

Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors Moderator Sacred Music Sacristan

Deacon Edward Wilson Ms. Alice Solantay, Director Mr. Michael Bosch

Catholic Youth Ministry

Director

Mrs. Joan M. Kret

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Director of Security Custodian

Mr. G. Thomas Coyle Mr. John Kersey

Saint Leo the Great Nursery & Early Childhood Center 732-333-7362 Email <u>nursery@stleothegreat.com</u> Ms. Junell Wells, BA Director

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

Evangelization & Spiritual Formation

Coordinator of R.C.I.A. CLOW Reflection for Women

Ms. Paula DeStefano Mr. Gary Arkin 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 Knights of Columbus

Mr. Thomas Dogas Grand Knight Roberto Arena

Community Outreach

AA - 8:30 a.m. Saturday Ms. Paula DeStefano Bereavement Ministry **Caregiving Friends** Mrs. Nanci Lopes

Parish Athletic Activities

Mr. Anthony Biancaniello Director & Coordinator SLG Athletic Association 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)

Congratulations and God Bless Our Confirmandi April 26, 2024

Mia Colleran Madison Dammann Chase DeSevo Owen Kowalski Sean Kowalski Nyla Loper Áva Lupo John Mascolo Daniel McBride **Christopher McClaren Tess Menditto Rvan Menditto** Savanna Meyer **Christian Miller** Megan Moller Kevin Moran III Jett Muli Adrianna Murino John Murphy IV

Sophia Musella Makayla Oliveri Matthew Paglio Emma Pascucci Jack Pascucci Sunny Paterno Erika Penschow **Theodore** Perednia Aidan Perez Franco Petitti Sabina Posthumus Sebastian Principato Joseph Reno **Emily Rochford** Dylan Schaub Liam Schmitt **Finley Sullivan Connor** Tobin

Congratulations and God Bless Our First Communicants April 27, 2024



Shea Olivia Abruzzese Edmund Joseph Agresta Ethan James Agresta **Dallas Valentine Barnaby** Keira Grace Daly Noah Joseph Fernandes Luca Edward Ferreri Adelina Rose Garetano Giada Nicole Gorgoglione Liam James Hill John Daniel Honeycutt Vienna Theresa Kazdan Vienna Grace Kelly Patrick Moran Kilian Addison Grace Lepore **Everett James Lucas** Blake David Mayersohn **Claire Regina Mayrose** Ava Mae McNerny

Olivia Nicole McNerny Cecile Annabelle Monge Penelope Frances Mullevey William Richard Murphy Isla Rose Parfitt Jackson Robert Parks Kiera Shea Plonski **Carrington Grace Pritzlaff** Lily Eileen Ramanauskas Rocco Lorenzo Ruggiero David John Senatore Hudson James Sweeney Emilia Reese Tenpenny Serafina Josephine Termini Harper Elizabeth Thaver Mario Michael Tubiolo **Delaney Mairead Voccola** Ava Grace Vozzo Hunter Thomas Willis

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Thursday, May 2

Saturday, April 27

5:30 p.m. -+Antonio Raviele, r/b Raviele Family +Anthony Sofo, Jr., r/b Melissa Johnson

Sunday, April 28

7:00 a.m. -+Vincent Nason, r/b Nason Family +William Dondero, r/b Johnnie Crowder

8:30 a.m. -+Angelina Iazzetta, r/b Chiara Lore People of Parish

10:00 a.m. -+Reverend James M. Clark

+June C. Warshaw, r/b M/M Michael Warshaw & Family

11:30 a.m. -+Joseph P. DeMaio, r/b Ellen DeMaio +Frank D'Arpa, r/b Cuddyer Family

Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m. -+Timothy R. Lutz, r/b Mary Ellen Werth Souls in Purgatory, r/b Mary Soyka

Tuesday, April 30

9:00 a.m. -+Eileen Sprake, r/b Sprake Family

Wednesday, May 1

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



For Healing Intentions

Michael & Beth Pepitone

9:00 a.m. -+Olympia Anello, r/b Melissa Johnson Friday, May 3 9:00 a.m. -+Reverend Joseph M. Quinlan Saturday, May 4 NO 8:00 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. -+Guido Petruzzelli, Sr., r/b Guido Petruzzelli, Jr. +Eileen Hurley, r/b Francis Smith Sunday, May 5 7:00 a.m. -+Thomas and Nora Quinlan +William Dondero, r/b Ms. Johnnie Crowder 8:30 a.m. -+Michael L. Simonini, r/b Hank & Jinx Kochan +William Dondero, r/b Dave & Colleen Muldowney 10:00 a.m. -. People of Parish +Elena A. Torregrossa, r/b Cancellieri Family 11:30 a.m. -+Steven K. Daquieno, Jr., r/b Raineri Family +Roseanne Oliva, r/b Geraldine Oliva



ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS MAY 4th FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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9:30 a.m. Mass

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11:30 a.m. Mass W. Battista, V. Paini, _____

Liturgical Assignments - May 4/5

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	S. Tan	P. Grillo	J. Hall	K. Schleimer	J. Waters		
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	M. Sparber M. McGee	J. Manzi	C. Lore T. Masters	T. Dogas R. Dogas	T. Waters M. Potenziani		
Altar Servers	L. Hurley G. Hurley C. Corral	C. Shibles B. Shibles	T. Perednia J. Blaney E. Purdy	A. Doehner E. Doehner M. Trump	J. Sharkey D. Raineri V. Paini		
CLOW		Š	C. Fitzgerald M. O'Donnell	P. DeStefano R. Gana O. Zavaglia			

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY, April 29

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel 10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer / Chapel NO Children's Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, April 30 8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel

WEDNESDAY, May 1 8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel 9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me / MR 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet / Chapel

THURSDAY, May 2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel **NO** Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorced/Separated Mtg / PC

FRIDAY, May 3

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel 6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation Grp 4 6:00 p.m. Respect Life Prayer Gathering/Chapel

Diocesan Assessment this weekend **Mary's Cradle Collection** SATURDAY, May 4

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:45 a.m. Feed A Friend / Café 9:30 a.m. First Communion Grp 7 11:30 a.m. First Communion Grp 8 4:30 p.m. Confessions / Church 5:30 p.m. Mass / Church



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

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.



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 PRAY FOR OUR the Military here and overseas. Pray for their MILITARY safety and for their families. $\star \star \star \star \star \star$

Remember the People of Ukraine and the Holy Land

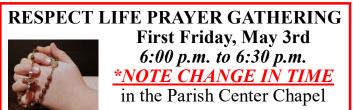
Remember Our Sick, Home Bound, Hospitalized, especially Residents of Luftman Towers, The Pavilion, Sunrise Assisted Living

Remember Our Deceased

Remember Our Newly Baptized, Antonia Vittoria Buonsante

Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families





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 vour intentions.

This **May**, we will pray our Novena to **Our Lady of Fatima**

Go to stleothegreat.com/parish-novena



News Around the Diocese

<u>NJ CATHOLIC RALLY:</u> At Six Flags - Great Adventure, May 19th from 9am to 7pm. Open to all Youth and Young Adults, their family and friends! For information and tickets, go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/njcyr

RETREAT FOR CAREGIVERS: May 1, from 9 am to 3:30 pm at San Alfonso Retreat Center. Come away for a day of rest and renewal using a variety of creative prayer forms and reflection led by Catholic Chaplain, Terry Galvin Anderson. Cost is \$50, which includes all materials and lunch. Please register at dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care before April 19th

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 <u>lifeneteducation.org/cocktailparty</u>

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE PILGRIMAGE TO **ITALY:** Sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton. Spiritual Director - Rev. Martin O'Reilly, Pastor of Marv. Mother of the Church, Bordentown. September 29—October 8, 2024. Double occupancy \$4,275 p/p. For more information/registration, go to www.journeyoffaithtours.com/trenton24, Call or email Carolyn Norbut at 732-216-8073 or Carolyn@journeyoffaithtours.com





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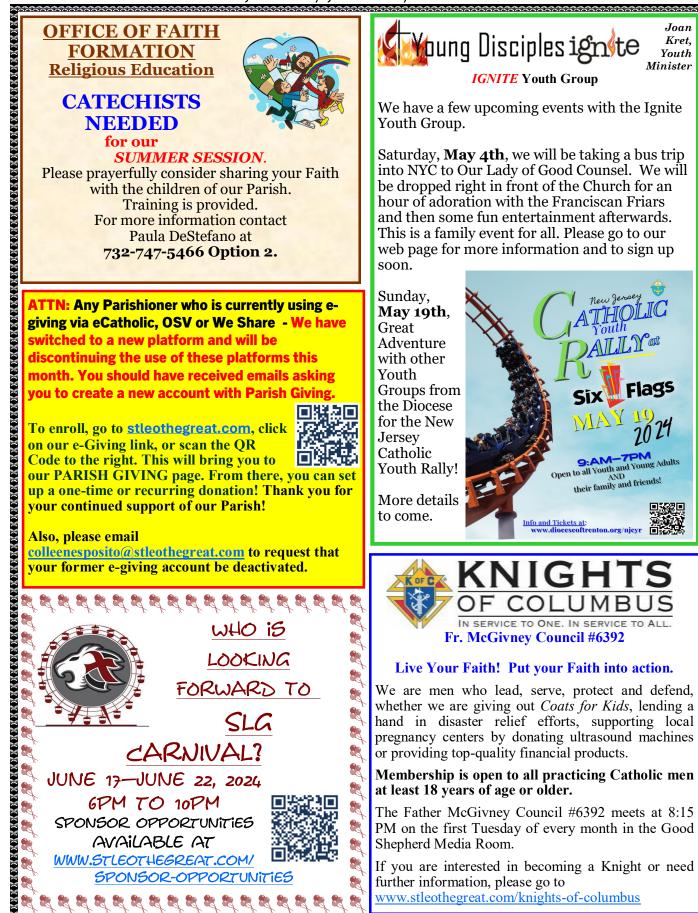
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AAC Building Generator	\$285.000	
• AAC H.V.A.C. units	\$105,000	5,600
Church Elevator	\$130,000	130,000
TOTAL \$ Donation Levels Platinum: \$25,000 or greater Gold: \$15,000 or greater Silver: \$7,500 or greater Patron: \$10. ⁰⁰ to \$7,499	1,120,000	135,600
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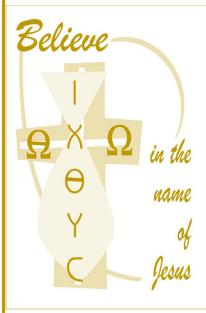
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HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

"The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers... 'If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.'"



Am I able to recognize the description of the early church reflected in our life today? We struggle to be a viable presence of the Lord in our world, yet it is the same Holy Spirit calling and motivating us to make the gospel real.

The mission and mandate of Jesus is the task of all who claim discipleship. As we draw our life from the vine,

God's grace, we ask the power to bring the peace, joy and love of Christ to others. As the warmth of spring allows the buds to sprout, so may we waken ourselves and live our calling.

PRO-LIFE CORNER +

Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely" is not about his romantic interest. "She" is the newly born daughter of the renowned blind composer and performer who issued the song in 1976.

We have been Heaven-blessed. I can't believe what God has done. Through us, He's given life to one. But isn't she lovely? Made from love.

The singer recognizes that couples partner with God in the creation of human life. He says that in a loving family, a child is created in an act of love. That child is a walking symbol of that act of love.

~ Bobby Neal Winters, Salva # 65

Daily Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 or, for the
Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
First Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



A VOCATION VIEW ...

Who shall come forward to explain the love (God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again.

How about you?

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 5, 2024

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to "Love one another as I have loved you." He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments they will have anything that they ask for in his name.

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MARY'S CRADLE COLLECTION MAY 4th & 5th

Sponsored by SLG Social Concerns Ministry ITEMS NEEDED ARE:

Diapers - Newborn to Size 6 (Size 5/6 especially needed), wipes, toiletries, summer wear, summer hats and sandals. They are also

in need of crib sheets, layettes and onesies (size 0 to 4T). We will be most grateful for any contributions to this most worthy cause. Monetary donations are welcome, too. All donations will be given to Birthright, Red Bank and Madonna House, Neptune.

Join us for a Movie Night for friends and family! *FATIMA* Friday, May 10th 6pm - 8:15pm



Good Shepherd Media Room Pizza and refreshments will be provided! **Registration is Required!** Sign Up at <u>www.stleothegreat.com/fatima-movie</u>



FRIDAY, MAY 17TH 7PM TO 11PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 6PM) Saint Leo the Great AAC (Gym) Must be 18 years or older to play

SUPER Jackpot ~ \$500 (depending on number of people) 8 Regular Games, Plus Super Game \$25 (3 Boards Per Game)

Sign Up at stleothegreat.com/bingo

GOLF OUTING 2024 Annual Golf Classic Four Man Scramble MAY 20th



Suneagles Golf Course, 2000 Lowther Dr., Eatontown Registration: 7:30 a.m. * Breakfast: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. * Tee Off: 9 a.m. * Lunch: To Follow <u>Cost: \$300 Per Person</u> ~ Includes: Greens Fees * Golf Cart Beverages * Breakfast * Lunch *Sponsored by SLG Athletic Association* SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

For Information and to Register, please go to www.stleothegreat.com/golf

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501 609-877-0509 or <u>FHOP@verizon.net</u>

Please check <u>www.FHOP.org</u> for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

IN-PERSON ONLY

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY: Wednesday, May 1, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Take a day away from the busyness of your life. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

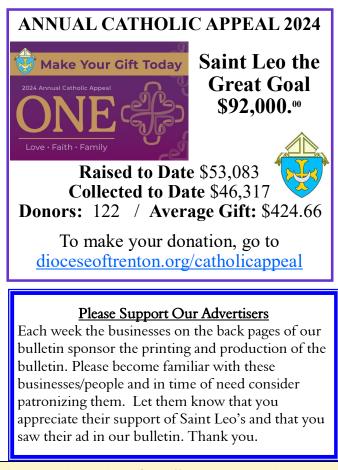
WAS TALKING ABOUT JESUS MARY THE BEATITUDES: Tuesday, May 7, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The Beatitudes are radically bold statements of Jesus meant to usher in the Kingdom of God. They turned the worldview of the disciples upside-down and surely shook their world. The Beatitudes were revolutionary! Yet, years before they were uttered, they were embodied in a simple young woman from Nazareth. We will spend some time with Mary to see how this was so. Using Mary as our model, we will explore Beatitude living in the here and now. When Jesus preached about the Beatitudes, He was talking about Mary. Could it be that he was also talking about



us? Donation: \$30, includes lunch. Zoom: \$25

ZOOM ONLY

THOUGHTS MATTER: Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 – 8:00 PM. "My thoughts make all the difference in my world." Believe it or not, we can choose our thoughts. This freedom is essential to our spiritual well-being and emotional health. This evening retreat will help us learn to notice our thoughts as they arise and choose to accept them or replace them. With prayer and practice, we can choose our thoughts, receive a quieted peaceful mind available for conscious thinking at will. Donation: \$10



A Parishioner is... one who belongs to the Parish Family. As such, she/he is **formally** registered with us and is committed to the Parish through participation in the life of the Parish Community - **spiritually**, **socially** and **financially**. If you have not formally registered as a Parishioner, please do so at the Parish Center Office.

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

Remember Your Parish in Your Estate Planning

Bequests are ideal for remembering those who will come to Saint Leo the Great Church after us - in our Catholic Christian Mission. Or, you may wish to name Saint Leo's as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or other financial instrument. The designation would be: Church of Saint Leo the Great, 50 Hurley's Lane, Lincroft, NJ 07738. If in doubt, please call us and we will be happy to work with your attorney or financial advisor. **Thank you for your consideration.**







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