

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

The Roman
Catholic Community of
SAINT LEO THE GREAT

Hope



Worship with us!

*“For at an hour
you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come”*

MT 24:44

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.



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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

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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

Email parish@stleothegreat.com
 Website www.stleothegreat.com

Directory

Saint Leo the Great Early Learning Center
 732-333-7362
 Email ELC@stleothegreat.com
 Director Ms. Junell Wells, BA

Pastoral Staff

Pastor	Reverend John T. Folchetti, D.Min.
Weekend Assistant	Monsignor Cajetan Salemi
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
Receptionist	Mrs. Carol Blaney
Friday Receptionist	Mrs. Joan Gittens

Parish Administration

Director of Finance	Mr. Robert A. Pellicone
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

Principal	Ms. Caroline Fitzgerald, MA, MA Ed
Vice Principal	Mrs. Julia Chrobocinski, MA Ed
Vice Principal	Mrs. Maria Waldman, MA
PTA President	Mrs. Stephanie Dotzler

Office of Parish Faith Formation

Office 732-747-5466 - Option 2
 Email 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	Mrs. Diane Testa, Director
Sacristan	Mr. Robert A. Pellicone

Catholic Youth Ministry

Director	Mrs. Joan M. Kret
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Buildings & Grounds



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 908-770-1989
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Evangelization & Spiritual Formation

Coordinator of O.C.I.A.	Ms. Paula DeStefano
CLOW	Mr. Gary Arkin
Reflection for Women	Mrs. Elizabeth Grimaldi
	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	Grand Knight Anthony DiSpirito
Knights of Columbus	Mr. Timothy Andree, Chairperson
Parish Council	

Community Outreach

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

Parish Athletic Activities

Director & Coordinator	Mr. Anthony Biancaniello
SLG Athletic Association	Mr. Patrick Bruno

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, November 29

5:30 p.m. --+Rose Fusco, r/b Ellen & Robert Nash
+Kelly Ann Powers-Doll, r/b Jane & Bryan Boyle & Family

Sunday, November 30

7:00 a.m. --+Ed Tobiasson, r/b Viola & Joe Ballone
+Christopher Shannon, r/b Family
8:30 a.m. --+Marcella Perednia, r/b Paul & Rose Ann Gaudio
+Vito Gualario, r/b Debbie Udovic
10:00 a.m. --+People of the Parish
+Helen & Gerard Bush, r/b Cizin Family
11:30 a.m. --+Antonio G. Raviele, r/b Raviele Family
+Mariateresa Libretti, r/b Raviele Family

Monday, December 1

9:00 a.m. - +Msgr. Thomas Noonan, r/b Occhipinti Family
+Maryellen Meyer, Ron and Elizabeth Askew

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 a.m. - +Louis Scarpati, r/b Barbara Colucci
+Kelly Powers Doll, r/b Dan and Laraine Doll

Wednesday, December 3

9:00 a.m. --+Vito Gualario, r/b Gualario Family

Thursday, December 4

9:00 a.m. --+Louis Scarpati, r/b Occhipinti Family

Friday, December 5

9:00 a.m. -Souls in Purgatory, r/b Mary Soyka

Saturday, December 6

8:00 a.m. --+Dorothy Paolucci, r/b Deborah Marzigliano

5:30 p.m. --+Elvira and Antonio Sileo, r/b Sileo Family

+Kathy Shapiro, r/b Ruzich Family

Sunday, December 7

7:00 a.m. --+Jane Aldridge, r/b Caroline Fitzgerald

+Christopher Shannon, r/b Family

8:30 a.m. --+Philip Todd Gittens, r/b DeLuca Family

+Joan Valentino, r/b Dogas Family

10:00 a.m. --+Katherine Cizin, r/b Cizin Family

+Thomas Carey, r/b Gloria & Chip Harter

11:30 a.m. -People of the Parish

+Christopher Shannon, r/b Louis & Elaine Malvasi

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 are Altar Bread and Sacred Wine



Liturgical Assignments - December 6/7

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	M. McGee	M. Fallon	J. Koury	S. Suky	E. Prefer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	P. Hicks M. Potenziani	D. Nason	N. Gray G. Vasil	J. Cizin M. Rizzolo	C. Flamenbaum K. McCarthy
Altar Servers	M. D'Alessio R. Importico A. Perillo	N. Monteleone M. Condron	A. Murino C. Mannarino K. Mannarino	O. Komorowski F. DePalma I. Russo	S. Morales E. Purdy C. Crowther
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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY, December 1

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**
10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer / PC



TUESDAY, December 2

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
7:00 p.m. Social Concerns Mtg / PC
8:15 p.m. KofC General Mtg / MR



WEDNESDAY, December 3

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**
9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me / PC
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal / Church
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal / Church

THURSDAY, December 4

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**
6:00 p.m. OCIA / PC



FRIDAY, December 5

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**

2nd Collection for Diocesan Assessment

SATURDAY, December 6

8:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**
8:15 a.m. Feed A Friend / Café
9:00 a.m. **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**
4:30 p.m. Confessions / Church
5:30 p.m. Mass / **Church**
with Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. **TREE LIGHTING**



SUNDAY, December 7

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. Family Mass

The Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation is offered every Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the Church.

We invite every Catholic to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation (*go to Confession*) prior to Christmas, 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.



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

Remember Our Deceased

Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families

Welcome!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION *A Holy Day of Obligation* December 8th



Mass will be celebrated in the Church at
9am, 12:10pm, 7pm



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.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tickets ARE NOT Required for ANY Mass

Christmas Eve

December 24th

Masses:

4:00, 7:00, 9:00pm Church

Christmas Day

December 25th

Masses:

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am



PRAYER FOR ADVENT

LORD JESUS, you came to bring us the fullness of joy and to free us from all the pale imitations of happiness.

This Advent, remove any barriers we have put to keep you out of our lives.

Teach us to welcome your presence wherever we find it, even in the difficulties and challenges of daily life.

As we reach out in love to others, especially the poor and needy, may we come to know in our hearts that we are welcoming you, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Collection December 13/14

Aging religious need your help.

“Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement,” says

Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 81 y/o.

Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over

24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the

Retirement Fund for Religious. An envelope for Religious Retirement may be found in your weekly envelope packet.



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.

This **December**, we will pray a Christmas Novena—December 16th to December 25th

Let us pray for our intentions and thank God for the gift of Jesus, His life, and the Hope, Joy and Peace He brings.



Go to stleothegreat.com/parish-novena



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The first Sunday of Advent includes lighting the candle of **Hope**.

The theme is **Hope in the coming of the Messiah.**

This candle of Hope symbolizes promises delivered through the prophets from God as well as the hope we have in Christ. It is also called the “prophecy candle”. In this week of Advent we remember the Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah. The candle’s color is purple, signifying the royalty of Jesus Christ.

This First Sunday of Advent we read, pray, and reflect on the hope God’s plan gives us - foretold by the prophets and fulfilled by the life and death of Christ, and we meditate on the promise of Christ’s coming glory-filled return.

Come Lord Jesus, Come

dynamiccatholic.com/advent

Around the Diocese

COOKIES WITH SANTA:

Sunday, **December 7** from 12 Noon until 2pm. Free Admission / Donations accepted. Lincroft Firehouse, Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft.



MESSIAH PART 1: Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua, Red Bank, will host a presentation of George Frideric Handel's *Messiah Part 1* on **December 5** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. The presentation will feature the Parish Choir, the Diocesan Festival Choir and the Orchestra of St. Cecilia. Shawn Mack is conductor. Admission is free but a freewill donation will be accepted. For information, call 732-747-0813 or email stanthonysfredbank.net.

RETREAT AND HOUSES OF PRAYER: Francis House of Prayer, Allentown, NJ www.fhop.org / Maris Stella, Harvey Cedars, NJ www.marisstella.org / Morning Star House of Prayer, Trenton, NJ www.morningstarprayerhouse.org / San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ www.sanalfonso retreats.org / St. Joseph by the Sea, S. Mantoloking, NJ www.sjbsea.org

SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: Do you need help getting through the holidays? St. Mary Mother of God Church is pleased to announce that it is offering a *"Surviving the Holidays"* Seminar that will be offered for anyone that is divorced or separated. Held on Monday, **December 8th** at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting in the basement of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine (access from Shrine parking lot), 26 Leonardville Rd., Middletown. If interested, or if you need any more information to decide if you want to attend, please email Elaine Anzalone at healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com. We would be happy to answer any of your questions!

VIRTUAL GROUP FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS:

The Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Family Life is sponsoring a virtual group for parents led by Director, Cristina D'Averso-Collins. The group will meet via Zoom on 2 Friday evenings a month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will include watching a brief video on a topic particular to Catholic parenting and discussing as a group. Topics will include desiring holiness for your child, child temperaments, family culture, strong marriage, and being an effective witness, among others. The group is intended for those with children in the home and new parents are particularly welcome! If interested, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

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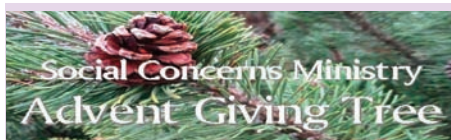
PRESCHOOL NURSE – Part-Time / Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM (follows the school calendar).

Saint Leo the Great Early Learning Center is seeking a caring and organized School Nurse to support the health and safety of our Preschool Students. The Nurse will oversee the medical needs of four **PK4** classrooms and students within our Early Learning Center, ensuring a nurturing and safe environment each day.

Responsibilities include: Provide basic first aid and health care to students and staff, Administer prescribed medications and maintain accurate health records, Monitor and manage allergies, chronic conditions, and other medical needs, Communicate with parents and staff regarding student health concerns, Ensure compliance with state health regulations and school policies.

Qualifications: Licensed Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the State of New Jersey, Prior experience in a school or pediatric setting preferred, Strong communication and organizational skills, Compassionate and patient-centered approach. If you love working with children and value a warm, community-centered environment, we'd love to hear from you.

To Apply: Please send your résumé and references to siobhan@stleothegreat.com. No calls, please.



Please consider assisting us with our

Parish Ministry Projects.

Our Advent Giving Tree is up in the foyer of the Church

Angel Tags for \$25 Gift Cards from various stores

are placed on the Giving Tree. The donated gift cards will be distributed to Mother of Mercy Parish in Asbury Park, the VNA, Emmanuel Cancer, and the Community Outreach Group (COG) in Middletown. Gift tags for items of clothing for residents of Arnold Walter Nursing Home will also be included. Gifts tags

can be taken from the tree **OR** an online donation may be made for gift card purchases at www.stleothegreat.com/advent-giving

As a result of your generosity last year, we were able to supply assistance many families in need. May God bless you for your continued support and generosity as we approach the Advent & Christmas Season.

THE DEADLINE TO RETURN THE GIFTS AND GIFT CARDS IS 12 NOON ON DECEMBER 14TH



**SLG SCHOOL
PTA
CHRISTMAS
RAZAAR**

**Saturday,
December 6th**

**9:00 a.m. to
3:00 p.m.**

**Sponsored by
the School PTA**

732-741-3133



Joan
Kret,
Youth
Minister

**Happy Advent!
PREPARE THE WAY!!!**

Wishing you an Advent Season filled with **HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE.**

As we await the Christmas Season with joyful anticipation, we at Ignite will prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

All are welcome to visit our Ignite webpage for daily teen friendly inspirations as well as ideas for advent activities.



**Annual Christmas Tree
Trimming and Lighting
"O Holy Night"**

Jesus is the reason for the Season!
Please join us

**Saturday, December 6th
following the 5:30 p.m. Mass**

Enjoy some time away from the hustle and bustle of the season with family and friends.

Join Saint Leo the Great Parish Community for our Annual Christmas Tree Trimming and Lighting.

**Meet us at the Christmas Tree on Hurleys
Lane in front of the AAC**

There will be . . .
Christmas Caroling, Hot Chocolate, Coffee & Cookies available. PLUS More!

JOIN IN THE FUN!

RSVP to www.stleothegreat.com/christmas-tree



HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025**

"You know the hour in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent, the day draws near. Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light'... 'The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect.'"

*Put on
the Lord
Jesus
Christ*



Welcome to a another, a new season of advent. We are looking again for the coming of the Lord, remembering Bethlehem, but His promised coming again. Since our last advent have you ever thought of your final destiny, salvation won for you by the first coming of Christ?

Let's begin this advent thinking, not about our celebration of the birth of Christ, but His coming at the end of time and our salvation. Am I ready to meet Him? Am I concerned about the salvation of others, my friends and family? Consider the words of Paul in Romans as he stirs us to wake from sleep and both think and act, as we prepare for His coming to me. The words of the hymn echo in my heart 'Jesus is the Lord of my salvation; I trust in Him and have no fear.'

PRO-LIFE CORNER +

Concrete ways in which we can bring Christ to those who are struggling and needing simple respect for life.

Week 2 - Education & Awareness

- Read a short article or watch a video from the USCCB's Respect Life Program (they release new materials every year).
- Learn about a local pro-life ministry, crisis pregnancy center, or elder care program.

Daily Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
First Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



A VOCATION VIEW . . .

Let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord! In God's House is found true joy, blessed are those called to minister in His Temple. (Psalm 122)



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 7, 2025**

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

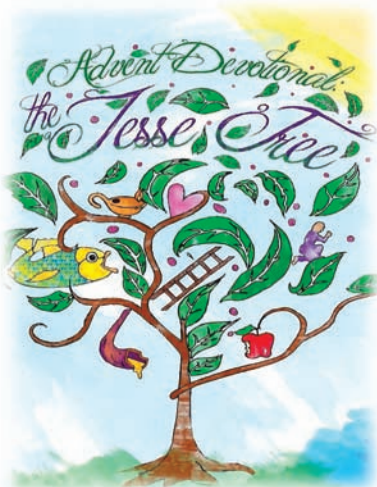
John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

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FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITY

THE TRADITION OF THE JESSE TREE

The Jesse Tree is an old tradition illustrating the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical figures who were the ancestors of Jesus. Jesse was the father of King David. He is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus.



For your own Jesse Tree, a branch can be placed into a pot or a large vase at the beginning of Advent and every day a new ornament can be hung onto it.

These ornaments represent the individual figures from the two Testaments. They can be made out of paper, felt, clay, wood, or other materials. As the children place the ornaments onto the branch, the father of the family can read an appropriate Scripture passage that talks about the given ancestor of Jesus.

There are many passages that can be chosen and many symbols that can represent various figures. Each family can create their own list of figures and their symbols.

~ USCCB.org

DIY Advent Calendar

One Advent tradition that children love is the Advent Calendar. This special calendar doesn't just track the days of Advent—each day of the calendar also contains a numbered flap, which opens to show a picture or a small surprise. Each box is filled with daily inspiration that will help your children grow through Bible verses, reflections, and holiday fun!

Go to: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/diy-advent-calendar.html>



Jean Rose from Good Counsel will share about their Life Saving mission at Saint Leo the Great at all Masses on the weekend of December 6-7.

Good Counsel, founded in 1985 by Christopher Bell and the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel, accepts any homeless, pregnant women and their children providing them with the resources and skills to break the cycle of abuse, addiction and poverty.

Envelopes will be available to support the beautiful moms & babies living in Good Counsel's NJ home.

24/7 National Toll-free Hotline: 1-800-723-8331

Call to donate: **201-795-0637**

Donate at www.goodcounselhomes.org

Post Abortion Help: www.postabortionhelp.org

***HELP GOOD COUNSEL SAVE MOMS...
and they will Save their Babies!***



**PLEASE consider donating to the
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025**

"Fan the Flame of Hope"

Saint Leo's Goal: \$96,000

Pledged: \$69,451

72% of Goal

Average Gift: \$321.53

of Donors: 185 out of 2662 Families

We're seeking participation from our Parish Families. The year is coming to a close soon and we still have over \$25,000 to meet our Diocesan set goal . . .

If everyone of our Parish families gave at least \$10 per family, we would meet it.

Your contribution helps fan the flame of hope across our Diocese. And remember, once we reach our Parish goal, 100% of every dollar donated over goal comes back to support our local Parish Ministries. Join your fellow Parishioners in strengthening both our Diocese and our Parish community. Please consider making your gift today. Go to giveaca.org.



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer
Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and
Retreat House

84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration,
directions and for our other offerings!

All programs will be offered online and in-person unless
otherwise indicated.

ADVENT: LEARNING TO WALK IN THE LIGHT:

Wednesday, **December 3**, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM.
Advent's beginning calls us to be attentive, to wait and
watch, to learn to walk with God and with each other in
the light. Our time will be filled with scripture and song,
silence and shared faith as well as some of the stories of
our lives. Together, we will prepare to encounter the
Christ at Christmas. Donation: \$35, includes lunch.
Zoom: \$20

CHILDLIKE FAITH—BIG THINGS COME IN

SMALL PACKAGES: Monday, **December 8**, 9:30
AM – 1:00 PM. Childlike faith is asking God to help us
in living in true humility, wonder, trust and hope. This
retreat focuses on our Blessed Mother and how these 4
values draw us all deeper into receiving love and giving
love in relationship with God. Retreat will conclude with
Liturgy. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY: Wednesday,
December 10, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Take a day away
from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the
Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis
House for silence, personal prayer, and optional
spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a
brief prayer together. Please bring your lunch.
Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

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Looking for meaningful gifts this Christmas?

Our religious store has something for
everyone! From beautiful Nativity Sets and
devotional books to ornaments, Rosaries, and
Saint-inspired gifts. Stop by and find a gift
that will inspire faith and bring joy to your
loved ones this Advent/Christmas season!



**Religious Store
Hours:**

Tuesday - Thursday
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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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