

April 12, 2026

The Roman Catholic
Community of
SAINT LEO the GREAT

Divine
Mercy

Sunday

Jesus,
I trust
in you.



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

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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*

Directory

Pastoral Center

Parish Center 732-747-5466 - Option 1

Email parish@stleoethegreat.com

Website www.stleoethegreat.com

Saint Leo the Great Early Learning Center

732-333-7362

Email elc@stleoethegreat.com

Director Ms. Junell Wells, BA

Pastoral Staff

<i>Pastor</i>	Reverend John T. Folchetti, D.Min.
<i>Weekend Assistant</i>	Monsignor Cajetan Salemi
<i>Weekend Assistant</i>	Reverend Joseph Tizio, C.Ss.R.
<i>Weekend Assistant</i>	Reverend Anthony Michalik, C.Ss.R.
<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>Receptionist</i>	Mrs. Carol Blaney
<i>Friday Receptionist</i>	Mrs. Joan Gittens

Religious Store

908-770-1989

Email store@stleoethegreat.com

Parish Administration

<i>Director</i>	Mr. Robert A. Pellicone
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<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.saintleoethegreatschool.com

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

Office of Parish Faith Formation

Office 732-747-5466 - Option 2

Email FaithFormation@stleoethegreat.com

<i>Coordinator, 1-8</i>	Ms. Paula DeStefano
<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>	Mrs. Diane Testa, Director
<i>Sacristan</i>	

Catholic Youth Ministry

Director Mrs. Joan M. Kret

Buildings & Grounds



Evangelization & Spiritual Formation

<i>Coordinator of R.C.I.A.</i>	Ms. Paula DeStefano
<i>CLOW</i>	Ms. Paula DeStefano
<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 General Manager</i>	
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	Grand Knight Anthony DiSpirito
<i>Parish Council</i>	Mr. Timothy Andree, Chairperson

Community Outreach

<i>AA - 8:30 a.m. Saturday</i>	
<i>Bereavement Ministry</i>	Ms. Paula DeStefano

Parish Athletic Activities

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



From Father John . . .

My Dear Parish Family,

This past January, I indicated to Bishop O'Connell my intention to retire as the Pastor of Saint Leo the Great Parish. Last week, the Bishop formally accepted my petition to retire as of June 30, 2026. Because it was Holy Week, when we celebrate the central mysteries of our Faith, I felt very strongly that our focus should remain on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. For this reason, I chose to wait until now to share this news. I felt it inappropriate to announce my retirement during Holy Week or on Easter Sunday.

I am going to be celebrating my 80th Birthday this July and have gone beyond the normal retirement age. I am grateful to our Bishop for allowing me to remain and celebrate my 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

The newly appointed Pastor, Father Daniel Swift, who presently serves as the Pastor of Saint Mary of the Lakes, Medford, will assume his ministry here as Pastor on July 1st.

I am so grateful for my time at Saint Leo the Great. It has truly been a blessing. I tried with all my heart to be a "good shepherd". I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for the love you have shown me over these past 17 years.

A special Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. My final public Mass as Pastor of Saint Leo's will be celebrated on Sunday, June 28, 2026. Further details will follow.

May God bless you and keep you. May the Lord let His face shine upon you. May the Lord grant you His peace.

With love,

Handwritten signature of Father John in cursive script.

Father John

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 11

5:30 p.m. --+Ann Brown, r/b Elaine Brasco
+Angelo Stravato, r/b Robert & Ellen Nash

Sunday, April 12

7:00 a.m. --+Christine Brandt, r/b Mary Soyka
+Alice Solantay, r/b Mary & Tom O'Donnell
8:30 a.m. -People of the Parish
+Pasquale Carbone, r/b Chiara Lore
10:00 a.m. --+Tim Lutz, r/b Patricia Lutz
+Peter Dougherty, r/b Margaret Lang
11:30 a.m. --+Margaret Rogalli, r/b Jon & Adrienne Fabozzi
+Maria Vertucci, r/b Koopman Family

Monday, April 13

9:00 a.m. --L/D Leano Family, r/b Aurea Bandilla
I/O Lynne R. Bride, r/b Patricia Brokken

Tuesday, April 14

9:00 a.m. --+Rochelle Lore, r/b Chiara Lore
+Barbara Cookson, r/b Tracey Bisazza

Wednesday, April 15

9:00 a.m. --+Thomas & Nora Quinlan
Souls in Purgatory, r/b Mary Soyka

Thursday, April 16

9:00 a.m. --+Philip Gittens, r/b Gittens Family

Friday, April 17

9:00 a.m. --+Ann Brown, r/b Madeline Normoyle

Saturday, April 18

8:00 a.m. --No 8:00 a.m. Mass
5:30 p.m. --+Florencia Mona Soriano, r/b Estrella Padama
+Mary Anne Dowling, r/b Louise & Jay Krall

Sunday, April 19

7:00 a.m. --+Salvatore A. Ballarino, r/b Fran & John Merlino
Souls in Purgatory, r/b Mary Soyka
8:30 a.m. --+Rev. Raul Angulo, r/b M/M Manuel Jimenez Fam.
+Mario, Helen, Mario Jr. Trombetta, r/b M/M James Pietrofesa
10:00 a.m. -People of the Parish
+Deborah Meneguzzo, r/b Louise & Jay Krall
11:30 a.m. --+Victoria Kozlow, r/b M/M James Cracchiolo
+Bridget J. Rafferty, r/b Flanagan Family

ALTAR SERVERS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

April 18th
9:30 a.m.

J Dorfler, C. Sams, 1 Needed

11:30 a.m.

A. Gardiner, M. Nolan, 1 Needed

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 - April 18/19

Please arrive 15 minutes early.

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

Mass	5:30 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	C. Hammer	P. Grillo	P. Hicks	T. Kinsella	E. Prefer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	M. Centrone A. Ryan	<i>D. Nason</i>	A. Grimm S. Portera	J. Cizin S. Tan	C. Flamenbaum M. Lang
Altar Servers	A. Gardiner I. Russo R. Importico	TWO NEEDED	K. Mannarino C. Mannarino B. Hughes	J. Dorfler F. DePalma S. Romano	M. Alfonso O. Alfonso A. Nesci
CLOW			J. Naughton J. Sprake	E. Grimaldi S. Grimaldi E. DeMaio	

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY, April 13

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**
10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer / Chapel
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Mtg / MR



TUESDAY, April 14

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**
4:30 p.m. Rel Ed Grades 1-6 / School
5:45 p.m. Rel Ed Grades 7-8 / School
7:30 p.m. Baptism Preparation Class / MR

WEDNESDAY, April 15

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, April 16

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



FRIDAY, April 17

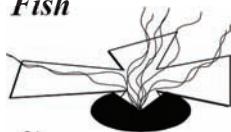
8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**

**2nd Collection for Loaves & Fish
this weekend**

SATURDAY, April 18

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

8:15 a.m. Feed A Friend / Café
9:30 a.m. First Communion Grp 1 / Church
11:30 a.m. First Communion Grp 2 / Church
4:30 p.m. Confessions / Church
5:30 p.m. Mass / **Church**



SUNDAY, April 19

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



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

Remember Our Deceased, especially Stephen Gisondi, Carl Rathemacher

Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families

Welcome!



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.



Around the Diocese

CATHOLIC COUNSELING AND COACHING:

Looking for a mental health practice that supports your beliefs? Integrated Hearts Counseling and Consultation offers a full range of therapeutic offerings through the lens of the Catholic vision of the person. Unique coaching offerings also include young adults, pre-engagement, engagement & marriage. Visit www.ihccnj.com to flourish in the way that God intends for you.

HAYDEN CONCERT: Society of St. Cecilia at the Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua, Red Bank, presents their Spring Offering - A Haydn Concert featuring Missa Temporalis Belli and Symphony No 92 on Friday, April 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Oratory Church, 27 Oratory Way (use Chestnut St. Entrance), 732-747-0813. Free Will Offering. Church is handicapped accessible.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER - WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME ONE:

If you've got time, empathy, and compassion, you have the ability to support those nearing end of life. If you have been searching for meaningful ways to spend your time, we invite you to explore the role of hospice volunteer with VNA Health Group. Companionship visits in patient's homes or facilities in Monmouth or Middlesex Counties, administrative projects, or comforting phone calls from our Neptune office, are just some of the ways in which our volunteers support patients and their families. A Specialized 16-hour Training will be provided by members of the VNA Hospice Team, over the course of 3 weeks. **For more information please contact: Pauline De Palma, BSW Director Volunteer Services (732) 224-6933, 3600 Route 66, Neptune NJ 07753**

MARIS STELLA RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER:

7201 Long Beach Blvd., PO Box 3135 Harvey Cedars, NJ 08008 609.494.1152 Silent Directed/Private Retreat, **June 8-14**. Preached Retreat "When People Get in the Way of Loving God" Learning to love in a hostile world, **June 15-21**. Preached Retreat "Encountering Jesus: remembrance and Renewal, **June 22-28**. For details and registration visit www.marisstella.org. Space is limited.

RED BANK CATHOLIC SPRING OPEN HOUSE:

April 21st from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join us and learn about RBC's academic program, athletics, performing arts, campus ministry and student life. This event will include a campus tour, student panel discussion and the opportunity to meet administration, faculty and coaches. Register today at RedBankCatholic.org/admissions

NEW JERSEY Catholic Mental Health CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE
**SATURDAY
MAY 2, 2026
8:30AM - 3:15PM**

From Isolation to Belonging: Mental Health and the Catholic Church

A statewide gathering to strengthen understanding, compassion, and pastoral support for those facing mental health struggles.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Most Reverend Bishop John P. Dolan, Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix is well known for his leadership in mental health initiatives, his commitment to education and advocacy, and his efforts to integrate mental health support into the fabric of the Catholic Church on a local and global scale.



ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS



CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN
C.S.B., D.D.
Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass



BETH HLASE
Program Director
Notre Dame
Fiat Program on Faith & Mental Health



BEN WORTHAM
VP Behavioral Health Integration
Catholic Charities USA



DEACON ED SHOENER
Founder
International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- CLERGY/RELIGIOUS
- PARISH LEADERS
- MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
- EDUCATORS
- MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
- AND ALL seeking deeper understanding of mental health and how the Church can respond.



SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026
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MINISTRARE NON MINISTRARI

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Diocese of Trenton has been blessed with hundreds of wonderful priests throughout the last two centuries. To continue these blessings, I am announcing a **Called By Name** campaign for next weekend, **April 25 & 26**. *Fittingly, that weekend is also Good Shepherd Weekend.*

As your Bishop, I am asking you to prayerfully reflect on anyone that you may have encountered in the parish, at home, or even yourself, who you think may have a vocational call to the priesthood. Throughout the Diocese next weekend, our priests will be preaching on vocations and the call to the priesthood. Cards will be distributed throughout the pews and churches which will enable you to nominate or recommend a young man, with his contact information, whom you think might be called to the priesthood.

After gathering all the submitted names and contact information, the Vocations Office will reach out to them and invite them to a special day of prayer and reflection on June 12, the Solemn Feast of the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, to open their hearts and minds to God's potential call to the priesthood. This initiative is near and dear to my own heart. While I was President of Catholic University, this campaign proved to be effective in leading many young men to enter the seminary and eventually to be ordained. I invite you to prayerfully participate in this holy effort.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,

David M. O'Connell, C.M.

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
Bishop of Trenton



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BINGO NIGHT!

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING!

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM
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GOLF OUTING

Saint Leo the Great Athletic Association

2026 Annual Golf Classic • Four Man Scramble
Monday, May 18 2026

Suneagles Golf Course
2000 Lowther Drive Eatontown NJ 07724

Registration: 7:30 AM • Breakfast: 8 AM – 9 AM • Tee Off: 9 AM • Lunch: To Follow Cost:
\$340 Per Person* Includes: Greens Fees • Golf Cart • Beverages* Breakfast • Lulu

• Online Registering only at: <https://www.stleothegreat.com/golf>
Mail/Drop off checks to: Saint Leo the Great, Attn: Anthony Biancaniello, 550 Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft, NJ 07738
Any questions, please call/text Anthony Biancaniello at 732-921-2175 or Tom Gioia at 732-233-6321

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- Platinum Gift Table Sponsor - \$5,000 (includes foursome)
- Platinum Food Sponsor - \$5,000 (includes foursome)
- Platinum Beverage (course & Lunch) Sponsor - \$4,000 (includes foursome)
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- Cigar Sponsor (Cortez hand rolled cigars) - \$1,000
- Silver Sponsor - \$500
- Hole Sponsor (with sign) - \$200

Thank you!

* Putting Contest * Longest Drive * Closest to the Pin *
* Prizes * Awards * Auction * Raffles * 50/50 *



We Need YOU!!!

Volunteers are needed for our Faith Formation Summer Religious

Education Session - July 6th through July 17th from 8:30am to 11:30am. Needed are rising 7th, 8th and High School students to assist with classes. However, to be successful we need Catechists! Please consider sharing your Faith with the children of Saint Leo the Great.

For information, please contact Paula DeStefano at 732-747-5466 option 2. or email faithformation@stleothegreat.com.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2026

LOVE that Strengthens

JOY that Sustains

Saint Leo's Goal: \$86,000

Pledged to Date: \$27,318

Donors - 101

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Joan Kret, Youth Minister

Our Rummage Sale has come and gone, but not the memories or the people who benefited from it. Parishioners were able to donate things they did not need and families in need were able to shop for free.

Thank you for cleaning out your closets. Your extras became someone else's essentials!

Below are some of the charitable organizations that sent families to shop for free.

Monmouth Day Care
Salvation Army
United Methodist Pantry
Birthright

Clara's Closet
Catholic Charities
Calico Cat
Alena and Ricardo

There were many local charitable organizations that came and took everything that was left over to support their families and their mission.

Love Inc
Sylvias Children
Vincents Legacy
St. Peter's Thrift Shop
United War Veterans
Veterans

Lincroft Fire House
SPCA
Calico Cat
St. Ann's Project Paul
American War

Trust in Divine Mercy



*Trust Him,
He will feed the hungry.
Trust Him,
He will quench the thirst.
Trust Him,
He will clothe the naked.
Trust Him,
He has loved us first.
Trust Him,
He will guard the homeless.
Trust Him,
He will calm the jailed.
Trust Him,
He will visit the sick.
Trust Him,
when all else has failed.
Trust Him,
He will raise the dead.
Trust Him,
In His merciful way.
Trust Him,
He is working through you to carry out
His plan today.*

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Second Sunday of Easter or
Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 12, 2026**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice... Although you have not seen him you love him...as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”



A very long sentence from the pen of Saint Peter, on this Divine Mercy Sunday. As we look back to the events of the passion, death and resurrection, we should, in the words of Peter, keep our eyes ‘fixed on Jesus’, looking forward to the promised gift of salvation. The gift comes to us only through

the mercy and love of God. May I repeat the simple prayer of the pilgrim ‘Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner.’

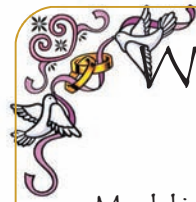
PRO-LIFE CORNER +

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we are reminded that life is God's greatest gift to us.

The Resurrection is a powerful witness that life triumphs over death, hope over despair.

Let us continue to cherish and protect every human life - from the unborn to the elderly-seeing in each person the image of Christ.

May we be people who bring life, love and compassion to all.



Wedding Banns

April 30, 2026

Maddison Stein & Nicholas Gray

Daily Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

**POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR
APRIL**

For Priests in crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

A VOCATION VIEW . . .

It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 19, 2026**

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ “took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them.” Then they recognized Christ and their “hearts burned within them.”

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Every man is called to holiness. Every man is on a journey to get there — to know, love and imitate Jesus, so he can be a more faithful husband, father, friend and brother to the ones he loves. Let's do it together.

Knights Serve the Most Vulnerable

When Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights, he gave them a principle to live by: charity. We take that mandate seriously, which is why **100% of your donation to Knights of Columbus Charities goes to aid those we serve — never to overhead.** It's why we use business profitability to fuel charitable impact around the world. And it's why our members heroically serve their brothers and sisters in need like the Knights they've sworn to be.

Practice Charity as a Knight

Without Knights on the ground, coats would never be distributed to the children who need them. Without volunteer council leaders plugged into their local communities, we would not be able to distribute emergency aid efficiently and effectively after natural disasters. In countless ways, Knights are the hands and feet of Christ, serving the most vulnerable. It's men like you who help us put charity into action.

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