

Pentecost

May 24, 2026

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



*Worship with us!*

“Whose sins you forgive  
are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain  
are retained.”

JN20:23

**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

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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](mailto:parish@stleothegreat.com)

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

**Directory**

**Saint Leo the Great Early Learning Center**

732-333-7362

Email [elc@stleothegreat.com](mailto:elc@stleothegreat.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                  |

**Parish Administration**

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Director</i>                | Mr. Robert A. Pellicone |
| <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](http://www.saintleothegreatschool.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@stleothegreat.com](mailto:FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com)

|                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Coordinator, 1-8</i>         | Ms. Paula DeStefano    |
| <i>Administrative Assistant</i> | Mrs. Karen Ann Lenahan |

**Worship & Liturgical Ministries**

*Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors*

|              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Moderator    | Deacon Edward Wilson       |
| Sacred Music | Mrs. Diane Testa, Director |
| Sacristan    | Mr. Ariel A.               |

**Catholic Youth Ministry**

Director Mrs. Joan M. Kret

**Buildings & Grounds**



**Religious Store**

908-770-1989

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

**Evangelization & Spiritual Formation**

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Coordinator of O.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> | Grand Knight Anthony DiSpirito  |
| <i>Knights of Columbus</i>      | Mr. Timothy Andree, Chairperson |
| <i>Parish Council</i>           |                                 |

**Community Outreach**

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

**Parish Athletic Activities**

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Director &amp; 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)

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday, May 23**

5:30 p.m. --Marie Figueroa, r/b Crupi Family  
 +Robert Wilson, r/b Wilson and Rizzo Families

**Sunday, May 24**

7:00 a.m. --Thomas & Nora Quinlan  
 +Lynne Renard, r/b Rich & Anna Markovich  
 8:30 a.m. --Lawrence W. Fagel, r/b Lotosky Family  
 +Bill & Rena Trombetta, r/b James & Jenny Pietrofesa  
 10:00 a.m. -People in the Parish  
 +Canavan Family, r/b Rose Canavan  
 11:30 a.m. --Peter Dougherty, r/b Gloria & Chip Harter  
 +Kenneth Pickle, r/b Koury Family

**Monday, May 25**

9:00 a.m. --Pasqualina Marotta, r/b Raviele Family  
 +Corrine Dorsi, r/b Aurea Bandilla

**Tuesday, May 26**

9:00 a.m. --Peggy Schleimer, r/b Paula DeStefano

**Wednesday, May 27**

9:00 a.m. --Jack O'Shea, r/b Colleen Esposito

**Thursday, May 28**

9:00 a.m. --Leigh Tylucki, r/b Lori & Paul Zimmerman  
 +Francois Willy Lezeau, r/b Patrick & Evelyne Lezeau

**Friday, May 29**

9:00 a.m. --Antonio G. Raviele, r/b Raviele Family  
 +Mariateresa Libretti, r/b Raviele Family


**Saturday, May 30**

8:00 a.m. -Souls in Purgatory, r/b Mary Soyka  
 5:30 p.m. - I/O Rev. John T. Folchetti

**Sunday, May 31**

7:00 a.m. --Peggy Schleimer, r/b SLG Faith Formation Office  
 +John Steinhauer, r/b Frances & Charles Luthy Family  
 8:30 a.m. --A. Mark Wargo, r/b Roberta & Tom McKenna  
 +Elizabeth McCann, r/b Kathy Falcone  
 10:00 a.m. --Donna Shashaty, r/b Carol & Russ Rizzo  
 +Martin Cid, r/b Zega Family  
 11:30 a.m. -People of the Parish  
 +Marie Ann Mammano, r/b Zani 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.

| <b>Liturgical Assignments - May 30/31</b>                                                                           |                                                                                     |                           |                                         |                                           |                                                                                       |
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| <i>Please arrive 15 minutes early.</i>                                                                              |                                                                                     |                           |                                         |                                           |                                                                                       |
| <i>If you are unable to serve at the time scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. Thank you!</i> |                                                                                     |                           |                                         |                                           |                                                                                       |
| <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>                                                                     |
| <b>Lectors</b>                                                                                                      |                                                                                     | J. Sharkey                | J. Sharkey                              | T. Kinsella                               | E. Prefer                                                                             |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>                                                                    | FATHER<br><br>JOHN'S                                                                | M. Centrone               | J. Bodnar<br>D. Nason                   | K. McCarthy<br>J. Cizin                   | J. Krall<br>C. Flamenbaum                                                             |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                                                                                | MASS                                                                                | A. Gardiner<br>M. Condron | B. Hughes<br>T. Tellitocci<br>M. Bodnar | A. Doehner<br>C. Doehner<br>O. Komorowski | M. Alfonso<br>O. Alfonso<br>N. Foti                                                   |
| <b>CLOW</b>                                                                                                         |  |                           | M. DelPriore<br>N. Gray                 | J. Naughton<br>R. Gana<br><b>1 Needed</b> |  |

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY, May 25

MEMORIAL DAY / Parish Center Closed

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel

9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel



TUESDAY, May 26

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel

9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel



WEDNESDAY, May 27

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel

9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal / Church

THURSDAY, May 28

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel

9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel



FRIDAY, May 29

8:00 a.m. Exposition / Chapel

9:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel

SATURDAY, May 30

8:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel

8:15 a.m. Feed A Friend / Café

4:30 p.m. Confessions / Church

5:30 p.m. Mass for Father John's Retirement  
Ticket required for entrance to the Church

SUNDAY, May 31

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



Celebrating the  
Birthday of  
the Church



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 Liz Barrella

Remember Our Newly Baptized, Aria Josephine Leider, Vincenzo Joseph Messina, Lily Gene Romano

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.*



# Saint Leo the Great Carnival

Tuesday,  
**June 9th**  
through Friday,  
**June 12th**

**ONLY 2 Weeks Away!**

**Pre-Sale Discounted Tickets and  
UNLIMITED Bracelets**



may be purchased online **ONLY** by scanning the QR code above  
or go to <https://stleothegreat.com/carnival> and click on the button  
**No IN-PERSON Pre-Sale Discounted Tickets are available this year**

**MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED  
TO MAKE THIS A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL EVENT**

Join us for a GREAT time!

**Volunteer at <https://stleothegreat.com/carnival>**

**Sponsor Opportunities **ARE STILL available**  
[stleothegreat.com/sponsor-opportunities](https://stleothegreat.com/sponsor-opportunities)**

**Get your 50/50s!!!**

\$10 each or a book of 12 for \$100 (TWO FREE!)

**Scan the QR Code to the right or go to**

**<https://stleothegreat.com/50-50>**



Also available for purchase at the Carnival up until 9pm on June 12th.

## Around the Diocese

**GOLF OUTING:** St. Catherine Labouré, Middletown. Join us for a day on the greens to benefit St. Catherine Labouré Church! Our annual Golf Outing takes place on **Monday, August 3** at Pebble Creek Golf Club, Rt 537, Colts Neck. Individual Golfer: **\$200** | Foursome: **\$800**. Register at [StCatherineGolf.com](http://StCatherineGolf.com). Sponsorships are also available, contact the Parish Office for details.

**HOSPICE VOLUNTEER - WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME ONE:** 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 patients' homes or facilities in Monmouth County, administrative projects, or comforting phone calls from our Neptune office are just some of the ways to support patients and their families. Training provided on 3 consecutive Mondays: **June 1, 8, 15** - 10am - 3pm. Advanced registration is required. *Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions.* 3600 Route 66, FL 4 Neptune. To register or for more information please contact: Pauline De Palma, BSW Director Volunteer Services 732-224-6933.

**LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS:** The Diocese of Metuchen is sponsoring a **Life-Giving Wounds Retreat** on **July 11**. Life-Giving Wounds ministers to adult children of divorce through retreats and small groups. Participants do not need to be engaged or married in order to attend this event. For those that are, the program is designed for those who have experienced the divorce of their parents and Life-Giving Wounds is currently working on programs for their spouses. For detailed information please visit: <https://diometuchen.org/events/life-giving-wounds-2026>

**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](http://www.marisstella.org). Space is limited.

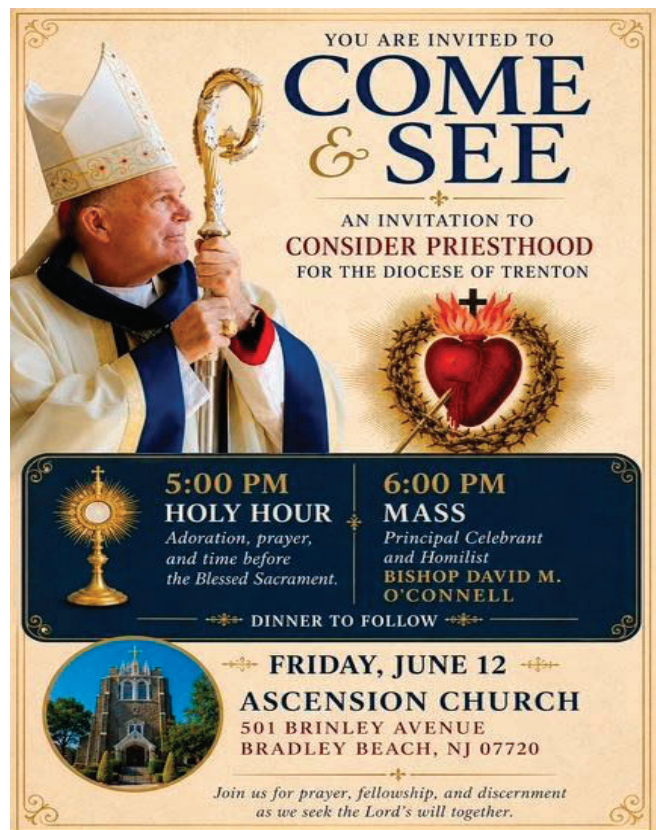
**MARRIAGE UNCORKED:** Saturday, **June 13th**, we're inviting our "newlywed" couples, those married **5 years or less**, to join us for *Marriage Uncorked*. This event is taking place at *Crossing Vineyard*, just over the river in Pennsylvania, designed to help couples grow in love for their spouse and the vocation of marriage, while enjoying an afternoon at a vineyard sampling wine and food. For

more information or to register, please visit: [https://DOT\\_Marriage\\_Uncorked.eventbrite.com](https://DOT_Marriage_Uncorked.eventbrite.com)

**POST-CANA WORKSHOP FOR MARRIED COUPLES:** Looking to strengthen your marriage? Couples married from 1 to 5 years are invited to attend the first "Post-Cana Workshop" to build on skills learned during marriage preparation on **June 20th** at St. Anselm Church, Tinton Falls. Topics covered will include friendship, spirituality, Catholic parenting and more! To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/post-cana-marriage-workshop-registration-1984999447783>

**WORLD YOUTH DAY: SEOUL, Korea, Travel Date: August 1-10, 2027.** All Young Adult Catholics are invited to join the global celebration of *World Youth Day* with the Holy Father in Seoul, Korea in August 2027! Find more information about World Youth Day <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/wyd2027>

**YOUNG ADULT SERVICE & SOCIAL:** Sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton. **June 6th**, 9am to 2pm. Vincent's Legacy Warehouse. 2201 Marconi Rd, Wall Township. Meet other Catholic Young Adults, Community Service, Hang out and have lunch. <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/serviceandsocial>



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
**COME & SEE**  
AN INVITATION TO  
CONSIDER PRIESTHOOD  
FOR THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

**5:00 PM HOLY HOUR**  
Adoration, prayer,  
and time before  
the Blessed Sacrament.

**6:00 PM MASS**  
Principal Celebrant  
and Homilist  
**BISHOP DAVID M.  
O'CONNELL**

DINNER TO FOLLOW

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**  
**ASCENSION CHURCH**  
501 BRINLEY AVENUE  
BRADLEY BEACH, NJ 07720

Join us for prayer, fellowship, and discernment  
as we seek the Lord's will together.



**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.

**WE WANT YOU ON OUR TEAM**

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 Parish.

For information, please contact Paula DeStefano-732-747-5466 Option 2. or email [faithformation@stleothegreat.com](mailto:faithformation@stleothegreat.com).



*Joan Kret, Youth Minister*

**IGNITE Youth Group**

**SAVE THE DATE**

The date for the Diocesan Youth Conference is set! **February 6, 2027**, right here in Red Bank at RBC!

Be sure to be join us THERE!



**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER**

Memorial Day is a sacred time to pause, remember, and honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to their country. This day invites us to pray for the souls of the fallen, comfort grieving families, and seek God's mercy and eternal peace for those who served with courage and love.

Heavenly Father, we lift up in prayer today our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, sacrificing their own lives for the protection and safety of others. We are grateful for their service. May they inspire us to live selflessly in our own lives, as Christ calls us to do.

In Jesus's name we pray.  
 Amen.

**"UNDEE SUNDAY"**

June 13/14  
 Sponsored by SLG Social Concerns Ministry



Place in bins in the Church

SLG Social Concerns Ministry will be collecting **NEW** underwear, t-shirts and socks for needy members of our community who are lacking even the basic necessities of life. Adult and children's sizes are needed.



Donations will be given to Calico Cat, Middletown and The Center, Asbury Park

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**HIS WORD TODAY**

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Pentecost Sunday  
May 24, 2026**

“Thus says the Lord: I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters will prophecy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions, even upon the servants and the handmaids, in those days, I will pour out my spirit”... “In the same way the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.”



We can spend our time recalling the Pentecost event in Jerusalem and the effect it produced for the first followers of Jesus. It provides the answer to the question ‘How did our church get its start?’ After two thousand years it is the same Holy Spirit present to us today, filling us,

guiding us, in the way of salvation.

What is the difference? We often fail to call upon the Spirit to give life to our faith, to guide us in His way, to touch the lives of our needy world. When we pray for the Holy Spirit, we affirm that it is the Spirit who will renew the face of the earth. We are the instruments God wishes to use to let this happen.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER +**

As we gather this Memorial Day weekend to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country, we also remember the sacredness of every human life.

May we work to build a culture that values and protects life at every stage — the unborn, the poor, the lonely, the sick, and the aged. Let us be instruments of peace, mercy, and hope in our families and communities.



**Wedding Banns**

June 6, 2026

Megan Zaccardo & Anthony Saliba

**Daily Readings for the Week**

**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52

**Friday:** 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33

*All were made  
to drink  
of the one Spirit*



**A VOCATION VIEW . . .**



"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. And they are active, if we utilize them for the building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
May 31, 2026**

**First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9**

The Lord appears to Moses on Mount Sinai and proclaims to him that he Lord is a “merciful God...slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.”

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to live in peace and harmony, and for the first time, invokes the Blessed Trinity.

**Gospel: John 3:16-18**

In this beautiful passage, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God loved his people so much that he “gave his only son.” Jesus reveals to Nicodemus that anyone who believes in him will not die but will enjoy life with him for all eternity.

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## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

### **“A Way Forward”**

*“Blessed are they that mourn  
for they shall be comforted”  
~ Matthew 5:4*

The loss of a loved one is never easy.

We can become overwhelmed by our feelings of loss and grief. Planning a funeral, taking care of financial or other details can be a temporary distraction. The family and friends that surround us at first eventually return to their lives, leaving many alone in their grief. Saint Leo the Great Bereavement Ministry would like to offer **“A Way Forward”**.

We will be holding *a six-week guided grief session* for adults.

**Our next session will be held  
starting June 25th at 6:00 p.m.**

held in the Parish Center, 50 Hurleys Ln

These sessions will provide a safe space to share what you are experiencing with others who are also grieving the loss of a loved one. This is not therapy. Our hope is that by providing a safe and prayerful space we can accompany you on your journey.

If you need to speak with a Bereavement Minister, or if you have any questions, please email [PaulaDestefano@stleothegreat.com](mailto:PaulaDestefano@stleothegreat.com) or call her at [732-747-5466](tel:732-747-5466) Option 2

Please sign up at  
[stleothegreat.com/bereavement-support](http://stleothegreat.com/bereavement-support)

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2026**

**LOVE** that  
**Strengthens**

**JOY** that  
**Sustains**

### **Saint Leo’s Goal: \$86,000**

Our Parish goal is **\$86,000**.  
Already **128** families have pledged **\$38,484**,  
which helps us off to a strong start,  
but we have a long way to go . . .

#### **Your Gift Makes a Difference**

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we live out Christ’s command to love one another by supporting ministries that bring His compassion to every corner of our Diocese.

#### **Your generosity:**

- strengthens families and parish life,
- forms future clergy and faith leaders,
- guides children and young adults in discipleship,
- provides hope and care to those facing hardship

Together, we share a love that strengthens and a joy that sustains — transforming lives through the mission we carry out as one Catholic family.

Please consider joining us early in this year’s Appeal by making your gift today online at [giveaca.org](http://giveaca.org).

Thank you for your continued generosity!



**Knights of  
Columbus**

## **ESSAY CONTEST**

One of the events that the Knights of Columbus Father McGivney Council #6392 sponsors each year is an ***Eighth Grade Student’s Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest***. This year there were 61 candidate essays submitted on the topic of **“Out of the**

**267 Popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite and why?”**. It gave us great pleasure to read each of their submittals. Each essay’s content warmed the hearts of the judges by demonstrating that the leaders of tomorrow recognize the critical importance of this topic and can express their thoughts so eloquently.

Each of the entries were read by members of our Council and judged based on Content (How clearly the theme was presented), Grammar (How well is the essay written with respect to sentence structure, paragraph construction, and spelling) and Style (Did the essay show creativity, imagination, and development of the topic in a compelling way). Points for these scoring criteria were assigned to each candidate and the top five finisher’s scores differed by less than seven total points. The winning essays have been sent to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services for entry into the next tier of competition.

The three winners in the 2025 Knights of Columbus Father McGivney Council # 6392 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest are:

**Katherine Britton**

**Margaux Oxley**

**Meghan Moran**

**Congratulations on a job well done!**

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**OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER:** Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center & Retreat House, 84 Walnford Rd, Allentown, NJ. 609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

**SPRING CLEANING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

Thursday, May 28, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Spring is the perfect time to refresh not only our homes and gardens, but our spiritual lives as well. Spend the afternoon with the Holy Spirit as we “dust off” His gifts and discover how they are alive within us. Enjoy quiet moments of personal prayer and guided reflection, as together we open ourselves to grace, clarity, and renewal. Donation: \$25, with lunch; Zoom \$20.

**THE CHALLENGE OF WAITING: IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM.**

Wednesday, June 3, 9:30 AM – Noon. If you are challenged by having to wait for God, others, and circumstances, please join us! We will open our hearts to the wisdom of Scripture, Teilhard, Merton and Hildegard so we can discover the peace that comes from praying, waiting, and trusting in God. Donation: \$25.

**THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD: IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM.**

Friday, June 5, 9:30 AM – Noon. Brother Lawrence had the knack of teaching us how to stay close to God when we are “not praying.” So many people notice that they lose focus during the day as the demands of everyday life capture them. How can we be more attentive? Donation: \$25.

**PERSONAL RETREAT DAY: IN-PERSON ONLY.**

Wednesday, June 10, 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.

**DRAWN TO GOD THROUGH CREATION: IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM.**

Wednesday, June 17, 9:30 AM – Noon. Come and enjoy the awesome beauty, deep serenity, joy, excitement and gratitude creation can give you as it leads you into the heart of God.. Donation: \$25.



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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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