

October 11, 2026



# St. Leo the Great

## Catholic Church and School

*We Make Missionary Disciples*  
50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft NJ 07738



*Worship with us!*

*“Many are invited,  
but few  
are chosen.”*

MT 22:14

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.

#### DAILY MASSES:

Monday through Saturday, 9:00 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.

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY**

through

**FRIDAY**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

### Religious Store

908-770-1989  
Email [store@stleothegreat.com](mailto:store@stleothegreat.com)

### Pastoral Staff

|                     |                                                                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pastor              | Reverend Daniel F. Swift                                                       |
| Email               | <a href="mailto:father_dan@stleothegreat.com">father_dan@stleothegreat.com</a> |
| Weekend Assistant   | Monsignor Cajetan Salemi                                                       |
| Weekend Assistant   | Reverend Joseph Tizio, C.Ss.R.                                                 |
| Weekend Assistant   | Reverend Anthony Michalik, C.Ss.R.                                             |
| Deacon              | Mr. Edward H. Wilson                                                           |
| Deacon              | Mr. John Senkewicz                                                             |
| Parish Trustee      | Mr. Simon Bosco                                                                |
| Parish Trustee      | Mrs. Mara Pellish-Maghan                                                       |
| Executive Assistant | Ms. Julie C. Olski                                                             |
| Receptionist        | Mrs. Carol Blaney                                                              |

### Parish Administration

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Business Administrator  | Mrs. Colleen Esposito |
| Bookkeeper              | Mrs. Sharon Kreft     |
| Bursar                  | Mrs. Melissa DePalma  |
| Human Resources/Payroll | Mrs. Siobhan Smith    |

### Pastoral Ministries

#### Saint Leo the Great School

School 732-741-3133  
Website [www.saintleothegreatschool.com](http://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 3  
Email [FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com](mailto:FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com)

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

### Worship & Liturgical Ministries

|                                            |                               |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors |                               |
| Moderator                                  | Deacon Edward Wilson          |
| Sacred Music                               | Mrs. Irina Robinson, Director |

### Catholic Youth Ministry

|          |                  |
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| Director | Ms. Grace Huegel |
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### Buildings & Grounds

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Director of Operations | Ms. Susan Dennebaum |
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### Evangelization & Spiritual Formation

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Coordinator of O.C.I.A. | Ms. Paula DeStefano |
| CLOW                    | Ms. Paula DeStefano |
| Reflection for Women    | Mrs. Patricia Hicks |

### Christian Service Ministries

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Social Concerns           |                        |
| Coordinator               | Deacon John Senkewicz, |
| Lunch Break/Feed A Friend | Mrs. Eileen Scoles     |

### Parish Organizations

|                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Knights of Columbus | Grand Knight Anthony DiSpirito |
| Parish Council      |                                |

### Community Outreach

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| AA - 8:30 a.m. Saturday |                     |
| Bereavement Ministry    | Ms. Paula DeStefano |

### Parish Athletic Activities

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Director & Coordinator   | Mr. Anthony Biancaniello |
| SLG Athletic Association |                          |



#### 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)

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 11, 2026



### Saturday, October 10

5:30 p.m. --+James Divers, r/b Occhipinti Family  
+Kevin Fleming, r/b Crupi Family

### Sunday, October 11

7:00 a.m. --+Holy Souls in Purgatory, r/b Mary Soyka  
+Frank Philip Caroselli, r/b Mary Soyka  
8:30 a.m. --+Philip Gittens, r/b Gittens Family  
+Carmine & Christine Pietrofesa, r/b James & Jenny Pietrofesa  
10:00 a.m. --People of the Parish  
+John G. Hall, r/b Julie Hall  
+Michael Giordano, Patrick DeSan  
11:30 a.m. --+Robert Wilson, r/b Wilson & Rizzo Families  
+Judy Hallisay, r/b Hallisay Family

### Monday, October 12

9:00 a.m. --Holy Souls in Purgatory, r/b Mary Soyka  
+Nicole Hogan, r/b Zimmerman Family

### Tuesday, October 13

9:00 a.m. --+William Gurkas, r/b Denise Hines

### Wednesday, October 14

9:00 a.m. --+Reverend Joseph M. Quinlan  
+Josephine Cracchiolo, r/b Mr. & Mrs. J. Cracchiolo

### Thursday, October 15

9:00 a.m. --+Tim Lutz, r/b Patricia Lutz  
+Cosmo & Jennie Carlucci, r/b Occhipinti Family

### Friday, October 16

9:00 a.m. --+Nick & Maureen Parlotti

### Saturday, October 17

9:00 a.m. -- Holy Souls in Purgatory, r/b Mary Soyka  
5:30 p.m. +Ava Pellicone, r/b Bob & Rita Pellicone  
+James Divers, r/b Pat Lutz

### Sunday, October 18

7:00 a.m. --+James Divers, r/b Art & Anne Germain  
Holy Souls in Purgatory, r/b Mary Soyka  
8:30 a.m. --+Bonnie Krynicki, r/b Zani Family  
+Melkys de Cespedes, r/b Manuel & Graciella Jimenez Family  
10:00 a.m. --+Geraldine Monahan, r/b Monahan/Mazzaccaro Families  
+SLG Bereavement Group Families, r/b Paula DeStefano  
11:30 a.m. --People of the Parish  
+James Mallozzi, r/b Andrea & Ron Clearie

### Church ~ Tabernacle Vigil Light

Week of October 12th

### In Memory of

Michael J. Giordano

### Requested by:

Ellen & Linda Messina



### ARRANGEMENTS OF FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

The two beautiful flower arrangements  
gracing the Altar today are placed



### *In Memory of*

Matthew J. Penney

### *Requested by*

Dr. Robert & Yolanda Penney

*If you would like to request Altar Flowers in memory, honor,  
or celebration of a loved one, the donation is*

**\$75 for two Altar Arrangements.**

*Please stop by the Parish Center Office to reserve your date.*

### Liturgical Assignments - October 17/18

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! (*Italicized names are swap requested*)

| Mass                                             | 5:30 p.m.                                                                           | 7:00 a.m.                                                      | 8:30 a.m.                                      | 10:00 a.m.                                       | 11:30 a.m.                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lectors</b>                                   | T. Lozzi                                                                            | J. Sharkey                                                     | C. Aldridge                                    | C. Hammer                                        | M. Potenziani                                                                         |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | M. McGee<br>S. Tan<br>M. Sparber<br>1 Needed                                        | C. Shibles<br>D. Nason<br>T. O'Donnell<br>J. Smith<br>1 Needed | J. Bodnar<br>S. Portera<br>C. Lore<br>A. Grimm | M. McGee<br>A. Fernandez<br>T. Dogas<br>S. Smith | T. Waters<br>J. Waters<br>M. Koury<br><b>1 Needed</b>                                 |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                             | I. Russo<br>L. Wilson<br>M. Miceli                                                  | B. Shibles<br>C. Shibles<br>A. Gardiner                        | M. Bodnar<br>K. Bodnar<br>B. Hughes            | K. Smith<br>O. Komorowski<br>J. Dorfler          | O. Alfonso<br>M. Alfonso<br>S. Morales                                                |
| <b>CLOW</b>                                      |  |                                                                | P. Hicks<br>M. O'Donnell                       | P. DeStefano<br>E. DeMaio<br><b>1 Needed</b>     |  |

## THIS WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### MONDAY, October 12 - **COLUMBUS DAY**

**Parish Center & School Closed**

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

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

6:30 p.m. Marcan Discipleship / **CHURCH**



### TUESDAY, October 13

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

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

4:30 p.m. Religious Ed Grades 1-6 / **School**

5:45 p.m. Religious Ed Grades 7-8 / **School**

7:30 p.m. Baptism Preparation Class / **MR**



### WEDNESDAY, October 14

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

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

**1:30 p.m. Anointing Mass / CHURCH**

6:00 p.m. Advancement Council / **PC**

6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal / **Church**

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

7:00 p.m. Ignite Student Leadership Mtg / **PC**



### THURSDAY, October 15

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

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

7:00 p.m. OCIA / **MR**

### FRIDAY, October 16

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

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

7:00 p.m. Ignite Movie Night / **PC**



**2nd Collection this weekend for  
World Mission Sunday / Loaves & Fishes**

### SATURDAY, October 17

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

8:15 a.m. Feed A Friend / **Café**

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

4:30 p.m. Confessions / **Church**

5:30 p.m. Mass / **Church**



### SUNDAY, October 18 - **World Mission Sunday**

**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

#### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

The 2nd Collection we take up helps extend the Church's missionary work to places where the Church barely exists, where the Gospel has never been heard before and where the Church is too young, too persecuted or too poor to sustain herself. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen said **"My greatest love has always been for the missions of the Church"**

## NEXT WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### MONDAY, October 19

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

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

10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer / **Chapel**

6:30 p.m. Marcan Discipleship / **CHURCH**

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Mtg / **PC**



### TUESDAY, October 20

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

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

4:30 p.m. Religious Ed Grades 1-6 / **School**

5:45 p.m. Religious Ed Grades 7-8 / **School**

7:00 p.m. KofC Officers Mtg / **MR**

7:00 p.m. Ignite Saints & Snacks Grd 9-12 / **PC**

### WEDNESDAY, October 21

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**

6:30 p.m. School Board Mtg / **PC**

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



### THURSDAY, October 22

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

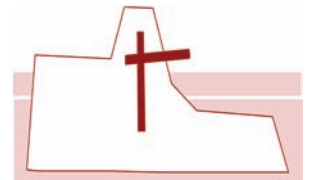
9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**

7:00 p.m. OCIA / **MR**

### FRIDAY, October 23

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

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



### SATURDAY, October 24

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

8:15 a.m. Feed A Friend / **Café**

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

4:30 p.m. Confessions / **Church**

5:30 p.m. Mass / **Church**



### SUNDAY, October 25

**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

6:00 p.m. Ignite Oratory Night Grd 9-12 / **PC**

#### ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Daily in the Parish Center CHAPEL**

**Monday through Saturday**

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

**Followed by 9am 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, Dennis Barghaan, Sr.

### Remember Our Deceased

Anne Robustelli, Jack Frank Benino, Chuck Sergott



**Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families,** Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Porpora, Ms. Alexandra DiBenedetto

*Welcome!*



### All Souls Envelopes

At the doors of the Church are All Souls Envelopes. Kindly write the names of your loved ones on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. These envelopes will be on the altar and the intentions will be remembered at all Masses offered in November.

### Masses

SLG will commemorate All Souls at the weekend Masses October 31 - November 1, when we will remember all those who were buried from SLG since November 3, 2025.

These beloved will be prayed for by name, and a candle will be lighted in their memory.



### OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

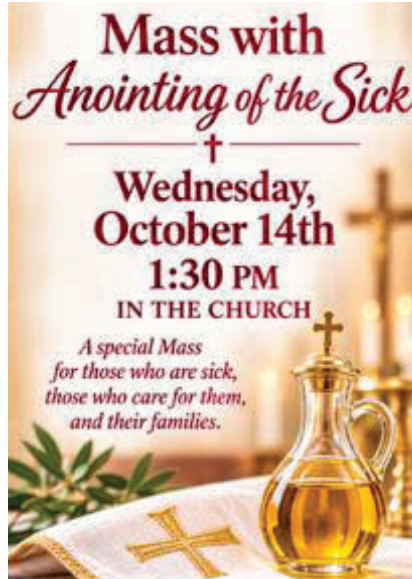
This year's theme is "Mary, Mother of Life" focusing on the Blessed Mother as a model for cherishing and protecting human life at every stage.

**Respect Life Novena** takes place October 22-30, beginning on the Feast of Pope St. John Paul II. This novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.



Sign Up! Get the daily prayers by email or text message! Scan the QR code or visit

[respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena](https://respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena)



**Father Dan is offering an Anointing Mass**  
Wednesday,  
October 14th  
1:30 p.m.  
in the Church  
He will anoint  
those in the  
congregation  
who would like to  
receive the  
Sacrament of the  
Sick.

### CATHOLIC VOTERS GUIDE

Issues in the upcoming election are outlined in **"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Part II: Applying Catholic Teaching to Major Issues":** <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-part-two>.

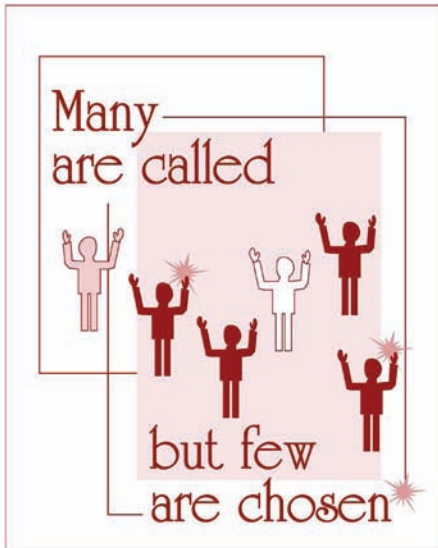
Please familiarize yourself with these issues to help you vote for candidates most closely aligned with Catholic moral principles.



### HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**"I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things, I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me...My God will supply whatever my need."**



As we follow the missionary journeys of Saint Paul, and read his letters, we come to appreciate what he experienced, all for the gospel. He provides a wonderful example as he reveals his ability to deal and adapt to circumstances beyond his control. He knew shipwreck and imprisonment,

beatings and punishment, but remained faithful. Why? 'I can do all things in him who strengthens me'.

May I have his courage and turn to the Lord who was the source of his strength and lean on Him. Maybe I can acknowledge the blessings of the Lord as His gift for me. Those with less, the hungry and unsheltered are deserving of my action response, not just feelings of compassion. Government policy of removing much needed aid at home and abroad is a scandal. We are told what I do not need is really not mine but belongs rightfully to someone else.

### PRO-LIFE CORNER+

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary's acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.



~ USCCB RESPECT LIFE

### Daily Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;  
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

The God  
of hosts  
will provide  
for all peoples



### VOCATION VIEW

"The Lord of hosts will provide a feast of rich food." Let us look only to the Lord for our salvation and peace, for the things of this world pass away.



(Isaiah 25:6)

### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 18, 2026

#### First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

#### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

#### Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

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# Mary, Mother of Life



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Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On

**Oh Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”**

*Evangelium vitae*

Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to natural death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

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## WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is in the Church Foyer on the right side (facing the parking lot) on the upper level.

Stop the Bleed kits, first aid kits, blood pressure cuff, refrigerated water and towels are in the Foyer Storage Room (FSR) next to the AED. There are refrigerated water and towels in the sacristy behind the door into the sanctuary.

EVERYONE in the congregation should understand the protocol in an emergency, not just the ushers. The protocol is:

1. Regardless of whether Father Dan or a visiting priest is offering Mass, they must be notified by interrupting the Mass and yelling to them, "THERE IS AN EMERGENCY."
2. If Father Dan is offering the Mass, he will assess the situation, ask for a doctor or nurse and give directions. If a visiting priest is offering the Mass, all ushers have my cell and they will call me. Father Dan is in the process of installing a speaker in his office that will answer to the sound system.
3. If Father Dan is in his office, he will respond and determine to call 911. Father Dan will most probably be making the phone call.
4. Up to four people may be needed, and will be individually told to go outside and direct the responders at each corner of the church building which door to enter, which would be the door closest to the incident.
5. If the person needs CPR, Father Dan will announce, "Anyone who knows CPR please help." He will also direct someone to "Get the AED." He will begin CPR alone or with the help of another.
6. Father will also give directions to get a first aid kit, cold water, and cold-water compresses made with towels. There is flat Coca-Cola in both refrigerators in case the person has low blood sugar. There is also hard candy in the sacristy top right drawer by the door to the sanctuary.
7. Once things calm down and we are waiting for responders, either priest will anoint the person.



If Father Dan is not at the parish, someone else will need to be calling these shots. Initial decisions can be made by anyone (calling 911, directing specific parishioners to go outside and wait for responders, beginning CPR, etc.) If a doctor or nurse identifies themselves, they should make decisions. If Father Dan is present, he will follow the advice of the doctor or nurse.

In the event there is a bad actor in the Church, there are three options:

1. **RUN:** Run to the nearest exit away from the bad actor. Once outside, do not run through the parking lot toward Newman Springs Rd. as there is fence. A better option is to run across Hurleys Lane into the shopping center or to the athletic fields, prayer garden or behind the Rectory. When you see responders, do what they tell you. Do not run to your car as you will not be able to get out of the parking lot with others running in front of you and emergency responders entering the parking lot.
2. **HIDE:** This is a limited option as everything (confessional doors, storage room doors, and sacristy doors) is locked. Hiding under a pew will provide very limited protection.
3. **FIGHT:** If you choose this option, nothing is sacred and everything (candle sticks, processional cross, prayer candles in candle stands, fire extinguisher, missals, etc.) can be used to stop the bad actor.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! Father Dan has no hesitation confronting anyone who is acting suspiciously. At St. Mary of the Lakes, a young man with long hair and backpack was seen going up into the choir loft before Mass. Father Dan was notified. He went up to the choir loft and as it turned out he was the cantor for the Mass. He has long hair, carries a backpack, and sings with the voice of an angel. But Father Dan was grateful someone saw something and said something.

These protocols have been approved by the Middletown Township Police Department.

With this plan in place, we will be prepared in the event of an emergency. However, please pray we will not need to use it.

## PARISH MINISTRIES



### COAT DRIVE

*"For I was naked and you clothed me".*

- Matthew 25:36



**Saturday, November 7th**

between 9am and 3pm at the AAC  
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Drop off new or gently used Men's, Women's.

Children's

Clean Winter Coats, Hoodies, Gloves and Scarves

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### IGNITE Youth Group

## Youth Group October Events

#### Saints and Snacks

Grades 7-8: Thursday, October 8 from 7-8:15 PM  
Grades 9-12: Tuesday, October 20 from 7-8:15 PM

#### Movie Night: *Faustina - Love and Mercy*

Friday, October 16 from 7-9:30 PM  
Grades 7-12

#### Oratory Night

Sunday, October 25 from 6-8 PM  
Grades 9-12

#### Service Project

Grades 7-8: Monday, October 26 from 7-8:30 PM  
Grades 9-12: Tuesday, October 27 from 7-8:30 PM

For more  
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from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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Password: Leo14

#### This course will provide:

- an overview of sacred scripture
- the formation of the Old and New Testaments
- the three-stage formation of the Gospel
- background on the Gospel of Mark and Marcan Discipleship  
(what it means to be a disciple according to Mark)

#### Register at

[stleothegreat.com/adult-scripture-series](https://stleothegreat.com/adult-scripture-series)  
(or sign the roster in the foyer of the Church)

**Please BYOB (bring your own Bible)**

*If you need a Bible, New American Bibles will be  
sold for \$7.00 at the class.*

\*\*\* **MOVED TO THE CHURCH** \*\*\*



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES of Monmouth County



### Is asking for our help in providing donations of CHILDREN’S HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

for the children in their

Linkages and Family Growth programs.

The costumes **DO NOT** need to be new!

**GENTLY USED** costumes are wonderful, too!

Each costume should be packed separately,  
with the Halloween “character” and size of the  
child marked on the package.

Please place your costumes in the containers

in the Church foyer

By **NOON** on **OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**.

As always, **THANK YOU** for your help and generosity in  
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restore dignity and independence to individuals and families  
- especially the poor and vulnerable -  
through service, advocacy, and community building.

~ **Saint Leo the Great Social Concerns Ministry** ~

**Linkages** provides transitional housing for families that  
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**Family Growth** provides counseling services to children who  
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### RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2026

**Saint Leo’s Goal: \$86,000**  
**Your Gift Makes a Difference!**

To date, our Parish has raised **\$65,001** toward our **\$86,000** Annual Catholic Appeal goal.  
So far, **201 (out of 2717)** generous families have made a donation to this year’s Annual Appeal. Thank YOU!  
The Average Gift is **\$323.39**

We still need participation from more households to help strengthen our parish and sustain the ministries that  
serve so many across our Diocese. Once we reach our goal, 50% of every dollar over goal is returned directly to our  
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## READERS FOR MASS



Where God's Word is received,  
lives are strengthened.

Those interested in being a reader at Mass are asked to sign the roster in the foyer of the Church. A training meeting will be set with date and time following the sign-up.

Lectors are laypersons who are entrusted with proclaiming the **Word of God** by the reading of Scriptures at liturgies and other prayer services.

In order to be eligible, you must -

- \* Be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing
- \* Be a registered Parishioner of Saint Leo the Great
- \* Have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation)
- \* If married, be in a valid marriage in the Roman Catholic Church.

Please sign up at <https://stleothegreat.com/readers>

## MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

We have a few memorial opportunities to remember or honor your loved ones.

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## Wounded Pew/Kneeler? Mark with Blue Tape



If you find a wounded pew, please go into the sacristy. On the wall of the cassocks/surplices closet is a roll of blue tape. Kindly take piece and mark the pew or kneeler.



## ALTAR SERVER REGISTRATION

Boys and Girls in Grades 4 and up who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome as **Altar Servers**. Altar Servers assist at Vigil and Sunday Masses, Nuptial Masses, Masses of Christian Burial, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. All Altar Servers process at The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Instruction classes will be held on Mondays, **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **November 9<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Church. The Mass of Installation will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 10:00 a.m.

Registration forms are available in the Church Foyer, the Parish Office, and on our website at [stleothegreat.com/altar-server](https://stleothegreat.com/altar-server)

Please complete the registration form and return it to the Parish Office or the box in the Church Foyer.



**ALL STUDENTS IN  
GRADES  
K-5 ARE INVITED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE  
CELEBRATION OF MASS.**

Each month (**today is the first**), students will have an opportunity to sign up to be **Lector (Reader), Gift Bearer, or Gospel Reenactors** to bring the Gospel to life at the Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass

Reenactors will arrive to the Church at 9:15 to practice for the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Sign Up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DAFAF2DA4FB6-66310260-childrens>

## A Gentle Reminder . . .

### Use Your Envelope!

Being a **Godparent or Confirmation sponsor** is a privilege reserved for practicing Catholics, that is, those who attend Mass weekly. **Everyone is asked to track their weekly attendance by using their envelopes.** If you are an electronic giver, it is as easy as putting the packet in your glove compartment and using your empty envelope to track attendance. If you are asked to be a sponsor, Father Dan will be required to put in writing that you are a weekly communicant. Since he is on the wide learning curve to learn names, thanks in advance for your cooperation.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### THE BARN FOR THE POOREST OF THE POOR



The Barn for the Poorest of the Poor distributes food to the Missionaries of Charity, the

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and other charities serving those in need throughout the NY/NJ area. **We need your help!**

**Truck Drivers (pick-up and box trucks):** Once a month, deliver food to New Jersey locations and New York City; once a week, make runs to collect food from local donation sources.

**Volunteers:** Sort and pack food at the Barn warehouse, Kanes Lane, Middletown; help pack food at **Delicious Orchards** at 5:15 PM (back loading dock).

**To volunteer**, please call Francesca (Frankie) Locicero at 732-539-4971. Come share in this mission of mercy, your helping hands make a difference.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD LEADERS AND HELPERS NEEDED



**CLOW** takes place at St. Leo's each Sunday at the **8:30 AM and 10:00 AM Mass** during the **Liturgy of the Word**. After the Opening Prayer,

children between the ages of **3 to 8** are called to process to the front of the Church and are brought to a room by adult facilitators. During CLOW, they listen to the same Scriptural Readings made simple, and a reflection geared to their level. They are encouraged to participate and compose their own Prayer of the Faithful. The children return to the Church during the Offertory Procession to continue worship with their families.

This program is led by people just like you - Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas, Aunts, and Uncles. A desire to lead our children closer to Jesus is one of the pre-requisite to join the group. **A background check and VIRTUS completion is also required.**

**If you are interested**, please go to [stleothegreat.com/clow](http://stleothegreat.com/clow) and complete the form.

### FEED A FRIEND MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!! *Hunger doesn't take a vacation. Please help us to help the hungry!*



Does your child need to fulfill Service Time requirements? Volunteers are needed each Saturday morning from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. to help make sandwiches for those in need. Saint Leo's has partnered with The Center and Mercy Center in Asbury Park in helping those in need.

#### **NEEDED ARE:**

**SATURDAY— ONE** Adult will drive the sandwiches to Asbury Park on Saturday. **TWELVE** Students/Teens EACH Saturday to set up the bags and make the lunches from 8:15am to 9:30am in the Saint Leo's School Cafeteria.

**FRIDAY— ONE** Adult to pick up the Cold Cuts at ShopRite, Middletown.

If you can assist, please go to

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/409044DA9A928ABFE3-help>

### HOLY INNOCENTS SOCIETY

The Holy Innocent Society of the Diocese of Trenton is looking for group leaders for our Faith Formation Program. Classes will be held Saturday mornings at St Mary in Middletown and Sunday Evenings at St. Benedict's in Holmdel. Volunteer for single classes or a whole year at one location. We can use all talents! Classes Start in October! Please contact [NorMonHIS@gmail.com](mailto:NorMonHIS@gmail.com) to get involved. **At the heart of our mission is our goal that all people of different abilities can fully participate in all that parish life has to offer. WE ARE ALL CHILDREN of GOD!** [Holy Innocents Society - Diocese of Trenton - Lawrenceville, NJ](http://HolyInnocentsSociety-DioceseofTrenton-Lawrenceville,NJ)



### **WHEELCHAIR WANTED**



SLG needs a wheelchair in the Church. Please contact Father Dan at [father\\_dan@stleothegreat.com](mailto:father_dan@stleothegreat.com) if you can donate one.

## Around the Diocese

**CAPITAL SINGERS:** Opening Night of the Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey, featuring the Capital Singers of Trenton, Saturday, **October 24th** at 7:30PM. Patriot's Theatre at the Trenton War Memorial, 1 Memorial Dr., Trenton. For tickets and information email [capitalsingers@gmail.com](mailto:capitalsingers@gmail.com), call 609-434-2781 or go to [www.capitalsingers.org](http://www.capitalsingers.org)

**CAREGIVERS WELLNESS RETREAT DAY:** Come for a day meant just for you, caregivers, nurses, practitioners. Come restore, renew and fill your cup within. Tuesday, **October 13**, 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM. \$60. Arrival: 9:00 - 9:30 AM Continental Breakfast. The day includes lunch and concludes with Mass at 3:00 PM. Caregiving can leave you feeling empty and depleted. This retreat will offer a spaciousness to breathe and restore oneself by the ocean. There will be time for prayer, reflection, meditation, and experiential practices, reconnecting you with the inner wisdom of your mind, body and spirit.

**MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS:** **October 18th** at 12:00 p.m. with Bishop David M. O'Connell as the presider. Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold. All healthcare workers of all faiths are invited to attend with their friends and families. You are asked to wear your work clothes to the Mass. You will receive a special blessing.

**ST PADRE PIO:** St Ambrose Parish, 83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge. Join us in prayer as we celebrate mass in honor of St Padre Pio with Celebrant, Fr. Jack C. Grimes on Saturday **October 17** at 9:00 AM followed by veneration of a first class relic of St Padre Pio. 732-679-5666

**SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS:** All are welcome. Sunday, **October 25th** at 2:00 p.m. St. Gabriel's Church, N Main St, Marlboro. Refreshments available after the Mass provided by the Knights of Columbus.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** Join us **October 14th** from 7pm to 9pm at Bakes Brewing, 1718 Hwy 71, Wall. Young adults ages 18 - 39 (must be 21 to drink) For more information and to register go to [dioceseoftrenton.org/theology-on-tap](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/theology-on-tap) \$25 advance registration \$30 at door.

**WHY BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER:** The simplest gifts are often the most profound. If you've got time, empathy, and compassion, you have the ability to support those nearing end of life. We invite you to explore the role of hospice volunteer with VNA Health Group. Companionship visits in patient's homes or facilities in Monmouth County, 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 over the course of 3 weeks. For more information please contact: Pauline De Palma, BSW Director Volunteer Services 732-224-6933



September 23 to November 1, 2026

### HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

#### Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County

**Vigil Location:** Planned Parenthood

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**Vigil Hours:** Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm.  
Saturday / Sunday - at will.

**Local Contact:** [monmouth4life@hotmail.com](mailto:monmouth4life@hotmail.com)

**Learn More...** [40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury](http://40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury)

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

Current participants must sign the Statement of Peace online:

[www.40daysforlife.com/en/shrewsbury/sop](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/shrewsbury/sop)

and follow the behavior guideline

*This is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is NO shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot.*



## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This year's theme is "Mary, Mother of Life" focusing on the Blessed Mother as a model for cherishing and protecting human life at every stage.

**Respect Life Novena** takes place **October 22-30**, beginning on the Feast of Pope St. John Paul II. This novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Sign Up! Get the daily prayers by email or text message! Scan the QR code or visit [respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena](http://respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena)



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**LETTING GO IN TIMES OF TRANSITION:** Thursday, **October 22**, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Through Leo Buscaglia's tale of *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf: A Story of Life for All Ages*, we will visit our own times of transition. The wisdom of this simple story can help us connect to the challenge of letting go so we can experience the gifts of interior freedom and peace. Donation: \$25

**SANCTIFYING THE DAY WITH PRAYER - THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS:** Saturday, **October 24**, 9:30 AM –

12:00 Noon. The Liturgy of the Hours is an age-old practice of the Church rooted in monastic life. It is not just for monks and nuns; it's for you, too. The laity is encouraged to pray the Hours to sanctify the day, worship God fittingly and navigate life through the lens of Scripture. Come and learn how to pray this prayer that focuses your life on God throughout the day. Donation: \$25, materials included.

**EXAMINATION OF THE VATICAN II DECREE ON THE LAITY - THE UNFOLDING SPIRIT OF THE 2ND VATICAN COUNCIL:** Saturday, **October 31**, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. What is the role of the Laity in the "Church in the Modern World"? The Second Vatican Council issued guidance on the

need for the active participation of the laity in sharing and spreading the Gospel to all the places outside of the Church buildings. In this one-day conference, participants will have the chance to pray about the calling of the laity in the modern world of 2026 and beyond; to examine the urgency of the call to action promulgated from Vatican II; and to earnestly discuss how this document is relevant in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium. The Study Guide booklet, which includes the Decree on the Laity, will be emailed in advance to registered participants to enhance participation. Donation: \$45, Lunch and Liturgy for Sunday included. Zoom: \$40

**GOD ISN'T FINISHED WITH ME YET - DISCOVERING THE GRACE OF LATER LIFE:** Tuesday, **November 3**,

9:30 AM – 2:00 PM. If topics like loss, identity, life after retirement, downsizing, meaning and usefulness interest you, come. If you find yourself asking ... "Who am I now? What does

God want me to do with my life? How can I pray? How can I still help others?" ...please come. Come be with others with the same questions and concerns. Let's be together in the quest and find God in it. Donation: \$40, includes lunch and book, Zoom: \$25

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

Wednesday, **November 4**, 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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**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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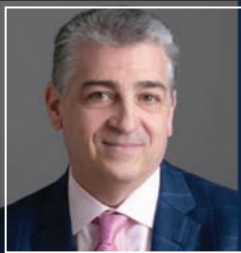
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