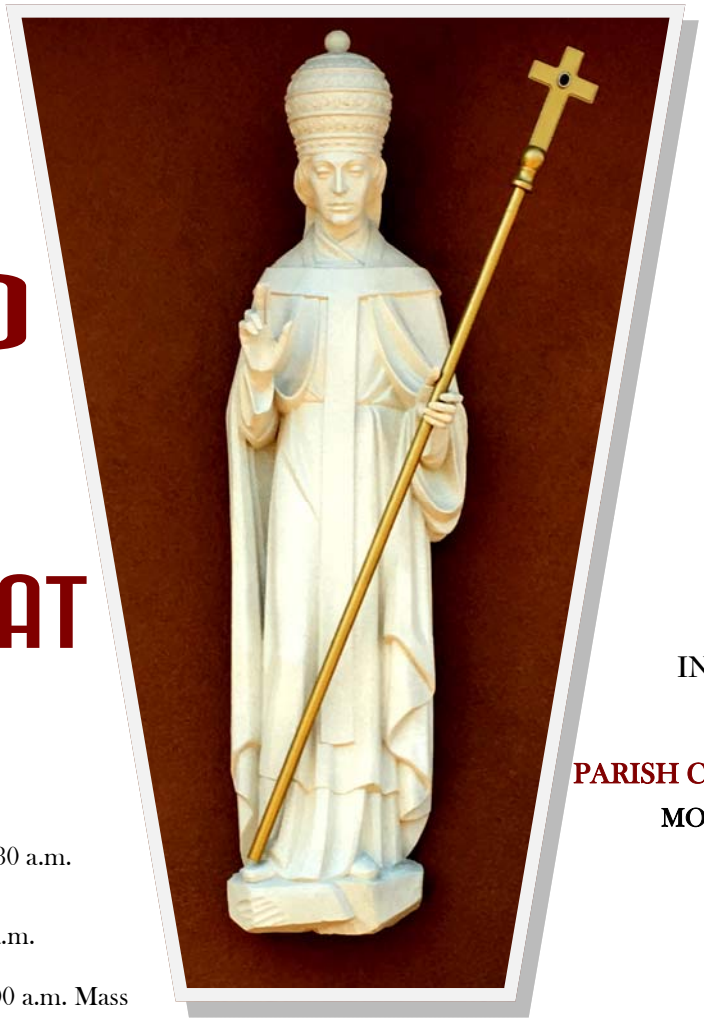
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2016

The Year of Mercy
December 8, 2015 ~ November 20, 2016

The Roman Catholic Community of

Saint Leo the Great



"He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

LK 20:38

50 HURLEY'S LANE
INCROFT, NEW JERSEY
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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
Thursday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Friday – Sacred Heart

HOLY DAY MASSES: See Bulletin

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or anytime on request

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY through THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
SATURDAY
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
SUNDAY
Office is closed

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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
Fax 732-219-5181
Email parish@stleothegreat.com
Website www.stleothegreat.com
Convent 732-741-3430

Pastoral Staff

Pastor	Reverend John T. Folchetti, D.Min.
Weekend Assistant	Reverend Joseph M. Quinlan
Weekend Assistant	Reverend Rocco Cuomo
Weekend Assistant	Reverend David X. Stump, S.J.
Deacon	Mr. Edward H. Wilson
Deacon	Mr. Richard Tucker
Deacon Candidate	Mr. John Senkewicz
Pastoral Associate	Sister Jeanne Belli, S.S.J.
Parish Trustee	Mr. Michael Lee
Parish Trustee	Dr. Joelle Zabotka
Administrative Assistant	Ms. Julie C. Olski
Pastor's Liaison	Mrs. Gloria Harter
Receptionist	Mrs. Carmel Grassano
Receptionist	Mrs. Elizabeth Barca
Evening Receptionist	Sister Marlene Cunningham, R.S.M.
Saturday Receptionist	Mrs. Joan Gittens

Parish Administration

Director	Mr. Joseph A. Manzi
Bursar & HR Director	Mrs. Maureen Leach
Controller	Mr. Carmine S. Giambrone, CPA
Bookkeeper	Mrs. Sharon Kreft

Pastoral Ministries

Saint Leo the Great School

School 732-741-3133
Website www.saintleothegreatschool.com

Principal	Mr. Cornelius G. Begley, M.A.
Vice Principal	Mrs. Deirdre Senkewicz, M.S.
PTA President	Mrs. Roseann Leibrock

Office of Parish Faith Formation

Office 732-530-0717
Email FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com

Pastoral Associate	Mr. Mark G. Russoniello, MAPT
Coordinator	Ms. Margaret J. Lang
Assistant Coordinator	Sister Margaret Butler, S.S.J.
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Karen Ann Lenahan

Worship & Liturgical Ministries

Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors

Moderator	Deacon Edward Wilson
Sacred Music	Mrs. Elvira Major, *Director*
Sacristan	Mr. Michael Bosch

Catholic Youth Ministry

Director	Mrs. Joan M. Kret

Buildings & Grounds

Manager	Mr. Kevin Mocik
Custodian	Mr. John Kersey

Evangelization & Spiritual Formation

Coordinator of R.C.I.A.	Mrs. Janice Campbell
CLOW	Mrs. Patricia Hicks
Reflection for Mothers'	Mrs. Patricia Hicks
Senior Spirituality	Sister Jeanne Belli, S.S.J.

Parish Council

Chairperson	Mrs. Michele Massaro-Linzalone
Vice Chairperson	Mr. John Senkewicz

Christian Service Ministries

Social Concerns	Mr. John Senkewicz, Coordinator
Lunch Break	Mr. Gary Krall, Coordinator

Parish Organizations

Carnival	
General Manager	Mr. Joseph A. Manzi
Chairperson	Mr. David Jones
Holy Name Society	
President	Mr. Stephen Mercadante
Vice President	Mr. Thomas Dogas
Knights of Columbus	Mr. Donald Listing
Saint Joseph's Society	Mr. Donald Listing

Community Outreach

Bereavement Support	
Bereavement for Parents	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dwyer
Caregiving Friends	Mrs. Mary Lee
AA - 8:30 a.m. Saturday	

Parish Athletic Activities

Director & Coordinator	Mr. Anthony Biancaniello
SLG Athletic Association	Mr. Christopher Montalvo

BAPTISMS:

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the Baptism.
Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:00 p.m.
Please call the Parish Center for information.

MARRIAGES:

Please call the Parish Center one year in advance PRIOR to making any other arrangements.

HOSPITAL & HOME COMMUNION CALLS:

Call the Parish Center

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES / LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY:

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, Communion & Confirmation. (cf. Canon Law)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 5
5:30 p.m. -+Carol Fisette, r/b Caitlin Leach & Paul Nunley
+Warren Hehl, r/b Mary Bozza

Sunday, November 6
7:00 a.m. -+Patricia Neidermeyer, r/b Schepel Family
+Joselito Padama, r/b Patricia Kohl
8:30 a.m. - The People of the Parish
+Antoinette Nason, r/b Nason Family
10:00 a.m. -+Thomas Hicks, r/b CLOW Family
+Raymond Kierce, r/b O'Brien Family
11:30 a.m. -+William Lang, r/b Margaret Lang
+Andrew Russoniello, r/b Mark Russoniello

Monday, November 7
9:00 a.m. -+Ronald Solari, r/b Family
+Donald Normoyle, r/b Madeline Normoyle

Tuesday, November 8
9:00 a.m. -+Souls in Purgatory, r/b Barbara Russian
+Ruperto & Viviana Arcilla, r/b Gertrude Guico

Wednesday, November 9
9:00 a.m. - The People of the Parish

Thursday, November 10
9:00 a.m. -+Joseph Minio, r/b M/M J. Brasco
I/O Kathleen Duhaime, r/b Macaire Osmont

Friday, November 11
9:00 a.m. -+Joselito Padama, r/b M/M T. Rossano
I/O Nicolette Durso, r/b Barbara Russian

Saturday, November 12
8:00 a.m. - I/O Maria Duarte, r/b Taylor Family
5:30 p.m. -+Jack Esposito, r/b Lescavage Family
+Maria & Raimondo Marullo, r/b Assunta

Sunday, November 13
7:00 a.m. -+William Rieger, r/b Rob & Beth Arena
+Vincent Maglione, r/b Karen Mount Taylor
8:30 a.m. -+Joseph Marion, r/b Kathy Marion
+Elvina Nicola, r/b Durkin Family
10:00 a.m. - The People of the Parish
+Mary M. Murphy, r/b Linda & Frank Sauders
11:30 a.m. -+William Dolan, r/b Margaret Dolan
+Gracelia A. Lezeau, r/b Patrick & Evelyn Lezeau

The Vigil Light, which is located on the wall beside the tabernacle, informs us that the Blessed Sacrament is present and is also a devotional candle. Each week we will post a notice in the bulletin for whom the candle burns; a deceased loved one, someone that is ill, an anniversary or other occasion. The offering for reserving the candle for the week is $25. Please stop by the Parish Center Office to reserve a candle - either Church or Chapel. Also available on a weekly basis are Altar Bread and Sacred Wine

CLOW SCHEDULE
November 13, 2016
33rd Sunday in OT
8:30 A.M.
1. M. Armellino
2. K. Kelly
3.

10:00 A.M.
1. S. Kreft
2. M. Hicks
3. N. Sullivan

Liturgical Assignments - November 12/13

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	Altar Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:30 p.m.	C/M/D Tempone	Sr. Jeanne	J. Bornemann, M. Potenziani, T. Gioia, D. Conte, 3 Needed
7:00 a.m.	N. Hohenstein, 1 Needed	A. Burns	R. Kochman, E. Brasco, 2 Needed
8:30 a.m.	M Battista, M. Celli, K. Bauman	J. Hall	P. hicks, A. Grimm, D/J Senkewicz, K. Meara, 1 Needed
10:00 a.m.	L. Mason, J/K Farrell	D. Anderson	M. Federico, R. D'Antonio, J. Cizin, C. Morris, B. Black, P. Marzec, 1 Needed
11:30 a.m.	C. Brennan, C. Ailor, E. Gretsky	M. Russoniello	K. McCarthy, D. Listing, J/T Waters, J. Krall, J. Kret, P. Barber

News Around the Diocese

LIGHT UP A MEMORY: St. Mary's, Colts Neck, invites you to participate in a beautiful tradition called "Light Up a Memory". A light on their tree is "purchased" in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living recipient. Each $10 donation entitles the donor to a card to send to the family of the deceased or to the living honoree. These lights "twinkle" until the feast of the Epiphany. Participants are also invited to the "Tree Lighting Ceremony and Reception" after the 4p.m. Mass on Saturday, **December 10th**. Music provided by their choir. Refreshments to follow. For more info, call St. Mary's 732-780-2666.

HOLY LAND TRIP: Travel with Fr. Joy Chacko, St. Gabriel's Church, Marlboro, to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Dormtion, Nativity Church, Capernaum, Tel Aviv—**March 8-18, 2017**. Cost is $4,000 (Airfare & ALL-Included). To register, call 855-842-8001 or online at www.proximotravel.com

MEN'S RETREAT: November 18 - 20 - Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ 08212 - 609-884-3829 or www.capemaymarianists.org. Open to men from all walks of life, focuses on unique male issues on the spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist and prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, socializing, and fun within a supportive, intentional community of men. **Cost:** $130 per person, double occ.

POCKETBOOK BINGO: Cheerleading Fundraiser - Saint John Vianney H.S., Holmdel. Thursday, **November 17th** - Doors open at 6 PM, Games begin at 7 PM.. Game Package—$25 in advance, $30 at the door. Register at www.sjvhs.com

MONMOUTH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE
2016/2017 Fall/Winter Season—October-March - Sunday nights in the AAC. Competitive/Recreational levels welcomed. Looking for teams or individual players. Adult league - must be 18+ by October 1, 2016. No max age. Online register online at www.leaguelineup.com/monmouthwomensleague or email mwsl2002@yahoo.com

JUST PLAY BALL! Knights Baseball Club—Lady Knights Softball Club, Competitive Independent Travel Club—no parent Head Coaches, no LL or town affiliations. TRYOUTS FOR 2017 TEAMS
Boys Baseball - Friday, November 11th -11 am - 12:30 pm
Baseball 13/14u team - born May 1, 2002 - April 30, 2004
Baseball 11u 50/70 team - born May 1, 2005 - April 30, 2006 - *continued in next column*
(12u 2018 Cooperstown National Tournament team)
Looking for athletic baseball committed players Winter Training, Spring ball and summer tournament.
Girls 16u tournament Softball team - Tryouts Friday, November 11th 12:30 pm
Looking for Frosh/Soph HS level committed players.
Winter training, break for HS season, Summer and Fall tourney season. For more tryout info email:
Boys - knightsbaseballclubnj@yahoo.com
Girls - ladyknightssoftballnj@yahoo.com

Prayer Before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

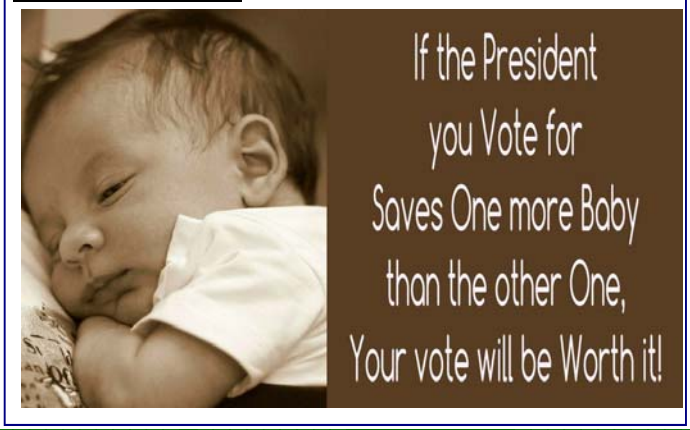
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Pro-Life Corner +



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY, November 7
9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **Chapel**

TUESDAY, November 8
Election Day
9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **Chapel**
NO Rel. Ed.
7:30 P.M. Baptism Prep Class / P.C.

CATHOLICS CARE
CATHOLICS VOTE

WEDNESDAY, November 9
School Celebration of Saint Leo the Great Day
9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **CHURCH**
10:00 a.m. Doors of Mercy / Media Rm
NO Rel. Ed.
5:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal / Church
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal / Church
7:00 p.m. Doors of Mercy / Media Rm.

THURSDAY, November 10
Feast Day of Saint Leo the Great
9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **Chapel**
10:00 a.m. Bible Study / P.C.
NO Rel. Ed.

FRIDAY, November 11
Veteran's Day
Parish Center & School Closed
9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **Chapel**

K of C Collecting for Intellectually Disabled

SATURDAY, November 12
8:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**
8:30 a.m. A.A. / P.C.
4:30 p.m. Confessions / Church
5:00 p.m. HNS Pasta Dinner / Cafe
5:30 p.m. Mass / **Church**

SUNDAY, November 13
Masses: 7:00, *8:30, *10:00 & 11:30 am/**Church**
**8:30 & 10 a.m. Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word*
10:15 a.m. Class Rel. Ed. 2nd Grade
11:30 a.m. Mass Rel. Ed 2nd Grade

Offertory

Thank you for your continued support! You may also donate electronically via www.ParishPay.com or using your financial institutions electronic bill pay.

Your Prayers Are Requested

Remember the Servicemen and Women

who are serving in the military overseas. Pray for their safe return and for their families

Remember Our Sick, especially
Residents of Luftman Towers, The Pavilion & Sunrise Assisted Living, Gloria Price, Claudia Hernandez, Nicolette Durso

Remember Our Deceased, especially
Doug Sidun, Bro. James Leary, Eleanor Paulsen, Arthur Martino (father of Amy Owendorf)

Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families

Welcome!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2016

Thank you to our 365 *(out of 2352)* families who have donated to this year's Appeal!

For those of you who haven't donated yet, PLEASE help us to reach our target amount!

OUR TARGET:
$90,000
PLEDGED TO DATE:
$89.882
PAID TO DATE:
$82,786

(Please Note -we have to hit our target with the paid amount, too)

Thank you for your contributions!

To donate, please go to
www.dioceseoftrenton.org/annualcatholicappeal

HIS WORD TODAY

"May the Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."

How many greeting cards we have sent, how many more have we received. All have some kind of a wish, a message of comfort and sorrow when sickness or death occurs, or congratulations on a birth, birthday or graduation. The card means a lot, and sometimes the message is overlooked. As always we say 'it's the thought that counts.'

Paul's message to his friends contains so much, we might glide past it and miss the point of the sacred scriptures. He reminds us we are loved by God, our Father, and Jesus our Brother, who offer us encouragement and hope through grace, God's very life. The fruit of that love is found in the gift of encouragement and the strength that comes from His grace, reflected in the good we say and do.

Wow!

In the 'Joy of Love' Pope Francis inspires us to live that grace, first in our family. Where it is absent, introduce it. Where it is real celebrate it and strengthen it. Where we know it is needed bring it to others.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 13, 2016

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a
The prophet Malachi warned that the time would come when all the evil people would be punished. He then speaks of the arrival of "the sun of justice, with its healing rays," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Some of the Thessalonians claimed Christ's return was imminent, so they stopped working and asked others for food. Paul describes his willingness to work, so that he would not impose on others. He encourages them to follow his example and earn their own living.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19
Jesus warns of the persecution all Christians will face because of him, and how some will even be put to death. Yet he says they will not be harmed because "by patient endurance you will save your lives." If Jesus' followers are loyal, they will be resurrected and their suffering will end.

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WEDDING BANNS

November 19, 2016
Jennifer Nimon & Gonzales Wesley
November 26, 2016
Annin Johnson & Steven Martin

Daily Readings for the Week

Monday = Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday - Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Thursday - Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
Friday - 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday - 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

A VOCATION VIEW . . .
As the Church-year comes to a close, may the Lord Jesus strengthen your heart for every good work and word. May you live your vocation.

Bible Study / Reflection
Thursdays - 10:00 a.m.
Parish Center
All are welcome to attend

News from the Parish Staff

What's Happening in the Office of Faith Formation . . .

"Hope is taking hold of a helping hand when the sky turns dark, the wind blows furiously and the road grows steep." ~~ Anonymous

- Please go to the newly re-launched Parish website at www.stleothegreat.com and click on the Faith Formation link. You'll find plenty of useful links and information to help you continue to grow in your personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **NO Religious Education classes the week of November 7 we will resume the following week. Have a good week!**
- Sunday, **November 13th**, the 2nd Grade Religious Education classes will come for class at 10:15. Students will gather in the cafeteria. The class will be followed by 11:30 Mass. ***All 2nd Grade students in Saint Leo the Great School & Religious Ed will be attending the 11:30 AM Mass.***
- Sunday, **November 20th**, is the ***Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***. At the 11:30 AM Mass, we will celebrate as a Community of Faith the ***Rite of Welcoming*** with our 7th Graders. These young people are journeying in their first year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **All 7th Grade Candidates for Confirmation, both in Saint Leo the Great School & Religious Ed, are required to attend the 11:30 Mass.** *Candidates, please dress appropriately for Mass.*

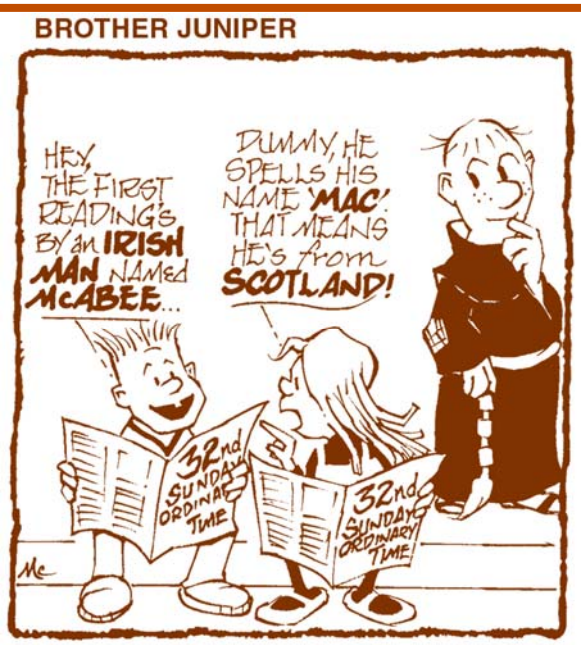
God bless you.

Young Disciples ignite

Joan Kret, Youth Minister

Join us at the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the loft and then afterwards for a Sunday meeting in the Teen Center. All are welcome!

Questions? Email JoanKret@stleothegreat.com

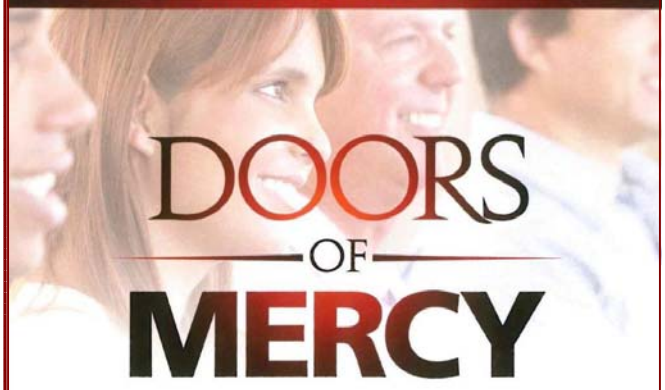


An important notice to all birth parents who placed babies for adoption

New Jersey Adoption Law has changed. Beginning **Jan. 1, 2017**, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of an original birth certificate without a court order. Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a **Redaction Request Form** to the New Jersey Department of Health no later than **Dec. 31, 2016**. The form can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726, ext. 582 or downloading it at http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf. For further information or assistance, call a free HELPLINE at 609-989-4809.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Church of Saint Leo the Great, 50 Hurley's Lane, Lincroft, NJ 07738



DOORS OF MERCY

Would you join us in exploring God's love and mercy in your life?

8 Sessions to Change Your Life

- Learn God's "Plan of Mercy"— from Adam and Eve to you today
- Discover how sacraments are "Doors of Mercy"
- Experience the power of the Divine Mercy message and devotion
- Create an action plan to live God's mercy

Where: Saint Leo the Great Good Shepherd Media Room (AAC)

When: Part 1: 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7 - Day Session 10 AM - Evening Session 7 PM

Contact: Sister Jeanne Belli, SSJ - 732-747-5466

Cost for materials: $20.00

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY

PASTA DINNER NIGHT!

Saturday, November 12th

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saint Leo's School Cafeteria

$3.00 per person

$10.00 for a Family of 4

Serving a delicious pasta and meatball/sausage dinner complete with salad, rolls and dessert. Beverages will be available for purchase.

Plenty of family style seating available.

~ Limit of 300 Attendees ~

Please buy your tickets in advance!

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

Register online at www.stleothegreat.com with a Credit Card

Paying by check, please complete the form below

Saint Leo's Holy Name Pasta Dinner Reservation

Make Checks payable to: Saint Leo the Great

Mail to: Saint Leo's Church, 50 Hurley's Lane, Lincroft, NJ 07738

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Attendees/Meals: Individuals: _____ Family of 4: _____ **TOTAL:** $ _____

SAINT LEO'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Care Giving Friends, Ageless in the Lord Ministry

Last September we introduced a new ministry here at Saint Leo the Great to provide assistance to our elderly parishioners. Since then, we have trained over 20 volunteers and assist 16 Parishioners. Our volunteers and care receivers have experienced delightful new friendships as we match each volunteer with a particular care receiver. These matches are truly remarkable!

What is this Ministry?

It is a team of volunteers working together to provide support to older adults who may have difficulties remaining independent and in their own home without the assistance of others.

What does a "Care Giving Friends, Ageless in the Lord Ministry Volunteer" do?

The ministry volunteer's activities may include, as an example; visiting, listening and praying, running errands, transportation to Mass, the doctor or dentist, the hairdresser or the store. Volunteers are expected to be available **no more than 3-4 hours per month**.

Volunteers Needed

Would you consider being a volunteer? We need new volunteers to train so that we can continue to have volunteers available as the popularity of our ministry continues to grow! Do you have **just 4 hours a month** to share? Are you looking to get involved in parish life? It's a very rewarding ministry! Give us a call! Contact Mary Lee - 732-241-5841

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Saint Leo the Great Parish is presently comprised of approximately 2,397 families. The Faithful are called to support the many missions and services of the Church, including their particular Parish, by their donations as their means allow. Many Catholics engage in what is traditionally known as *tithing*, donating a percentage of one's earnings up to 10 percent. Every Christian should diligently pray and seek guidance in the matter of participating in tithing (cf. Letter of Saint James 1:5). Above all, tithes and offerings should be given with pure motives and an attitude of worship of God and service to the Body of Christ. "Each should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". (II Corinthians 9:7)

As this financial report indicates, it costs approximately $1,500,000 per year to operate our Parish. All Parishioners are required to meet this financial obligation. Many Do. Many Don't. Therefore, we are asking all the members of our Parish family to examine their contributions and, if possible, to increase their weekly contribution so that our Parish can continue to provide quality religious education, and those programs which nurture the spiritual life as well as to continue to shore up our facilities.

The principal source of the funds used to maintain our Parish are the contributions of our Parishioners. It is critical that you be aware of the cost to run the Parish, as well as how your contributions are used. The financial condition of the Parish is reported annually with the hope of providing transparency regarding the stewardship of your contributions.

Attached is the Financial Review of Saint Leo the Great Parish for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

On behalf of our Pastor, Reverend John T. Folchetti, the Religious and Lay Staff of the Parish, we thank you for your generosity and ask for your continued support.

Mr. Michael J. Lee	Mr. Raymond J. Harter, Jr.	Mrs. Michelle Linzalone
Trustee	*Finance Committee*	*Finance Committee*
Dr. Joelle Zabotka	Mr. Kevin Casey	Mr. Tom Gioia
Trustee	*Finance Committee*	*Finance Committee*
Mr. Joseph Manzi	Mr. John F. Sharkey	Mr. Timothy P. Andree
Director of Finance	*Finance Committee*	*Finance Committee*
Mr. Larry Durso	Mr. John Smith	Mr. Ismael Nibot
Advisor	*Finance Committee*	*Finance Committee*

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF PARISH OPERATIONS July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

The following table summarizes the Revenue and Expenses of our Parish (excluding the School) for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 (our fiscal year). For the year, the Parish experienced a net profit of $166,733, before the impact of this year's capital expenditures of $156,811 reducing this year's net cash flow to $9,922. Capital expenditures are discussed later in this report.

Total Revenue	$1,656,027
Total Expenses	$1,489,294
Net Profit (Loss)	$166,733

Total Revenue for the year of $1,656,027, is summarized below. The largest component of our revenues is the weekly, Holy Days, Christmas, and Easter collections. These collections represent donations received from envelope, Parish Pay and children collections. The Carnival is also a major contributor to Parish revenues. Thank you for your generous support.

Our total revenue this year was $88,254 greater than the previous fiscal year. This is due primarily to a $67,000 increase in parishioner donations and in AAC rentals. These positives were impacted by lower Carnival and Diocesan collection receipts. While parishioner donations have increased, we still face the disturbing reality that more than half of registered families give either nothing or less than $5 per week. As a result, the cost of operating our Parish is borne to a large extent by a relatively small percentage of our parishioners. There is more detail on donations under the caption Overview of Family Contributions, below.

Revenue	
Weekly, Holy Days, Christmas &Easter Collections	1,258,094
Diocesan Collections (A)	46,474
Carnival	116,000
Weddings, Funerals, Rentals (B)	99,509
One Time Gifts	66,667
Other Misc. Revenue (C)	69,283
TOTAL REVENUE	1,656,027

A. We collected only $46,474 from the monthly Diocesan collection; this amount is well short of the $165,000 that we are assessed by and paid to the Diocese. The shortfall of $118,526 had to be paid out of Parish operating funds.
B. Includes approximately $45,000 in AAC rentals to outside sports teams, a $20,000 increase over last year.
C. Includes $26,740 rebate from Bishops Annual Appeal (this year we have not met our goal and will not receive any rebate in the 2016/17 fiscal year).

Total expenses for the year were $1,489,294; this is slightly higher than last year's expenses of $1,488,602; expenses are summarized below. Salaries and Benefits for our Clergy, Religious and Parish support staff were our largest expense, comprising approximately 54% of total expense. During the current year we provided $168,210 in financial support to our School and Religious Education Program. This represents 11% of total expenses and is approximately $33,000 more than what was provided to these programs in the prior year. As mentioned above, our Diocesan Assessment of $165,000 (11% of our expenses) is only partially funded by our monthly Diocesan collection. This shortfall of $118,526 is paid out of operating funds, thus diverting funds from other areas, including much needed maintenance and repair expenses. Other expense captions were in line with prior year spending with the exception of building and grounds which was about $60,000 less than prior year. During this year we introduced an extensive equipment maintenance program where twice a year we have a vendor come in and perform preventative maintenance on all heating and AC equipment. This program also identifies equipment which is approaching end of life and we anticipate that we will have to change out about 5-7 units per year at a cost of $12,000 to $15,000 per unit. There are 33 units that will have to be replaced over the next 5 years. This will be a challenge to accomplish given the current expense structure. We are undertaking a program to identify expense reduction activities, and use these expense savings to fund these necessary equipment purchases.

EXPENSES (excludes School)	
Salaries & Benefits	$808,732
SLG School & Religious Education Support	168,210
Diocesan Assessment	165,000
Buildings & Grounds	138,258
Household & Misc. Expense	68,871
Utilities	79,177
Insurance, Leases & Debt Service	61,046
TOTAL EXPENSES	$1,489,294

CAPITAL

During the past year we spent over $326,000 on much needed repairs to the Parish infrastructure and school buildings. We are fortunate that donations from parishioners, PTA, Athletic Association fund raisers and our annual Carnival were sufficient to supplement this effort. We had to make major improvements to our school on needed security upgrades and enhancements to the physical building. Due to increased enrollment we had to make enhancements to numerous classrooms and to upgrade the network infrastructure and the purchase of new AC/Heating units. We expanded our Parish sprinkler system as well as added a new hot water heater in the Parish Center and started construction on our new Communication center (located in the AAC). This Communication center will be used for Faith formation presentations and programs as well as movie nights and will be expanded to enable senior citizens to have access to the internet and to learn the basics of computers. In the Church we added new entrance carpeting and enhanced two of the Church access entrances (some of the cost was offset by the paver donation project). We also refurbished the Church entrance and were able to offset the majority of the expense through the paver donation project.

As previously mentioned, we had to use approximately $157,000 of this year's earnings along with a prior year donation of $170,000 to accomplish this year's capital projects. Further in this document is an overview of future capital projects that need to be accomplished.

2015 & 2016 Capital Spending

School Projects	
Security & classroom enhancements	$162,078
Equipment & system enhancements	56,578
Parish Projects	
Equipment & Media Center	86,773
Church Enhancements	20,728
TOTAL CAPITAL	$326,157

OVERVIEW OF FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS

As previously mentioned the Parish Family of Saint Leo the Great consists of 2,397 registered families. In 2017, we will undertake our second thorough review and analysis of weekly envelope use and Parish Pay participation; in 2015 we removed over 600 families that chose not to be kept on the Parish census. We will look into the non- contributors and determine if they wish to remain members of Saint Leo the Great. This review will help us avoid envelope and postage expense of supplying these families with contribution envelopes that are not being used. The results of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 fiscal year brings to light some very startling and disturbing statistics. The table below reflects donations by family, stratified by average weekly contribution. Here are some facts of that review:

- 634 families (26%) do not support the Parish with any recorded contributions.
- 860 families (36%) give less than $5 per week; their net contribution was $ 85,648 or an average of $1.91 per family per week.
- 308 Families (13 %) contribute 63% of the Parish's total revenue (over $725,570).

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 (7/1/15-6/30/16)

	Families	Amount donated	Weekly Average	% Families
no Donation	634			26.4%
up to $1 per week	335	8,930	0.51	14.0%
up to $5 per week	525	76,718	2.81	21.9%
$5-10 per week	286	111,084	7.47	11.9%
$10 - $20 per week	309	223,850	13.93	12.9%
$20-50 per week	234	367,510	30.20	9.8%
$50-100 per week	62	214,892	66.65	2.6%
Over $100	12	143,168	229.44	0.5%
TOTAL	2,397	1,146,152	12.50	100.0%

(INCLUDES Christmas/Easter and specials)

Do you believe that a $5 or $10 weekly donation is too much to ask for a family? Twenty five years ago, $10 per week was considered a generous donation, is it today?

What can you do to support your Parish? For starters, if every one of the 860 families that currently support their Parish with an average of $1.91 per week donation would make every effort to donate $5 per week, we would increase our annual donations by $137,952. This additional money would help us to start a reserve fund to deal with impending capital and infrastructure repairs that are required in the next 3 to 5 years. It costs approximately $16 per contributing family per week to operate our Parish. If you are giving less than that, please consider increasing your weekly contribution.

CAPITAL PROJECTS OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS

During the past 7 years we have spent almost $1.4 million dollars on necessary infrastructure repairs, improvements and upgrades that were required to correct existing problems and/or to modernize our Parish buildings and grounds where appropriate. Below is a summary of those projects. Many of these projects were funded by our Capital Campaign. In other instances, funds were provided by the PTA and Athletics fund-raising activities (Christmas Bazaar, Gala, etc.) and our Carnival and private contributions.

Cafeteria walk in freezer & Equip	22,000
New Windows Parish Center	22,000
Parking Lot Behind Parish Center	25,000
Improvements Pastor's House	24,000
Cafeteria Ceiling, Floor, Windows	50,000
Playground Equip & flag Poles	28,000
New Truck (used)	5,000
Monmouth Sprinkler (ball field)	9,875
Air Dynamic system (heater)	24,900
FDR Contractors (siding 3 houses)	28,650
Wishbow Construction (new windows)	10,255
ADL (2 new classrooms school)	15,665
Johnson Equipment Cafeteria	6,213
Front Ent/drain, concrete drainage system (by AAC)	7,200
Entrance Way Hurley's Lane	5,920
Side of Church Sink Hole	9,500
New Phone system	7,075
Clean Field for Solar	1,800
Roof for Parking Garage	10,600
Front School with Faith Formation Office	65,259
Security (windows and cameras)	70,915
Cafeteria Windows & Kitchen Equipment	31,739

Roof School & Church	345,000
School Classroom Renovation (past 4 yrs)	220,200
Parish Houses (siding/windows/roof)	62,000
Sprinkler System Parish grounds	28,000
Heater Parish Center/AC units	32,000
Prayer Garden & Signage	15,000
Parish Center Roof Flashing	9,000
Two Condensing Pumps	13,000
Gate for entrance to parking Lot & Camera	1,950
Entrance School (drainage problem)	2,100
New Heat Exchanger	2,500
Entrance Way Church Hurley's Lane	8,250
Field lay fabric and stone	15,000
New curb & blacktop Front Parish Center	25,950
Front Entrance/drain, concrete and Belgium block/grass (church lot)	9,263
Gym Floor Replacement	16,920
Fire Alarm system	8,800
Ball Field repairs	7,500
New School Wild Preserve	17,065
Church carpet & interior doors	12,728
Media Center	62,385
Parish Center Equipment Replacement	24,470

PROJECTS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

Below is a summary of all current and future projects which need to be accomplished. For this year we are involved in the following four projects.

We have been working with the Diocese to begin the installation of Solar panels that will have a 15 year fixed cost for Electric and which we estimate will save up to 40% of our current electric expense. This system will have no cost to the Parish. The Diocese indicates that installation will commence in April 2017.

We are exploring the installation of a Well that should provide relief from the large water bill. We are exploring adding a filtration system so that the water can be used in all the buildings.

We applied for a grant from the Federal Government Department of Home Land Security and have received confirmation that we have been awarded a grant for $75,000. We will use this money to install perimeter cameras on all buildings. Saint Leo the Great was one of the first Catholic institutions to receive such a grant.

During August 2016 we repaved the entire parking lot, which was in need of repair as holes and divots were becoming a safety issue.

Parking Lots **Completed**	Complete Repaving	Parking Lot was over 25 years old with many holes and cracks	250,000
School (**have 50K in fund**)	Endowment Fund	Handle tuition issues for current School families	1,950K
Security Cameras (**Received $75K grant)**	Church, Parking Lots, Field & Private houses	Safety & Security	75,000
School/AAC heating & AC units	33 units that need to be replaced. Have a phased approach to replace older units	5 year project	550,000
Parish Center	New Roof	Roof is slate & almost 40 years old	75,000
Parish Center	Elevator	Elevator to access basement & second floor, expand building scope	TBD

AAC (phase 2)	Construct additional 500 square Foot structure	Parish meeting space for faith formation programs, meeting space - Knights of Columbus & educational space - adults programs	250,000
Convent	Kitchen	Modernize	15,000
Parish & School	Dig Well	Reduce Water bill	15,000
School	Renovate Front of School- Stucco coming away from building (Hurley's Lane)	Eliminate water leaks	60,000
Parish	Install solar lights in parking lots and ball field	Security	35,000
Parish Center	Parish Center Soffits	Wood damaged and animals getting into crawl space	17,000

Parish Administration

As a Parish an area of concern was the communication methods we were using to communicate to our existing parishioners and our ability to attract new members. After numerous discussions and research we have decided to modernize our web site and introduce a new and more effective communication system. We will utilize the services of Joan Kret (an accomplished media expert) to redesign the web site and to come up with an effective outreach strategy via social media that will provide comprehensive information to all who visit this site. This entails making use of online picture, video and speech technologies. This will give us the ability to register parishioners online for all Church and Faith Formation programs, activities, upcoming events and to develop an effective communication system to alert parishioners to emergency conditions i.e. church closings. We will launch the first phase of this effort at the end of October 2016.

In April 2016 we launched the "Faith to Move Mountains" Diocesan capital campaign. We were asked by the Diocese to raise $1,315,000 over a 5 year period. To date we have received pledges of $1,227,889 (93% of goal) from 153 families. While we are grateful for those families who have stepped up and have made the sacrifice, we are dismayed that only 153 families (6% of our population) out of 2,400 families have felt the calling to assist in this Diocesan effort. This campaign will end at the end of October with an "in pew" effort and we hope that we can meet our goal and possibly exceed it. As a Parish, we will receive 30% of everything collected up to our goal and 70% for every dollar over our goal. We hope that the final weeks of this Program will generate additional pledges and help us reach our goal as well as exceed it so that the financial reward back to the Parish will help us address the numerous capital items as outlined earlier in this report.

Almost two years ago we started exploring using solar technology as a way to reduce energy expense and to be responsible energy users. We partnered with the Diocese and after 4 different vendors (all chosen by the Diocese) we have now entered the phase of actual planning the system and obtaining the necessary approvals to construct a 300 megawatt ground mount system that will address over 80% of our energy consumption. The system will be installed by the vendor and the Parish will have a fixed rate of 9 cents per KW for the next 15 years; we will own the system in year 16. The current rate per KW is 12 cents per KW. It is estimated that we could realize yearly savings of $20,000 to $25,000 in electric expense.

During this past year the Diocese put in place a program "Faith in our Future" which was to evaluate the effectiveness of Parish programs as well as to bring Parishes together to ascertain if there could be synergies with certain programs and if better communication within cohort Parishes would strengthen marginal programs through the sharing of ideas. After an exhaustive 9 month program Saint Leo the Great is going to reorganize along the following lines:

- COMMUNAL LIFE
- SACRAMENTAL LIFE
- STEWARDSHIP & LEADERSHIP
- EVANGELIZATION, CATECHESIS AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The primary goals for "Faith in Our Future" are: to strengthen and enliven the Parishes of the Diocese, to improve our stewardship of personnel, finances and facilities, and to explore new models of leadership in our institutions. More about this program will be presented over the next few months.

SOCIAL CONCERNS THANKSGIVING PROJECT

Desserts are requested

In two weeks, Sunday, November 20th, the Social Concerns Ministry will be preparing Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need.

The youth of our Parish are providing the staple products and now we are asking our adult Parishioners to help us **provide desserts** for the baskets.

We appreciate any dessert item that you can bring, either homemade or store bought. We ask only **one special favor**: that the desserts be packed for travel. The baskets will be delivered that Sunday afternoon.

Don't Forget the Turkeys!

- We need **frozen** turkeys to be brought to the porch of the School between 10:00 and 12:30 on **Sunday, November 20th**
  - *Since we do not have any storage available, we can only accept turkeys during this time.*
  - The turkeys will be sent along with the rest of our Thanksgiving Baskets on that day.