St. Leo's Church

128 MAIN STREET LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01453

Incorporated 1872



LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Sunday 7:30, 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30 A.M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. (school days only) 12:15 P.M. 7:00 P.M. **RECTORY OFFICES**

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Sacrament of Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms are celebrated on

the Second Sunday of each month at 1:00 P.M.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least one year prior to the wedding.

Saint Leo's School Mrs. Nancy Pierce (Principal) 120 Main Street 537-1007 www.St-Leoschool.org St. Leo's Cemetery Office: 108 Main Street 537-7257 St. Leo's Cemetery Location: 360 Lancaster St. St. Leo's Religious Education Office (CCD)stleo.reled@gmail.com 118 Main St. 537-1198 Loretta DiPietro ST. LEO

LEOMINSTER



SATURDAY

MARCH 25

4:00 PM

Cherrie Bourgeois 9th Anniv. By family

Joseph Morand by wife

SUNDAY

MARCH 26

7:30AM

Danny Sculley by family

11:00AM

Wesley John Arbo 4th Anniv. Marie Simms by J. Shannon

MONDAY

MARCH 27

8:30 AM

Luz Torrres for Health & Well Being

TUESDAY

MARCH 28

8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 29

8:30 AM

Presentation Sisters Prayer Association

Leo Norton by wife

THURSDAY 8:30AM MARCH 30

NO MASS

FRIDAY

MARCH 31

8:30AM

No Communion Service

SATURDAY

APRIL 1

4:00PM

Francis Marien by family

Ann Bissonnette by The Tammaro's

SUNDAY

APRIL 2

7:30AM Joan Johns by Sister-in-law

Frank G. Regan by Wayne & Patrice Hall

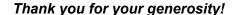
11:00AM

Wesley Arbo & Rose Bernard

Deborah Arbo Winters

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Last weekend our parish contributed \$3,844.62 for Ordinary, \$236.20 for capital improvement.\$110.00 for Latin America \$150.00 for Easter flowers.





My dear brothers and sister in Christ,

The Sisters of the Presentation completed their move out of the convent on Friday, March 18th. The last six sisters moved to Notre Dame du Lac in Worcester on that day. At this point no one is living in the convent. Most of the Kitchen, cleaning and custodial staff are remaining on the premises for several weeks to do some cleaning and packing of the contents of the house.

Many people are asking me what is going to happen to the convent. I remind everyone that the convent is owned by the Sisters of the Presentation. They purchased the convent from the parish approximately thirty-five years ago. In a recent conversation with the President of the Presentation Sisters, I was told that their first priority is getting their sisters settled in their new home in Worcester. It will be up to the Presentation Sisters if and when the building will go up for sale.

While the diocese has a "first right of refusal" in terms of purchasing the building, I do not intend to take over the building for parish use. The expense of Utilities and maintenance of another large building is not something that I wish to take on at this time.

I will keep parishioners informed if I receive news about the future of the convent building.

Have a great week!

Sincerely your in Christ,

Fr. Bill

Citurgical Roles

WEEK APRIL 1 & APRIL 2

LECTORS

4:00PM T. Marchand 7:30AM N. Pierce 11:00AM M. White

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

K. Fraticelli J. Shannon
D. Sutton B. LeBlanc
D. Crowley J. Shannon W. Torres

USHERS

J. Hanlon F. Vincent
D. Sutton R. Freiss
S. Pepin D. Pelkey



THE LATEST FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This week our food pantry will be open Monday. We invite parishioners who are in need of food to sign up for the pantry. To sign up for the food pantry call 978-786-7637 on next Monday between 10:00AM and 2:00PM. Come to the back of the rectory between 4:00 and 5:00 PM to pick up your food!

We are asking parishioners to donate this weekend <u>CEREAL & PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY</u> Please drop off items in the bins at church.

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECTS

Our Service Committee is asking parishioners to bring in gently used or new facecloths, bath towels and twin bed sheet sets. We are donating these items to the Leominster Women's Recovery Center. This center is run by Catholic Charities and is the only recovery center for women with substance addiction in northern Worcester County. Our Service Committee will continue to collect these items through Lent.

Service Project at Sholan Farms:

Our Service Committee is inviting parishioners to participate in a service project at Sholan Farms. This project involves the removal of root suckers, which are shoots that grow from the base of a tree. These root suckers can cause harm to the trees, preventing them from being as fruitful as they could be. The details of the service project are:

Activity: Removing Root Suckers

Location Sholan Farms **Date**: Saturday April 1st

Time: 9AM –12 noon (or as long as you as you are able.)

Bring: Water, gloves, loppers (if you have them)

Service Committee Members will be at all Mass to sign up.

LEOMINSTER LENTEN MISSION

Our last Leominster Lenten Mission on March 29th will finish up here at St. Leo's with a Mass at 6:30P.M. After Mass we will have refreshments put on by our Hospitality Committee. Please join us!!

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH FR. BILL



Fr. Bill will lead a scripture study for three consecutive Tuesday afternoons beginning this week. We will be learning about John's Passion Narrative which is proclaimed each year at the Good Friday service. Scripture study will begin at 1:30PM in the rectory. Participants are asked to bring their bible with them.

SCHOOL NEWS

We are happy to announce that St. Leo School has been accredited by NEASC for the next 10 years.

Our 5th and 6th graders will be going to Nature's Classroom and 7th and 8th graders will be going to Washington D.C. Prayers for safe travels to our teachers, students, and chaperones.



St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Bin

As we start to bring our spring wardrobes out, this is the ideal time to clean out our closets. Bring your unwanted clothes to the St. Vincent de Paul clothing bin located at the back of our parish property. The bin is behind the school playground and adjacent to our dumpsters. Your donations help St. Vincent de Paul in their ministry to those who are needy.

MARCH 26, 2023



SUNDAY

MARCH 26

9:00 AM 10:00AM Family Faith Formation Grades 1-8 Confirmation Class

MONDAY 4:00 PM 5:30PM

MARCH 27 FOOD PANTRY CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY

MARCH 28

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 29

6:30 P.M.

Lenten Mission (Mass in Church)

Thursday 7:00 PM 7:00 PM

MARCH 30 CHOIR REHEARSAL BOY SCOUTS

Friday 4:00PM

MARCH 31

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday 10:00-3PM 2:30PM

APRIL 1
IRISH STEP DANCERS
CONFESSIONS



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-8 classes are held Sunday morning 9am-10am.

Confirmation:

Class is held on Sunday morning 10am-10:45am. This week the young adults preparing for Confirmation will be in the church to greet you and to display their project on Holy Week. Please stop by and thank them for their effort.

Wednesday March 29th the Confirmation Class will attend the 6:30 P.M. Mass held here at St. Leo's. I will meet the class in the church.

Ms DiPietro

Director of Religious Education



Weekday Mass

Since the closing of the convent, we will have weekday Masses in the church at 8:30A.M.

Mass are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.