



ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILTON, NY

April 12, 2026

Parish Mission Statement As a warm, supportive community brought together by Christ, we celebrate God's love with joy, breaking the bread and listening to His word to bring others to Christ, and strive to serve God, our congregation and our world.

The Shape of the Church

Three times in the Acts of the Apostles, Luke gives a summary of what life looked like in the earliest days of the church. Since we are in the A cycle of readings from the lectionary this year, we get his first summary. Luke gives a practical description what the early Christians did. Later theologians took his descriptions and systematized them, under 5 headings. They are **Koinonia**: being a community, '*communal life*', **Kerygma**: proclaiming the Gospel message, **Didache**: catechesis '*teaching of the apostles*', **Leitourgia**: worship '*the breaking of the bread and prayers*' and **Diakonia**, or service. Knowing the Greek words isn't essential. But understanding, this is who we are and what we do, that is important! Watch as we continue to hear from the Acts of the Apostles and see the believers doing these things!

The Road to Glory

The passage we hear from the letter 1st Peter is filled with words of power, fitting as we continue our celebration of Christ's resurrection on this 2nd Sunday of Easter. Great mercy, living hope, imperishable, undefiled, unfading, more precious than gold, indescribable joy: such is the gift of faith, and the salvation Christ has won for us. True, the letter warns that we '*you may have to suffer through various trials*' (possibly a bit understated), but the forward movement in our journey of faith together is clear: toward attaining the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

The Gift of Peace

In our Gospel today, Jesus' first words to the disciples were 'Peace be with you'. Not once, but twice! Yet so much more than words, the risen Lord leads them to peace. First, by showing his hands and side, reassuring them that he truly is risen. He gives the power to forgive sins. What better path to peace than forgiveness?! Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace. But perhaps the exchange with Thomas is the most powerful message of peace in this passage. He knows Thomas' doubts without a word being exchanged. He doesn't castigate Thomas in any way for his doubts. He simply invites Thomas to touch the nail marks and put his hand in the wounded side, so that Thomas can move beyond his doubts. This exchange is not just for Thomas, but for all of us when doubts come our way. Jesus understands our doubts. He will lead us through them if we give him the opportunity. Forgiveness, mercy, moving through doubts, these lead to His peace, the peace Jesus offers us at every Mass.

More on Thomas

Trying to identify a stained glass image, icon or painting of St Thomas? Look for a spear, with which he was martyred. Tradition holds he brought the faith to India, and is buried in St. Thomas Church in Chennai, South India. But here is one more interesting tradition: that he built a palace for a king in South India! He is the patron saint of Architects and Builders. He surely deserves to be known as much much more than doubting Thomas!!
~ Fr. Bob

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 12th - Divine Mercy Sunday - 11:30 AM-3:00 PM -

Adoration followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sunday, April 12th - Coffee Hour after the 10:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, April 29th - Grief Community Meeting - 10:30 AM RM 3

May 6, 16 & 20 - Drop off Garage Sale items

Save the Dates - 2026!!

Women's Cursillo - May 14-17

Men's Cursillo - July 9-12

Youth Conference to Steubenville - July 17-19

Visit www.ROCCatholicnorthwest.org to find information about other parish activities at St. Leo's and other parishes.



Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Closed on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays

Please send all finance requests, invoices, purchase orders, receipts, to: Christopher Frontale at cbowest@dor.org.

 **YOU'RE INVITED**

An Evening with Paula Belemjian from The Margaret Home



Join us for a powerful and inspiring talk from Paula, founder of The Margaret Home

The Margaret Home provides a safe, nurturing home for pregnant and parenting mothers in need—offering housing, life skills, and support so women can grow, heal, and thrive.

Location: St. Leo the Great – Room 3
110 Old Hojack Lane
Hilton, NY 14468
Time: 7:00 PM
Date: Thursday April 16th

All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Light refreshments provided.

Sponsored by: Catholic Moms Group

Learn more about The Margaret Home Here 

DONATION DRIVE for The Margaret Home
Please consider bringing one of the following items:

- Aluminum foil
- Ziplock kitchen storage bags
- Saran Wrap
- Sponges
- Non-latex gloves
- Febreze
- Cases of water
- Swiffer Power Mop liquid
- Unscented baby wipes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Garbage bags
- Hand sanitizer
- Laundry detergent



THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

Monday - April 13th
5:30 PM Mass

Tuesday - April 14th
8:30 AM Mass
6:30 PM First Holy Communion Meeting
7:00 PM **NO** Bible Study

Wednesday - April 15th
8:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM - 8:30 PM - Adoration
12:00 PM Rosary for our country
6:00 PM Lector Gathering with Fr. Bob Room 5
7:00 PM Bell Choir Room 2

Thursday - April 16th
8:30 AM Mass
6:00 PM AA Rooms 4 & 5
7:00 PM Catholic Mom's Group Room 3
7:00 PM Columbiette's Meeting Room 2

Friday - April 17th
8:00 AM TOPS Club Meeting - Room 2
8:30 AM Mass

Saturday - April 18th
7:45 AM - Men's Prayer Group
2:30 PM Confessions
3:30 PM Rosary
4:00 PM Mass

Sunday - April 19th
8:00 AM Mass
9:00 AM Social Justice Room 5
10:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM CLOW
11:45 AM Adult Bible Study Room 2
6:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM Confirmation Class

How can I deepen my faith in God in these troubling times?

Cursillo (pronounced Cur-see-yo) is a lay movement within the Church that promotes Catholic ideals, fellowship and spiritual growth in daily living. Come experience a deep personal encounter with Christ as part of a Cursillo weekend! Both Men and Women weekends are available. If interested in more information, you are welcome to attend one of our nearby monthly Ultreyas – a meeting of current Cursillistas who pray together and share their God given light with each other. Check out our website for our Ultreya locations and for more information

www.rochesterkursillo.com or you can contact Tim Flynn, our Pre-Cursillo coordinator, at (585) 281-3816 or email kflynn6262@yahoo.com

Open up your heart to the love that Jesus wants to shine through you!



The Sunday Mass will be live streamed on the St. Leo Hilton Facebook page on Sunday at 10:30 AM. Confessions will be heard Saturday from 2:30 - 3:30 PM
Rosary will be prayed Saturday at 3:30 PM
MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday - 5:30 PM - **NO Mass** - Priests at Convocation
Tuesday - 8:30 AM - **NO Mass** - Priests at Convocation
Wednesday - 8:30 AM - **NO Mass** - Priests at Convocation
Thursday - 8:30 AM - Mary Bingham (Daughter Sue)
Friday - 8:30 AM - Scott Mattle (The Family)
Saturday - 4:00 PM - Fr. Bill Zwefka (Fr. Joe)
Sunday - 8:00 AM - Anne Duggan (The Rosary Society)
Sunday - 10:30 AM - Lynn Frisch (Claudia Frisch & Family)
Sunday - 6:00 PM - Holy Souls in Purgatory (Ray Yeaton)



Let us remember in prayer:

**Marilyn Marchese, Christopher Sturm,
Jennifer Gonyea Pope & Margaret Lloyd**

Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them.

A Short Break

In light of the Day of Penance, Holy Week, Priest's Convocation etc, Tuesday evening Bible Study will be on break, resuming April 28th.

Weekend Mass Attendance for March 28th & March 29th

4:00 PM Saturday - 141 Envelopes: \$4,357.00
8:00 AM Sunday - 106 Loose: \$2,137.00
10:30 AM Sunday - 193 WeShare: \$2,266.84
6:00 PM Sunday - 109
Total: 549

WEST BY NORTHWEST ULTREYA - A Cursillo Center of the Rochester Diocese. Ultreya meets the last Saturday of each month at 6:15 PM

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Contact Margaret, 392-8064; Theresa, 392-4856 or the Parish Office 392-2710; concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins. Those unable to attend Mass regularly will have Holy Communion brought to their homes.

Parish Membership: those who choose to worship regularly with us are invited and welcome to join our parish community offering your time, talent and financial support. Call the Parish Office, 392-2710 to register.

Christian Formation: Ongoing education for Pre-School through adults.

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA): Our faith community invites anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or wishes to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church by their Sacraments contact Kristine Burgio at Kristine.burgio@dor.org.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the Parish Office, 392-2710 when you become engaged.

Sacrament of Baptism: Email Jose Rivera at Jose.E.Rivera@dor.org 6 months before the anticipated birth date. Parent class is required.

Bulletin Submissions: Please submit **2 weeks** before the week needed, email Theresa.nicolosi@dor.org

Adult Bible Study

Come & join us for an 11 week Bible study of the book of Revelation on Sundays from 11:45 am - 1:00 pm after the 10:30 Mass beginning on Sunday, April 12th in room 2. We will be using the Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come study by Jeff Cavins & Thomas Smith. Weekly handouts are provided and study sets are available to order. We will be viewing a video followed by discussion. Although it is more beneficial to attend weekly, attendance any week is welcomed. Contact Patty Buskey @ 392-4266 with any questions.

Growing in Faith

Letting God lead us out of our comfort zone is a powerful way to grow in faith! Being a lector, or bringing communion to the homebound may seem scary, but it could also be exactly where God would like to lead you. We will be having a workshop for current as well as potential lectors on April 15 at 6:00, beginning with food. If instead you want to know more about becoming a Eucharistic minister to the homebound, please contact Fr. Bob, fr.bob.ring@dor.org, or 315-730-0882.

Franciscan Spirituality

All are welcome to join Father Anthony Baetzold, OFM, **Saturday, April 25, 2026**

9AM-2PM at St. Leo Church, 110 Old Hojack Lane, Hilton. Father will celebrate Mass at 9AM and share some of his Franciscan spirituality with us. Midday prayer will follow. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Drinks and snacks will be provided. The day will close with a Holy Hour and Benediction. The day is sponsored by the Glory of the Most High and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Secular Franciscan fraternities in the Rochester area. "Come and see" what the Secular Franciscan life is all about.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who made this year's St. Joseph's Table a big success! Thank you to all who attended, helped set up, clean up, and for all of the kitchen help. Thank you to everyone who brought in the delicious food & contributed anything towards the table. It was so appreciated and fun was had by all!

The Rosary Society

The Rosary Society will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 13 in room 5 at 12:30. We will continue to discuss upcoming activities for this year.

We can also join the Columbiettes for a trip to Our Lady of Victory church in Buffalo on April 12 for the noon Mass. Please advise if you are interested as we will have to set up with them.

The Christian Women have a meeting on April 21 with a speaker from Lifespan about Computer fraud etc. We have heard him before and is very good.

If you are interested in joining our group we would love to see you. Please attend our April 13 meeting. Ladies and men from St. Mark's are most welcome.

Stewardship Appreciation Dinner

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! That's the purpose of the Stewardship Appreciation Dinner – to thank all St. Leo stewards for their time, talent and treasure. This year's dinner is Saturday, May 9, after the 4 pm Mass. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Life Center from April 11 until April 26. Please attend! The Stewardship Council is honored to serve you, and we look forward to seeing everyone.

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Margaret Adams, Hillerie Aiello, Pat Alas, Dick & Jeanne Alleon, Kevin Baker, Joe Barone, Charles Battaglia, Donna Bader, Dr. Thomas P. Blodgett, Theresa Buboisi, Patrick Cahill, Rita Cahill, Jerry Callahan, Brian Camp, Michael Camp, Sandy Camp, Barbara Cangialosi, Michelle Cayea, Ed Chapman, Tom Cravatta, Jack Cyzeski, Greg Dale, Liz Daligga, Anne D'Amato, Kylie Davis, Christine Davison, Marcia Doles, Nancy DiBattisto, Charles Jones, Debbie Jones, Kathy Emmons, Eva Evan, John Flanagan, Paula F., Joanne & Jerry Gavenda, Michael General, Pamela Godshalk, David Groth Shirley Goth, Dan Hasenauer, Virginia Huehnerbein, Dan Irrera, Dawn Knapp, Susan Kreisley, Thomas Launer, Lisa Legler, Terry Lemcke, Karen Linder, Charles Lisow, Felicidad P. Manzon, Sheila Maniossi, Frank Lamartina, Catherine McGinnis, Sandra Merlau, Dan Merola, Erin Merritt, Ernesto Nunez Moreira, Anne Murphy, Patricia O'Neill, Christopher Parish, Marie Pierre, Sydney Pelusio, Paula Perrotte, Sally Procknow, Dean Rissew, DiAnne Roberts, Tim Salata, Bill Schoenweitz, Cheryl Schojan, Ken Robinson, Andrea Richel, Joan Rohr, Bea Ross, Jamie Rothfuss, John Schiffhauer, Kathy Semanko, Emma Simpson, David Skehan, Sue Smith, Joyce Stell, Greg Stevely, Chelsea Speer, Cameron Tomlin, Mary Wirth, Judy Kreiser, Ken Milliman, Carol Steiger, Juanita Link, Jeanette Tehan, Trudy Welch, Rick Nersinger, David Burgess, Richard Beryle, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Ree Vaccarelli, Celina Lebron-Vargas, David Sykut, Sr., Pam VanWuyckhuysse, Ray Yeaton, Jennifer Tyson, The Strauch Family and all in need of prayer.

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St.Leo Garage Sale Items Drop-Off Dates/Times:

May 6 5-8 pm

May 16 9-11 am

May 20 5-8 pm



Drop off items at the door next to the office

Not accepting: Computers, Cloth Chairs/Sofas,
Knives, Bowling Balls



We reserve the right to refuse items

Garage Sale Dates are June 11, 12, 13

Caring For God's Creation (Bulletin In- sert 4 of 12) - "Reuse"



What harm can Microplastics cause? Microplastics are small plastic pieces made during the breakdown of every day plastic containers: bags, bottles, clothing, etc. They can be as small as 1/80,000 the width of a hair strand or up to 1/5 of an inch.

Found everywhere: in the air, in water, in soil, and in cosmetics....as well as human tissues!

Exposure is associated with increased risk of cancer, male infertility, dementia, poor fetal development, childhood diabetes, and ADD...also linked to increased risk of heart attack & stroke.

Recycling/reusing plastic helps but is not enough; To decrease detrimental effects of microplastic exposure we need to do more than recycle and reuse plastic.

We need to reduce and replace plastic use whenever possible by:

Do carry a stainless-steel water bottle and avoid plastic water bottles.

Don't microwave food in plastic containers.

Do use glass, wood, or metal kitchen items, including mixing bowls, spoons, cutting boards, and food storage containers.

Consider available alternatives to foods packaged in plastic

When buying clothing, Do read the materials description.

Do aim for more natural fibers: cotton, wool, bamboo, and Tencel.

Do avoid plastics (polyester, nylon, acrylic, spandex)

GOING GREEN: Fix that leaky faucet...a faucet that drips once per second uses up to 2000 gallons of water a year.