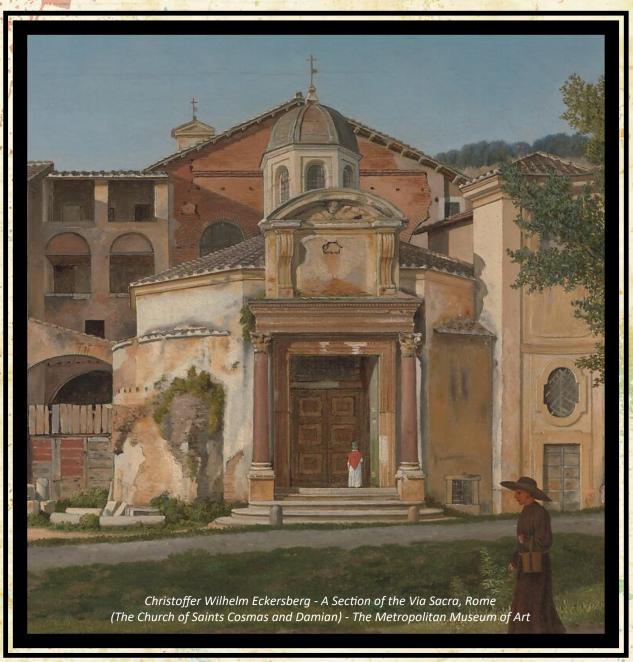


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BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Baptisms of children under 7 years old are offered every fourth Sunday of each month in Spanish and every second Sunday of the month in English. Please visit our website or contact our office for details and requirements.

At confirmation we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and confirm and renew our baptismal promises committing to a life of maturity in the Christian faith. Unconfirmed Catholics wishing to receive the Sacrament should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for suitable instruction. Unbaptized or non-Catholics can be confirmed at the Easter Vigil when they are baptized or received into the Church as a part of Order of Christian Initiation of Adult. To enroll in OCIA, please call Griselda Cisneros at 992-0901.

Parishioners who wish to bring communion to their spouses should contact the parish office to pick up a pyx with the St. Leo's inscription on it. Please use this pyx when approaching to receive a host for your spouse or a family member in the Communion procession during Mass. If you need to receive a gluten free host due to a medical condition please arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins and inform the

RECONCILIATION

Individual confession with a priest is the principal means of absolution and reconciliation of grave sins within the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation frees us from sinful patterns of behavior and calls us to complete conversion to Christ. Confessions are heard at 2pm on Saturday in English and 2pm on Sunday in Spanish in the Church. You may also approach any of our parish priests to hear vour confession at another suitable time.

THE RITE OF ANOINTING

A person does not need to wait until the point of death to receive this sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. The Sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after the anointing but becomes ill once again, or if, during the same illness, the person's condition becomes more serious. For those who are about to depart from this life, the Church offers the person Penance, Anointing of the Sick, and the Eucharist as Viaticum (food for the journey) given at the end of life. Contact the Parish Office at 992-0901 to be connected with the priest on duty.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are a registered parishioner of St. Leo and plan to marry in our parish please contact our office at least six months prior to the tentative wedding date. Weddings cannot be scheduled until the marriage preparation process is complete and it is determined that the parties are free to marry

ANNULMENT - Reestablishing the freedom to marry.

An annulment is more accurately described as a declaration of matrimonial invalidity. It is an official determination made by an ecclesiastical court that at the time of the marital consent exchanged by the parties a specific component of the mariage was lacking or defective. Hence, the marriage failed to be a marriage as defined by the Catholic Church. If you wish to reestablish your freedom to marry in the Church, please contact a parish priest to be your advocate in presenting your case to the Tribunal.

If you think that you have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life please speak with one of our priests, or contact the Diocesan Director of Vocations at 941-484-9548, visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/vocations

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We are pleased to provide for all our of parishioner the ability to access this wonderful website filled with thousands of wide ranging movies, programs, audios, such as the Lives of Saints of History and Modern Day, The Sairand Holling Study, Children's Entertainment, Praying at Home, and Movie Night selections.

To access FORMED choose the link on our website, search "St Leo Bonita" to find us in the drop box, and sign up for your own account.





Sunday, October 19 Hands Held High

"As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight." (Exodus 17:11) Moses climbs a hill with a stick and a promise. The battle is down in the valley, yet the real work happens where three friends stand close enough to notice when an arm starts to shake. They do the most practical thing in Scripture. They find a rock for a chair and hold up his hands. The miracle is not glamorous. It is teamwork.

The psalm looks up to the mountains and asks where help will come from. Sometimes the answer is God sending Aaron and Hur to your side with a quiet, holy stubbornness. Sometimes the answer is you, sliding a chair under a tired friend and saying, I have the left arm, you take the right.

Jesus tells a story about a widow who refuses to quit. She does not yell at the heavens. She shows up again tomorrow. Faith is often less like fireworks and more like a calendar reminder. Pray, return, repeat. If your prayer feels small, keep going. Heaven has a long attention span, and God is far kinder than a cranky judge.

Prayer: Lord, when I am tired, send me helpers. When others are tired, send me. Teach me the grace of not giving up. Amen. Exodus 17:8–13; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2; Hebrews 4:12; Luke 18:1–8

Monday, October 20

Bigger Barns or Bigger Hearts

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

Abraham trusted a promise that was larger than any blueprint. He did not calculate the odds. He counted on God. That trust was credited as righteousness, which is a beautiful way of saying that faith deposits something real in the soul.

A man with full barns starts a conversation with himself and wins the debate. He forgets to invite God into the meeting, also forgets to invite his neighbor. By sunset his barns are perfect and his priorities are not. The parable is uncomfortable because it is familiar. We keep thinking more storage will make more life.

Here is a simple shift. Before you save, give. Before you expand, ask God who needs to be included. Bigger barns are fine. Bigger hearts are better. And if you have been waiting to be generous until life finally feels secure, note that security is often what arrives after generosity.

Prayer: Father, teach me to number my days and to spend them on what matters to You. Make my plans kind. Amen. ☐ Romans 4:20–25; Luke 1:68–75; Matthew 5:3; Luke 12:13–21

Tuesday, October 21

Lamps at the Ready

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." (Luke 12:37)

Through one man came the long winter of sin. Through one man comes spring. Paul piles gift upon grace until it overflows the page, as if words can barely carry what God has done. Where sin spread fast, grace runs faster.

Jesus pictures servants who keep the porch light on and the door unlatched. The master returns late, sees the lamps, and does the most surprising thing. He ties on an apron and serves the people who were serving Him. Heaven loves to reverse the expected.

Vigilance is not anxiety. It is love that remembers. Keep a little oil in your lamp. Say a short prayer before you open your inbox. Leave a corner of your day unscheduled so that God has room to knock. When He does, joy will feel like the sound of a latch lifting.

Prayer: Jesus, keep my heart awake and my love warm. Let me be found ready and glad when You arrive. Amen. Romans 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21; Psalm 40; Luke 21:36; Luke 12:35–38

Wednesday, October 22

Trusted While No One Is Watching

"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much." (Luke 12:48)

Paul asks us to stop handing our members over to habits that shrink our lives. Present yourself to God instead, not as a perfect person but as someone raised and learning to walk. Grace is not a permission slip. It is a new strength for a new way.

Jesus speaks about stewards who manage the pantry while the master is away. The wise ones keep passing out bread at the right time. The foolish ones think delay means freedom to drift toward cruelty. We live between two arrivals. Character is who we are in the meantime.

You have been trusted with much. A family, a parish, a friendship, a skill, a wound that can become compassion. If you want a simple rule for stewardship, try this. When unsure, feed

someone. Food for the body. Food for the mind. Food for a tired spirit. Blessed is the servant who is still ladling soup when the door opens.

Prayer: Lord, make me steady in secret and kind in public. Help me serve well with what You have placed in my hands. Amen. Romans 6:12–18; Psalm 124; Matthew 24:42, 44; Luke 12:39–48

Thursday, October 23

Set on Fire to Love

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49)

Paul contrasts two kinds of slavery and one real freedom. We all serve something. When we gave ourselves to sin, the returns were small and the bill was steep. When we give ourselves to God, the fruit is holiness and the end is life. The wages of sin are exact. The gift of God is extravagant.

Jesus says He came to set the earth on fire. That sounds disruptive until you remember what His fire does. It burns away the lies that keep us pleasant but distant. It clears the thorns that choke our love. It warms the cold corners of a family that has lived too long with polite silence.

If following Christ has never created a hard choice for you, ask for courage. Not to search for division, but to love with a truth that sometimes costs. Let the Spirit light one brave act today, small but sincere. Think of it as opening a window so fresh air can move through the house.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, kindle in me a clear and gentle fire. Let zeal and tenderness live in the same heart. Amen. Romans 6:19–23; Psalm 1; Philippians 3:8–9; Luke 12:49–53

Friday, October 24

Reading the Weather of the Heart

"Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?" (Luke 12:57)

Paul describes the most human tug of war. I want to do good, then I do not. He names the misery with honesty and does not stop there. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ. This is not a shrug. It is a rescue. Confession is the moment we hand God the rope and step out of the mud.

Jesus teases a crowd that can read clouds but not their conscience. We carry a pocket meteorologist for the sky and none for the soul. The Lord suggests a practical forecast. If you are on the way to court, settle now. In other words, do not wait for a bigger storm. Make peace while you can still walk together.

Try a small act of wisdom today. Send the text that softens a misunderstanding. Pay the debt you keep moving to next week. Apologize without a defense. It is amazing how much weather clears when the front of pride moves on.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to read the signs within, and give me the courage to choose the next right thing. Amen. Romans 7:18–25a; Psalm 119:66, 68, 76–77, 93–94; Matthew 11:25; Luke 12:54–59

Saturday, October 25

Second Chances and Slow Growing Figs

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it." (Luke 13:8)

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Paul says it and we keep checking if it is really true. The Spirit who raised Jesus lives in us and keeps whispering life where the world has labeled us done. That whisper is stronger than the loud voice of shame.

A tower fell and people died. The crowd wants a theory. Jesus gives a warning and then a gardener. A fig tree has been all leaves and no fruit for three years. The owner reaches for the axe. The gardener reaches for a shovel. Give me one more year. I will dig and feed and tend. Mercy is patient, but not passive.

If you feel fruitless, do not cut yourself down. Let Christ loosen the compacted soil around your heart. Let Him pour grace into places that have gone hard from disappointment. Keep showing up to the light. Figs ripen slow, and that is fine.

Prayer: Gardener of my soul, dig where I am stubborn, nourish what is weak, and bring fruit in Your time. Amen. Romans 8:1–11; Psalm 24; Ezekiel 33:11; Luke 13:1–9

For the full version of each day's reflection, visit CatholicJourneyToday.com and journey deeper with Scripture, prayer, and daily encouragement.

Words That Cut and Heal

Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2; Exodus 17:8–13; Luke 18:1–8

By Father Jarek

Most of us would rather not think of God's Word as a sword. A warm blanket? Yes. A comforting cup of coffee? Absolutely. But a sword? Not so much. Yet the Letter to the Hebrews insists, "The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two edged sword."

That line unnerves us because we know what sharp things do. They pierce. They separate truth from excuse, pride from humility, appearance from authenticity. And no one enjoys being cut open like that.

But here is the paradox: the same Word that wounds also heals. Like a skilled surgeon, God never slices to harm; He cuts to remove what keeps the heart from beating freely. Every time we listen to Scripture with honesty, we invite that gentle surgery of grace.

Think of the moments when God's Word has found its mark: a Gospel verse that unsettled your conscience, a psalm that pierced your grief, a reading at Mass that felt written just for you. At first, the truth stings, but beneath the sting is relief. The infection of sin, pride, or bitterness begins to drain, and what felt like pain becomes peace.

Saint Paul understood this when he urged Timothy to "proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." The inconvenient moments are usually the ones that change us. The Word confronts us when we are comfortable and comforts us when we are broken. It refuses to flatter; it insists on freeing.

In Exodus, Moses prays with weary arms as battle rages below. The Word at work there is not spoken but embodied, steadfast, demanding endurance. It cuts through illusion and shows that victory belongs not to strength but to faith sustained in weakness.

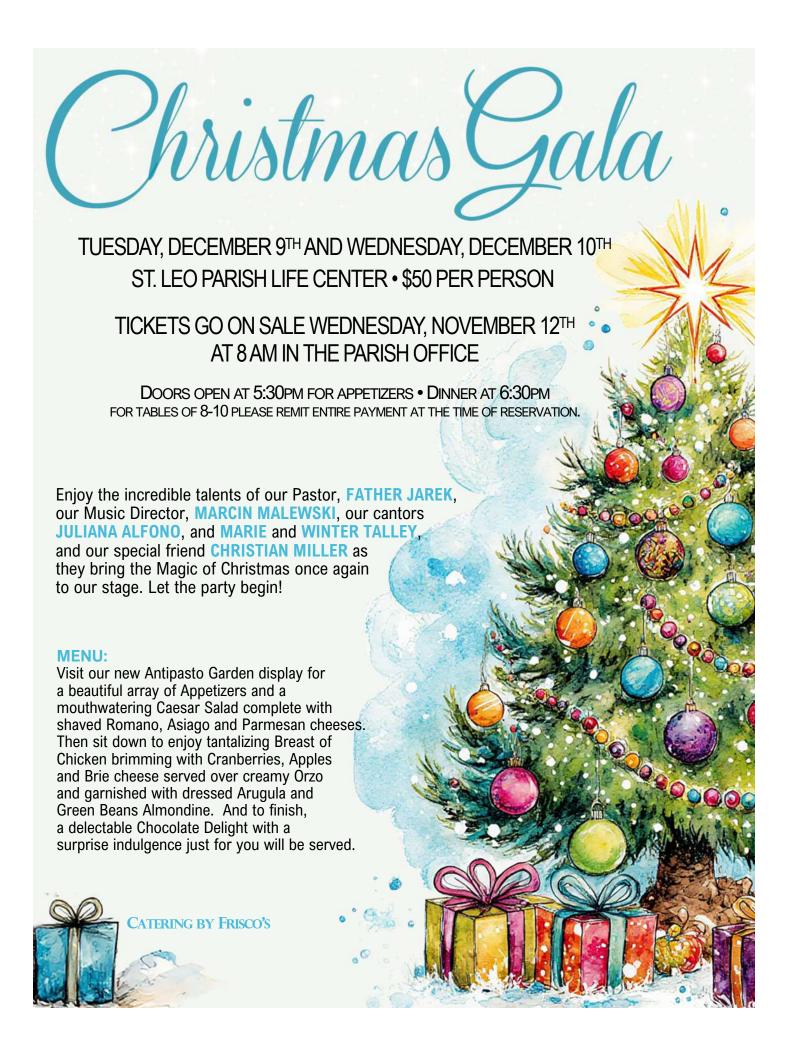
And in Luke's Gospel, the persistent widow keeps pleading before an unjust judge. Her insistence mirrors what Scripture does within us: it keeps knocking until the hardened door of the heart opens. God's Word never gives up; it keeps visiting the same wound until mercy finally has room to enter.

If we let it, the Word can transform how we hear everything. Instead of scrolling past headlines, we begin to ask, "What truth is God revealing here?" Instead of reacting in anger, we pause long enough for the sword of the Spirit to trim our pride before we speak.

The psalmist says, "The Lord will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever." That protection often happens through the very words that challenge us most. The Word of God guards by guiding, and guides by sometimes cutting away our false defenses.

So when a reading unsettles you, do not turn the page too quickly. Sit with it. Let it probe, question, and heal. The Word that cuts is the same Word that restores.

And perhaps, in time, we will come to see that being pierced by truth is not an injury. It is the first step of being made whole.





Autumn Dinner Concert Parish Life Center Wednesday, November 12th

TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.
\$20 PER PERSON
DOORS OPENS AT 5:15PM
DINNER AT 5:30PM
ALL SEATING IS OPEN, NO RESERVED TABLES.
ENJOY A LIGHT SEASONAL SUPPER & A GLASS OF WINE.

Share a nostalgic evening with us as our lovely and amazing cantor, Juliana Alfano, accompanied by Jodie De Salvo, provide autumn music that is sure to bring back memories meant to lead our hearts home.

Enjoy a light seasonal supper and a glass of wine.



All Souls' Requiem Mass Commemorating our Seloved Sead Monday, November 3rd at 6pm

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church to list those for whom you want to offer intentions.

After completing, place them in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office.

These intentions will be placed inside the Book of Remembrance for this Mass of Commemoration.

They will also be cumulatively included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful during the month of November.



Patrons of the Calvary Garden



An additional opportunity for you to be recognized as a patron, or to honor your family or a loved one in the renovation of our Outdoor Stations of the Cross garden is now available.

The center of the Stations now includes a garden area which,

as depicted, will soon be enhanced with three crosses, a water feature and illumination.

On a granite pedestal will be a bronze plaque holding up to 50 names chosen by Patrons of the Calvary Garden. You may choose to include the name of the donor, someone you would

like to honor, or a deceased loved one which may be identified with a cross preceding their name. The cost per name is \$1,000 and orders are now being accepted. Because the names are cast and cannot be added at a later date, orders will end when the maximum of 50 names are submitted.

Order forms are available in the parish office.

For additional information, please contact Beth Daniels at slladiesguild21@gmail.com.

Please include your name and phone number with your inquiry.

St. Leo Food Bank "The need has never been greater."

The St. Leo Food Bank is always in need of supplies to share with local food pantries.

All unopened, non-perishable foods that are not expired are welcomed. You may continue to drop off your donations when you come to Mass, or at our office Monday - Friday from 8am-3pm.

THESE ITEMS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED

MOST NEEDED

- □ COOKING OIL
- ☐ DRIED BEANS
- ☐ MASECA (CORN TORTILLA FLOUR)
- □ WHITE RICE

- □ TOOTHPASTE
- □ TOOTHBRUSHES
- □ BAR SOAP
- ☐ SHAMPOO/BODY WASH
- ☐ TOILET PAPER
- ☐ ANTIBACTERIAL WIPES
- ☐ CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES
- CANNED TUNA & CHICKEN
- ☐ FLOUR & SUGAR
- ☐ CANNED SOUP
- □ POWDERED MILK
- □ PEANUT BUTTER &
 - JELLY
- □ CEREAL
- □ JUICE

If you prefer, you may donate money directly to St Leo Food Bank. These funds will be dispersed to those in need both directly, and through our partner parishes and organizations.

Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers to help with food pantry distribution every other Wednesday from 9am to noon at their building on the St. Leo campus.

If you would like to help please contact Michael Vega at 239-270-3291 or mvega@ccdov.org

The St. Leo Food Bank supports Catholic Charities on our campus, Café of Life in Bonita Springs, as well as the food pantries at the parishes of Jesus the Worker (Ft. Myers),

St. Margaret (Clewiston) and Our Lady Queen of Heaven (LaBelle).

If you need assistance from Catholic Charities for food, financial assistance, or tele-mental health counseling, please call 239-390-2928 between the hours of 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.

TO DONATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND CLOTHING BRING THEM TO:

Our Lady of Light Thrift Shop 24600 S. Tamiami Tr. Ste. 600A (992-1576) St. Vincent de Paul Resale Shop 3725 Bonita Beach Road (992-1899)

The Perpetual Baby Shower



Please remember all the infants who are in need of diapers and new clothes. Their toddler brothers and sisters grow so fast and need clothes also.

The Ladies of St. Leo Guild thank all of you for your past support. Contributions may be left in the donation boxes at the doors of the church or taken to the parish office.

BABIES ALWAYS NEED

- □ WIPES
- □ FORMULA
- □ BABY WASH
- □ BABY SHAMPOO
- □ DIAPERS (ESPECIALLY SIZE 6)

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!







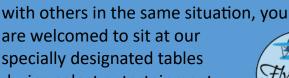
Join us at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs for our October 23rd event, titled:

The Miracle of Joy - A Journey of Trust & Faith in God."

We invite you to register for this event and see our season's lineup on our website www.faithandale.com/register/. Review the details of this event below:

- Start time 6:30pm, doors open at 6pm t. Leo the Great in Bonita Springs
- 28290 Beaumont Road Bonita Springs, FL 34134 \$10 Suggested Donation

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during select entertainment events at the parish.

Volunteers Needed for Prison Outreach

Join the team of Diocesan volunteers who enter county jails and state prisons within the 10-county Diocese of Venice to do pastoral outreach, distribute the Eucharist and facilitate programs. Priests, Deacons, and lay volunteers are encouraged to assist in this ministry. Volunteers will first participate in an orientation program before entering the facility and will shadow experienced volunteers until they feel comfortable. Times and

days vary by facility. Please contact Joe Mallof at 224-217-7139 or Bob Hiniker 863-558-0407 to learn where you can fit into this joyful opportunity.

If you are "flying solo" at his point in your life....whether by choice, widowhood, or

divorce, and you would like to socialize



NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTION MASS **REQUESTED BY** MONDAY **OCTOBER 20** 8:00 am +Nestor Reyna His Loving Family TUESDAY **OCTOBER 21** 8:00 am +Theresa Doria The Romero Family WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 22** 8:00 am +Thomas Feeney Kathleen Bellwoar **THURSDAY OCTOBER 23** +Manuela Perez & Aurora Their Loving Daughter & 8:00 am Granddaughter, Maria **OCTOBER 24** FRIDAY 8:00 am +Bob Kelly Penny Kelly SATURDAY **OCTOBER 25** 8:00 am +Carl Wodarski Shirley Ruehl Dedicated to Respect Life 3:30 pm +Robert Thompson Corinne & Charlie 5:30 pm +Jeffrey Vogt Mike & Liz Pulick SUNDAY **OCTOBER 26** Bonnie Dunne-Martin 7:30 am +Carl Wodarski

Hearing Loops are installed around the pews adjacent to the north and south entrances of the church and in the new auditorium. Hearing Loops transmit sound directly into a hearing aid or cochlear implant. To receive the Loop signal, manually activate the T-coil or telephone setting on your device. Consult your audiologist or hearing aid professional with problems.

+Reuel & +Justine Sestoso

The Parishioners of St. Leo

+Abraham Lemus

Special Cumulative Intentions

Elna & Bruce Greene

His Loving Family

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Experiencing the marvelous presence of Christ through Eucharistic Adoration is available in our Chapel from 7am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday and on Saturdays and Sundays from 7am to 5:30pm.

ST. LEO MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIEST CENACLE

Second Friday of each month in the Cry Room - Following 8am Mass For more information contact Betty at 860-595-6370 or holdenbnd@gmail.com

Prayer Group

All are welcome on Wednesday mornings in the Nest Cafe at 8:45am to pray for our personal intentions and those of our community, country and peace in our world.



9:30 am

11:30 am

5:00 pm

3:00 pm - Spanish

Rosary Makers - Wednesday at 10:30 am - Nest Café

All are welcome to join the JMJ Rosary Makers as they make beaded string rosaries. The instructions, supplies and tools required will be provided. Since prayer and evangelization are needed more than ever, so are rosaries.

Walking with Moms in Need is a program at St. Leo which connects pregnant women and new mothers in need with assistance and support. Please go to our website for more information www.stleocatholicchurch.org

The Sewing, Knitting & Crocheting Group

shares their talents to benefit local charities. They welcome volunteers of all skill levels on Tuesdays beginning at noon in the Juan Diego Outreach Center. Contact Bernice Romano at 239-601-5877 with questions. Starting in October through May



DAILY PRAYER SCHEDULE

MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS: 7:15 am-Divine Mercy Chaplet in

the Cry Room, 7:30 am-Rosary in the main church.

FRIDAYS: 7:10 am-Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Cry Room, 7:25 am-Rosary in the main church, followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena We invite you to join us in these wonderful prayers. Your presence and participation are greatly appreciated.



ST LEO'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Meetings are held in the Nest Café on the last Friday of each month following 8am Mass beginning again in January. For questions contact Loretta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201.



Flowers this week are dedicated to Parishioners of St. Leo

Candles this week are dedicated to †Deceased Parishioners of St. Leo



Please Pray for Our Troops

Lt. Marco Colavecchia Brian Dearcia Leon Michael DeSantis Cpt. Mary Kate Flynn Lt. Thomas A. Flynn Cpt. Sean Flynn Thomas Geanuracos Carlos Gonzales Lt. Andrew D. Holt Brian Howlett Lt. Com. Matthew Kleine Reed Lessman

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Joseph McDermond Daniel McDonald Cpt. Kyle Martin Michael Oliveira Sgt. Thomas Pauls Nick Parrorzio Sean Michael Perry Cpt. Evan Razzano Lt. Riley N. Schliem Lt. Col. Jonathan W. Schwarz Lt. Col. Peter Shayhorn All serving in the military, especially those in combat.

Jose Manuel Meraz

Jay Miller

Linda Mizeur Paul Modzelewski

We pray today for...

Tom Bardol Dave Bowezs Tom Brown Denise Buk Isabelle Marie Caiola Patrick Cain Carol Compagna Mark Chambers Mickey Chervitz Kevin Clark Scott Cochell Lourdes Coll Greg Daeger Eli Davis Janet Davis Carrie Derse Paul Duggan Brad Fairfield Matthew Fairfield Paula Fairfield Linda Fischel Sean Flynn Tom Frazer John Galli Gissette Lupita Garcia Cory Gray Pauline Graziano Karen Grimshaw Ryan Hammond Alan Handsman Tara Handsman Luke Hass Robbin Holcomb Jack Jeffrey Jerry Kaehle Nolan Kane Mary Kobel

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Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days & troop list for 6 months. To add names or update information call the Parish Office at 992-0901 or email: ehernandez@stleocatholicchurch.org

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Parishioners from the St. Leo Bible Study group joyfully attended one of this month's Day of Prayer at OLPH Retreat Center in Venice. These days are opportunities to take time out of your busy and hectic life to focus on God. The day begins at 9:30am with continental breakfast and includes two talks by OLPH priests, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, and Mass, as well as time for adoration, private prayer, or meditation on the beautiful grounds. The day concludes at 3:15pm. The cost is \$45. Registration is at olph-retreat.org

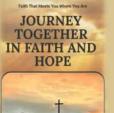


All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us in room 13/14 of the Education building on Friday nights from 6:30-8:30pm for food, games and sharing of our faith. Call the Religious Education Department at 992-0901 for more information.

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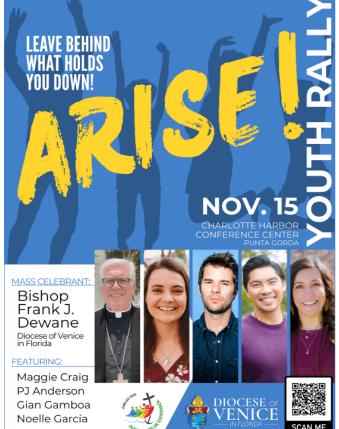
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