Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

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

The Roman Catholic Community of
Saint Leo the Great

“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

LK 5:10

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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.
Novena Prayers—following 9:00 a.m. Mass
Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, Thursday
Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES: See Bulletin

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

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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)
Catechesis on the Mass

Introduction to this week’s Catechesis

Last week’s Catechesis - The Introductory Rites (The Sign of the Cross, the Greeting, the Penitential Act, the Gloria and the Collect or Opening Prayer) prepare us to listen to Jesus (The Liturgy of the Word) and partake of the meal He has prepared for us (The Liturgy of the Eucharist). This week’s Catechesis reflects on “Part One” of the Mass: The Liturgy of the Word. Previously, I discussed “The Books Used at Mass” (cf. Article Four). Our Catechesis begins with a brief review of two “books”: The Lectionary and The Book of the Gospels:

The Lectionary contains all the Scriptural Readings used at Mass; there are several volumes: Readings for Sunday Mass, Readings for Weekday Mass, and Readings for Ritual Masses. The Book of the Gospels contains the passages that are proclaimed on Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts. Sunday Mass Readings are on a three-year cycle: Year A, B and C. Weekday Mass Readings are on a two-year cycle: Year I and II.

The Scriptural Readings at Mass

For Masses on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, Solemnities & Special Feasts: There are three Readings from Sacred Scripture: The First Reading and the Gospel Proclamation with one of the Psalms as a Responsorial between them. The First Reading, from the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) may be taken from one of the first five Books (Torah or Pentateuch) of the Bible - (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers or Deuteronomy) or from the Historical Books (example, I or II Kings, I or II Samuel, etc.), or from the Wisdom Books (example, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes) or from the Prophetic Books (example, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Micah etc.). The Second Reading, from the New Testament, may be taken from Saint Luke’s Acts of the Apostles, or one of the Epistles (Letters) of Saints Paul, Peter, John, James, Jude, or from the Letter to the Hebrews or from the Book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. One of the Psalms is used as the Responsorial between the First and Second Readings. During the Easter Season, all three Readings are taken from the New Testament; the First is always from The Acts of the Apostles. After the Second Reading, the Alleluia is sung along with the Gospel verse. The Alleluia is always sung; if not, it is omitted. During the penitential season of Lent, the Alleluia is omitted and is replaced by another antiphon. The Gospel Proclamation follows.

For Weekday Masses: There are two Readings from Sacred Scripture: The First Reading and the Gospel Proclamation with one of the Psalms as a Responsorial between them.

The Homily: A wise Bishop once said to his young Priests: “In the confessional, be as gentle as a lamb but in the pulpit, be as strong as a lion!” The image of a key comes to mind when discussing the Homily. Just as a key unlocks a door or a treasure chest, so too does the Homily unlock for us the Mystery of Christ and His teaching. The Homily should help deepen our knowledge of and love for Christ. Because the Homily, an integral part of the Liturgy, helps connect the Word of God with our daily lives, it is imperative that the Homilist (Priest or Deacon) thoroughly prepare it keeping in mind the needs and circumstances of the Parishioners.

Article Eight: Catechesis on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – The Order of Mass – III: The Liturgy of the Word (Readings on Sundays and Weekdays & the Homily) - A

I wish you a very pleasant Sunday, and a good and healthy week. Let us pray for one another.
Saturday, February 6
5:30 p.m. - The People of the Parish
+John & Pauline Folchetti, r/b Father John

Sunday, February 7
7:00 a.m. -+Mitchell Autry, r/b Scott Sari
+Tomas J. Popola III, r/b friends
8:30 a.m. -+Thomas J. Popola III, r/b Kwapniewski Family
+Lois Lang, r/b Wrede Family
10:00 a.m. -+Mary Heagney, r/b Melillo Family
+John Varga, r/b Melillo Family
11:30 a.m. -+John Underwood, r/b Maggie Underwood
+Nicholas Pranio, r/b M/M Dan Colella & Family

Monday, February 8
9:00 a.m. -+James & Mario Giordano, r/b Aniello Giordano
+Marilyn Rafferty, r/b Rafferty Family

Tuesday, February 9
9:00 a.m. -+Victoria Spellman, r/b Barbara Bye
+Souls in Purgatory, r/b Emily Luckhurst

Wednesday, February 10
9:00 a.m. - The People of the Parish

Laudato Si 76:
In the Judeo-Christian tradition, the word "creation" has a broader meaning than "nature", for it has to do with God's loving plan in which every creature has its own value and significance.

~ Pope Francis

Liturgical Assignments - February 13/14

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CLOW SCHEDULE
February 14, 2016
1st Sunday in Lent

8:30 A.M.
1. R. Dogas
2. N. Durkin
3. J. DeLuca

10:00 A.M.
1. N. Ahlborn
2. J. Scanlon
3. S. Cizin
4. P. DeStefano

Church
Week of February 8th
In Memory of:
Guiseppe Grisafi
Requested by:
Angie Davi & Family

Tabernacle Vigil Light
In Memory of:
Guiseppe Grisafi
Requested by:
Angie Davi & Family
### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

**MONDAY, February 8**
- 9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. 4th Grade Rel Ed Lent Retreat/School
- 6:30 p.m. Divorced & Separated Grp / P.C.

**TUESDAY, February 9**
- 9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / Chapel
- 4:15 p.m. Rel. Ed., K-6 / School

**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 10**
- 7:00 a.m. Prayer Service w Ashes / CHURCH
- 9:00 a.m. Mass w Ashes / CHURCH
- 12:10 p.m. Prayer Service w Ashes / CHURCH
- 4:15 p.m. Rel. Ed., K-6 / School
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service w Ashes / CHURCH
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service w Ashes / CHURCH

**THURSDAY, February 11**
- 9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / CHURCH
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study / P.C.
- 6:30 p.m. Rel. Ed., 7th / School

**FRIDAY, February 12**
- 9:00 a.m. Mass / CHURCH
- 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross / Church

**SATURDAY, February 13**
- 8:00 a.m. Mass / Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. A.A. / P.C.
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions / Church
- 5:30 p.m. Mass / Church

**SUNDAY, February 14**

| Masses: | 7:00, *8:30, *10:00 & 11:30 am/Church | *8:30 & 10 a.m. Mass Children’s Liturgy of the Word |

**MONDAY, February 15**
- **President’s Day**
- Parish Center Closed
- 9:00 a.m. Mass / CHURCH

### Offertory

Thank you for your continued support! You may also donate electronically via [www.ParishPay.com](http://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
- **Remember Our Deceased especially** those who were victims of the snowstorm, Olive Corley
- **Remember Our Newly Baptized** Briar Roman Farrell
  - Army Christopher Ippolito
- **Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families** M/M Adam Alweiss,

### Welcome to our Church

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**February 10th**

**Prayer Services with Ashes**

- 7am, 12:10, 6, & 7:30 pm

**Mass with Ashes—9:00 a.m.**

All will be in the Church
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WATERSPIRIT’S Lenten Series: Explore “Creation at the Crossroads” and “Laudato Si” Five Tuesdays beginning February 16 and ending March 15. Participants may choose the 10:30 AM – 12 Noon session or the 7:00 – 8:30 PM session.

This Lent, strengthen your awareness of the presence of God within Earth, our common home, yourself and in others. WATERSPIRIT is offering a series on Pope Francis’ Encyclical letter, Laudato Si, Care of our Common Home. The book that will be used for this series is “Creation at the Crossroads,” written by Rev. Edward Ciuba. Each session will include prayer, learning, and reflection. The discussions will include our responsibility to care for Earth especially in this time of climate change chaos. Cost $30 (which includes a copy of the book.) Reservations required. For more information please call WATERSPIRIT at 732-923-9788. Email: water@waterspirit.org

WATERSPIRIT, 981 Ocean Ave., Long Branch.

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6x9 engraved pavers place outside the main doors of Church. Up to four lines, 16 letters per line (including punctuation and spaces). $150 donation. If you would like to place an order, please stop at the Parish Center for a form or go to our website www.stleothegreat.com.

Blood Drive
Saint Leo the Great School Cafeteria
Monday, February 22 - 4:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.
For your donation appointment, please contact Deirdre Walsh Senkewicz at 732-741-3133 x 203.
Thank you for being a life saver!

Don’t Forget:
♦ DONORS must present signature ID.
♦ PLEASE drink water before donating.
♦ DONORS must be healthy, 16 years of age with parental consent, and weigh at least 120 lbs.

SAINT LEO’S PROJECT LOAVES & FISHES IS FEBRUARY 20/21
Items that we are very low on are:
Canned Fruit Rice Mix Muffin Mix Cereal Pasta Sauce Canned Meals
Thank you for your continued generosity!

LENTEN MISSION...Saint Joseph’s Church, Keyport—Sunday, February 21, Monday, February 22, Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 PM each night.
Come experience three evenings of powerful Mission Preaching, moving Rituals and Witness.
We invite you to explore the themes of Forgiveness and Mercy towards ourselves, others and God, through prayer, witness and rituals. Facilitator is Sister Camille D’Arienzo...
Sister’s experience with the New York media includes more than 40 years as a religion commentator for 1010 WINS Radio. Sister lives in the Diocese of Brooklyn and is the author and narrator of Stories of Forgiveness, about people whose experiences have caused them to consider the possibilities of extending or accepting forgiveness. There will be a time for Hospitality and Fellowship at the close of each evening. We look forward to having you join us!

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LENTEN SHARING TREE
The Social Concerns Committee uses The Butterfly for our Lenten Project as a symbol of Hope in the Resurrection.
In the spirit of fasting and alms giving, starting next weekend we ask that you take a Butterfly envelope and return it with your donation. We will use these funds to feed those in need this Easter.
The Butterfly envelopes can be returned in the collection baskets. Please return by March 13th.
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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“These forty days of Lent, O Lord, with you we fast and pray.” This line from a popular hymn we sing in our parishes during the season of Lent contains a very important truth. During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from Ash Wednesday, February 10th until Holy Thursday, March 24th --- it is with YOU, Lord, with YOU we fast and pray. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience of the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. “With YOU we fast and pray” is our song. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. “With YOU, too, we fast and pray.” Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent, February 14th to Trinity Sunday, May 22nd. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to get to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance, grace and joy for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

DOC:ms
What's Happening in Religious Education?

Margaret Lang, DRE

“Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God.” Joel 2:13

- God bless all our children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday!
- Monday, February 8th is our 4th Grade Lenten Retreat from 4 to 5:45 PM. There will be NO CLASS FOR 4th GRADE ONLY ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY due to the Retreat.
- Tuesday, February 9th and Wednesday the 10th - NO 4TH GRADE. There will be Class for everyone else.
- Thursday, February 11th is for both 7th & 8th Grade.
- Wednesday February 10th is Ash Wednesday. All Religious Education families are invited to come for Ashes at 4:30 PM. We will bring all Wednesday Religious Education classes to Church at 4:25 – dismissal time will not change. Pick up 5:30 as usual. Please bring your families to received Ashes for the start of our Most Holy Lenten Season.

God Bless You!

From Joan Kret, Youth Minister

We met last Sunday and our theme was Mercy Madness. We brainstormed on how we as disciples can incorporate Pope Francis’ Year of Mercy into our lives and the lives of people in our community for each of the corporal acts of mercy.

Rummage Sale on March 12th!

ALL ARE INVITED

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Thursday, February 11th
at
9:00 a.m. in the Church

“Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the Priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

~ James 5:14

SAVE THE DATE
April 7, 2016

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

A presentation will be offered on Living Will Declaration; Palliative Care and Polst (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment — at the end of life)

Look for information in future bulletins

Men’s Morning of Reflection
Hosted by SLG Holy Name Society
All Men of the Parish are invited to participate.
Sunday, February 21st.
at Saint Leo the Great

Start the morning with worship at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
Guest Speaker and light breakfast to follow.
Great timing. Lent begins this week, a time of repentance, renewal and new hope. Pope Francis has placed special emphasis for us, providing us with ‘Messengers of Mercy’ for reconciliation.

The Bishop of Rome invites us to walk with Jesus. What better time, than the season of Lent. We do not wish to walk alone, so, take a moment to go fishing, to invite someone else, one or two persons, to join in the Lenten journey with us. It may be a person who has grown weak in the practice of the faith, someone who has experienced hurts in the church, or is suffering from sickness or lack of hope.

The nets we have are prayer, sacrifice and good works. We are the ones reaching, extending ourselves, so that others may come to know the mercy of God. The Pope described himself as a sinner. I too, can utter the words of Peter, not to leave me, but to walk and support me.

**Daily Readings for the Week**

- **Monday** - 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
- **Tuesday** - 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- **Wednesday** - Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- **Thursday** - Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
- **Friday** - Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
- **Saturday** - Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

**A VOCATION VIEW . . .**

God does not ask you to be successful: God does ask you to be faithful. Put your vocation ahead of your career.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER** +Hundreds of High School students from Nebraska and elsewhere were stranded in buses for over 24 hours during the last snowstorm that shut down parts of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. These teens were returning from Washington D.C., where they attended the March for Life, in which many braved the storm to be there as well. While waiting in the cold and running out of supplies, the group decided to hold Mass by improvising and creating an altar out of snow. Maddie Schulte, Wisconsin Regional Coordinator of Students for Life of America, writes about her experience:

On Friday morning, I proudly marched in the March for Life in Washington D.C., nothing will stop this pro-life generation. Even in the midst of hunger, exhaustion, and fear, these students are on fire for the pro-life cause and willing to do whatever it takes to save lives.
This Lent how about having an encounter with Jesus?

Nothing in your life is more important than encountering Jesus and encountering Him anew. *Rediscover Jesus* can be used personally for Daily Prayer and Reflection or consider joining a small group at Saint Leo’s. Facilitator: Sister Jeanne Belli, SSJ

**We will meet on Wednesdays, February 17, 24 & March 2, 9, 16**

Cost of Book — $3.00 Each
Total Enclosed $ _________

Name(s): __________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________________________________

Email Address: _____________________________________________________

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**Group Sessions**
Saint Leo the Great Parish Center
50 Hurley’s Ln, Lincroft
Please check Session
☐ 10:00 a.m.
☐ 7:00 p.m.

Check below for
☐ Personal Use

Deadline to Register is 2/16