Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

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

LK 5:10

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY through THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
SATURDAY
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
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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

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  Sister Ann Barry, S.S.J. Coordinator
Lunch Break  Mrs. Cheryl K. Keefe, Coordinator

Parish Organizations
Carnival  Mr. Joseph A. Manzi
Chairperson  Mr. David Jones
Holy Name Society  Mr. William Gwinnell
President  Ms. Julie C. Olski
Vice President  Mr. Stephen Mercadante
Knights of Columbus  Mr. Donald Listing
Saint Joseph’s Society  Mr. Donald Listing

Community Outreach
Bereavement Support  Sister Ann Barry, S.S.J.
Bereavement for Parents  Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dwyer
Caregiving Friends  Mrs. Mary Lee

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)
From the Desk of Father John
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**

**February 14, 2016**

1st Sunday in Lent

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| 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 |

**Liturgical Assignments - February 13/14**

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<td>M. Burden, M. DeGregorio</td>
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<td>C/J/N Sparber</td>
<td>E. Almerini</td>
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<td>S. Smith, M. Celli</td>
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<td>C. Dillon, C/S Brennan</td>
<td>R. Gabrielan</td>
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<td>C. Yurcison, J/K Farrell</td>
<td>E. Patterson</td>
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### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

#### MONDAY, February 8
- 9:00 a.m. Mass w Novena / **Chapel**

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

#### 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 institution’s 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

#### Remember Our Newly Baptized

#### Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families

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### ASH WEDNESDAY
**February 10th**

**Prayer Services with Ashes**

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

**Mass with Ashes—9:00 a.m.**

All will be in the Church

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Please join us on Friday’s during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:30 p.m.
All are encouraged to participate.
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 Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740.

THE GIFT OF A LASTING MEMORY
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.

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!

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.
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

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What’s Happening in Religious Education?
Margaret Lang, DRE

BLOOD DRIVE
Saint Leo the Great School Cafeteria
DATE: Monday, February 22nd
HOURS: 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!

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♦ DONORS must present signature ID.
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♦ DONORS must be healthy, 16 years of age with parental consent, and weigh at least 120 lbs.

ALL ARE INVITED
LITURGY
of
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
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 14, 2016

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13
Paul tells us that if we proclaim, “Jesus is Lord” and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

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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: _____________________________________________________

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
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**Remember Your Parish in Your Estate Planning**
Bequests are ideal for remembering those who will come to St. Leo the Great Church after us—in our Catholic Christian Mission. Or, you may wish to name St. Leo’s as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or other financial instrument. The designation would be: Church of St. Leo the Great, 50 Hurley’s Lane, Lincroft, NJ 07738. If in doubt, please call us and we will be happy to work with your attorney or financial advisor. Thank you for your consideration.

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**ConnectNow—My Own Church at Saint Leo’s!**

**Advantages for Members** - My Own Church is the ideal solution for members who use the Internet to manage their personal finances and business. My Own Church uses ParishSOFT’s technology to give members secure and personal access to the information in their family and member records. Registered users of ConnectNow Family Suite can log in and perform any of the following tasks in My Own Church:

- Manage their own Church records and keep personal information accurate and up to date. For example, members who move or change phone numbers can quickly and easily log in and update this information for themselves. No need to call the Church, fill out and submit paper forms, and then wait for someone at the church to update their records.
- Add a record for a new family member.
- View their personal giving history.
- Upload a family photo and individual photos of individual family members.

Web-savvy members gain the freedom to update their information at any time—all without paper forms or phone calls to the Parish Office. Changes are processed electronically and without the delays typically experienced from the processing of paper forms. **Note that any changes a member makes to his or her record must first be approved by an authorized church administrator so there may be a short delay in getting a record updated.**

Please go to [https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/trenton](https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/trenton) to sign up. Choose **New User**. Organization is **Church of Saint Leo the Great**. Choose a **username**. Fill out your information and email address and hit submit. After our office receives your request and it is approved, you will be sent a temporary password.

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An easier way to support our Parish

To enroll, go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com). Click on “Make a Donation”, enter our zip code 07738 - choose Saint Leo the Great. Enter your monthly donation amount and fill in your personal information. It’s that easy!

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**A Parishioner is . . .** one who belongs to the Parish Family. As such, she/he is **formally** registered with us and is committed to the Parish through participation in the life of the Parish Community - **spiritually, socially** and **financially**. If you have not formally registered as a Parishioner, please do so at the Parish Center Office. **Please note - we will not be able to issue Sponsor Certificates or Letters of Eligibility for Baptisms or Confirmation if you are not a registered participating member of the Parish for at least six months.**

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**NOTE: FEDERAL PRIVACY REGULATION - HIPAA** (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability) prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient’s presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you’re admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from us, please notify the hospital or call the Parish Office.

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**Laudato Si :**

~ Pope Francis

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