

The Church of St. Leo the Great

ST. LEO PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"St. Leo the Great Catholic Church is a welcoming parish which is strengthened by the Eucharist, and which keeps Jesus Christ at its center. We are a community of faith characterized by prayerful worship, community involvement, evangelical discipleship, and vibrant stewardship. We are an ever-growing resource for spiritual renewal and Catholic teaching in the Hilton-Parma area. Our parish strives to be financially stable. Our parish collaborates with the Diocese of Rochester and other faith communities to develop dynamic programs that address the needs of the parish and the greater community."

A Stewardship Parish which gathers at 167 Lake Avenue, Hilton, New York 14468

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Ultreya meets last
Saturday of each month

December 11, 2011

TONIGHT!

SENIOR CITIZENS INVITED TO CHRISTMAS STORY

Over 55? Want to hear the Christmas Story? Join other Seniors as the St. Leo Youth Group recalls the Nativity Story on Sunday, December 11, and share special memories of your Christmases with the Youth Group. You are invited to attend the 6:00 PM Mass, the story begins after Mass.

TIME CHANGE FOR CYO BASKETBALL TEAMS

Please note time change for games at Aquinas. Our home games are played in the gym at St. Jude's on Lyell Rd. The December schedule is:

Girls

12/11 - **2:00 PM** vs. St. Joseph @ Aquinas Field Hse. #3, 1127 Dewey Ave.
12/17 - 3:00 PM vs. St. Lawrence @ St. Lawrence, N. Greece Rd.

Boys

12/11 - 5:00 PM vs. St. Lawrence @ St. Jude's, Lyell Rd.
12/17 - 5:00 PM vs. St. John, Roch. @ St. Jude's, Lyell Rd.
12/18 - **6:30 PM** vs. Holy Trinity @ Aquinas Field House. #3, 1127 Dewey
The schedule for the remaining games will be posted in the New Year. Take time form your busy schedule to support our teams. They need a cheering section! Please bring a lawn chair for games at Aquinas as they do not have seating.

CHRISTMAS GIVING AND MITTEN TREES

There are a few tags left on our Giving Tree. Help make someone's Christmas "extra special" by choosing an ornament, purchasing the requested item and returning the gift to St. Leo's by Sunday, **December 18**. It is **very important** to return the **original gift tag** taken from the tree with each gift. This is the **only** means of identifying the gift recipient. Gifts may be placed in the alcove in Church.

If your gift is for the Women's Care Center, please do not wrap it, just put it under the tree. Your usual generosity will brighten Christmas for so many people.

COLUMBIETTES POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Columbiettes will be having their December meeting on Thursday, Dec.15, starting at 6:30 PM with a Pot Luck Supper. It will be a Christmas event where everyone brings a non-perishable item for the Food Shelf. It would be appreciated if everyone would RSVP to Janice Bradt 281-1091, so we know who is coming. We are looking forward to seeing all of you, as we have a busy year in 2012.

ROSARY SOCIETY LUNCHEON

The Rosary Society will hold their annual Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 14 at Carmestro's at 12:30 PM.

LOOKING FOR SOME UNIQUE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS?

Stop by Second Time Treasures on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday and look over their selection of Christmas ornaments and decorations. All are reasonably priced.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO

Daily Masses: Mon.-5:30 PM, Fri.-8:30 AM DMC
Communion Service Tues.-Thurs.- 8:30 AM DMC
Divine Mercy Chaplet - Monday - Friday - 3:00 PM

MONDAY - December 12

5:30 PM Mass, Divine Mercy Chapel
6:00 PM Junior Bell Choir, Room 2
6:00 PM Group Reunion. Room 4
6:45 PM Group Reunion, Room 3
6:45 PM Children's Choir, Room 1
7:00 PM Senior Bell Choir, Room 2

TUESDAY - December 13

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Second Time Treasures
7:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, Chapel

WEDNESDAY - December 14

9:00 AM - 8:25 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:30 PM Rosary Society Christmas Party, Carmestro's
7:15 PM Festive Choir

THURSDAY - December 15

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Second Time Treasures
6:30 PM Girl Scouts #193, basement
6:30 PM Cub Scouts, basement
7:15 PM RCIA, Room 5

FRIDAY - December 16

8:30 AM Mass, Divine Mercy Chapel

SATURDAY - December 17

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Leo Resale Shop
3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass

SUNDAY - December 18

Deadline for returning gifts from Giving tree!

8:00 AM Mass
9:00 AM Religious Education
9:15 AM Group Reunion, Room B
10:30 AM Mass and Children's Liturgy
10:30 AM Religious Education
6:00 PM LifeTeen Mass
7:00 PM Edge & LifeTeen Night
7:00 PM Mother Angelica Bible Study, Room 5

From our Youth Minister, Michele Pechie:

LifeTeen Mass begins at 6:00 PM

7:00 PM Sunday, December 11
"The Christmas Story"

Be a Friend! Make a Friend! Bring a Friend to Jesus!



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 24:
3:30 PM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM**

**DECEMBER 25
10:30 AM**

WINTER CAMPING

Are you looking for some fun Winter Camping? **Camp Stella Maris** has two opportunities for youth campers. **Camp in the Cold**, for campers 7-12 years old will happen over the Martin Luther King Weekend, January 14-16. Get out of the deep freeze and go the Stella Maris for the long weekend. This program offers everything CSM is famous for, all with a wintery twist!

Winter Camp, for campers 11-16 years old will be held over the long Presidents' Day weekend. Does skiing once a week just not cut it? Have you always wanted to try boarding but just haven't had the courage? CSM offers skiing and boarding for three full days, February 17-20. Enjoy fun activities, lip-smacking good food and of course, great friends. Campers spend each day enjoying the slopes at Swain Ski Resort and return to CSM for fun and crazy programs, hot cocoa, amazing night prayers and an entertaining and enthusiastic staff. *No prior skiing/boarding experience is necessary, as lessons are included in the registration fee.*

For more information or to register call CSM at 585-3346-2243 or email diane@campstellamaris.org.

THE SMALLER BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves: they will have no end of fun.

Blessed are those who are sane enough not to take themselves seriously: They will be valued by those about them.

Happy are you if you can appreciate a smile and forget a frown: you will walk on the sunny side of the street.

Happy are you if you know how to hold your tongue and smile, even when people interrupt and contradict you or tread on your toes: the Gospel has begun to seep into your heart.

Above all, blessed are you who recognize the Lord in all whom you meet: the light of truth shines in your life, for you have found true wisdom. *Reprinted with permission, The Joyful Noiseletter*

Our Sanctuary Candle in Church burns in prayer this week for the intentions of Roger Hilfiker.

From: The Counters

Our Sanctuary Candle in the Divine Mercy Chapel

burns in memory of Colin Igham.

From: Great Grandmother



IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER

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| Bob Flannery | Katherine Foster | Laurie Gavigan |
| Gail Hughes | Fred Korzenieski | Liz Loizzo |
| Bessie Marino | Dee Marlatt | Mary Marshall |
| Katie Moore | Cathy Miller | Rick Nersinger |
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| Bob Peter | Ellie Reyner | Gabriel Stolt |
| Marlyn Surash | Lisa Tydings | Noreen Tymkin |
| Ann Wenzel | | |

and all others in need of our prayers.

Stewardship: We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. *Winston Churchill*

Talent: Thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Society who prepared the Christmas Giving Tree with ornaments.

Stewardship...Live It!

Treasure for December 3 and 4, 2011

Parishioner households using envelopes contributed: \$7,473.18
 Visitors & Others contributed: \$236.49
 0 Children using envelopes contributed: \$0.00
 0 Children's good deeds were given to God
 Miscellaneous Additional Funds: \$4,800.00
 Weekend Attendance: 642

HILTON EAST DRIVER THIS WEEK

Dan Schwind is the driver for December 18.

**NEED A BREAK FROM THE
HUSTLE AND BUSTLE?**



Don't get so caught up in the hustle and bustle of shopping and outside activities that you forget to prepare for Christ's coming. Spend a few minutes, a half-hour, an hour or whatever time you can afford to sit and talk with our Lord.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote: *In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.*

Every Wednesday, from 9:00 AM until 8:30 PM, you have an opportunity to visit with our Lord as the Blessed Sacrament is available in the Divine Mercy Chapel. Spend some time in quiet prayer and adoration and give thanks to the Lord for all our blessings.

WATCH AND PREPARE

During this season of Advent, three of the four Sunday Mass readings focus on our need to be alert and awake. On the first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns to "be watchful" and "alert" (Mark 13:33). On the second Sunday, John the Baptist tells us that someone who is very powerful is coming. He tells us to get ready for him by repenting of our sins (Mark 1:2-8). And finally, on this third Sunday, as if the first two warnings weren't enough, John the Baptist virtually repeats himself, telling us to "make straight the way of the Lord." (John 1:23).

What are you doing to "be ready" for His Second Coming"? A story is told about St. Francis. When one of his brothers asked him: "What would you do if you knew the Lord was coming tomorrow?" Francis replied: "Nothing different, I'd just keep hoeing in my garden." Francis wouldn't make any eleventh hour changes to his routine. He was ready for Jesus.

Advent is an opportunity for us to remember that we were made for heaven. It is a call to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. It is a call to repent and ask God to take away our sins so that we can more fully enjoy being with Jesus. Happy Advent!



Let us remember in prayer all those who have died recently, including

- Alice Gears, Jeanne Anne, Richard Cooley, Douglas Archibald, father of Tim Archibald, Leah Balmer, Kenneth Walter, Sr. Valerian Burger, SSJ and all our departed relatives and friends.*

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

A GIFT OF HEALTH FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Fertility Awareness/Natural Family Planning classes are being offered just in time for the New Year. Cheryl and Alan Hutchings of Churchville are offering a full course series starting on January 22 with follow-up sessions on February 26 and March 25. Also offered is a postpartum-only class on January 29. All classes start at 6:00 PM and are being held at their home at 76 Stearns Rd., Churchville. Child care is available for free on site if needed. Couples need to register on-line at www.ccli.org prior to the classes. Financial aid is available if needed.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Station of the Cross Catholic Radio (Rochester 1460AM) is sponsoring the Catholic Women's Conference in March, 2012. Join together with other women on March 17 for a Lenten day of reflection entitled "*Behold, I Make All Things New*" to be held at the Hearthstone Manor in Depew, New York. This special event will begin with Mass at 8:00 AM and will feature nationally syndicated radio host Teresa Tomeo, Leah Darrow, and "The Mother Teresa of Baghdad," Mother Olga Yaqob. Music by Catholic recording artists 'Marian Grace.' Admission is \$40 until March 1st and includes a boxed lunch! High school and college student rate is \$30 until March 1st! To learn more or to purchase tickets call 1-877-888-6279 or visit www.whicradio.com.

SIGNS AND WONDERS

Sign outside First Baptist Church, Winter Park, FL:

"There is no high like the Most High."

Sign outside a church:

"When you reach the end of your rope, you will find the hem of His garment."

On a car bumper sticker:

"Humankind: be both."

Sign outside a church located next to a Walmart:

"The OTHER saving place!"

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday - Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:30 PM For the intentions of Scott Dale (A loving friend)

Tuesday - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
8:30 AM Communion Service

Wednesday St. John of the Cross
8:30 AM Communion Service

Thursday - Advent Weekday
8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday - Advent Weekday
8:30 AM Marian Beehler Ulp (Flora Bishop)

Saturday - Late Advent Weekday
5:00 PM John Eichas (Dan and Karen Eichas and Family)

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Thelma Baumgartner (Steve and Janice Carges)
10:30 AM Fr. Joe D'Aurizio (Bequest)
6:00 PM Kathie and William R. Lenhart (The Crumlish Family)

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday : 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Please contact 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 formally join our parish community offering your time, talent and financial support. Please call the Parish Office, 392-2710 to register.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION - On-going education for Pre-School through adults.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

(R.C.I.A.) Our faith community invites anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or wishes to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please contact at Mary Lou Rosien, mosien@rochester.rr.com or 594-2621.

SACRAMENT OF MINISTERIAL PRIESTHOOD (HOLY ORDERS) Interested in serving the People of God? To proclaim the Gospel, preside at Liturgies, see Fr. Joe. If interested in becoming a Deacon, see Fr. Joe.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office, 392-2710, as soon as you become engaged.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact Carol Steiger at 392-9558 or CSteiger@rochester.rr.com six months before the anticipated birth date. Parent class required.

WILLS: Please remember St. Leo Church in your will to ensure the future of our Catholic tradition.

SCRIPTURE CORNER

Do you want to spend time in prayer each day? A good way to begin is to read or reread the daily Scripture readings. Prepare for Mass by taking a few moments to read the Scripture readings

Readings for the week of December 11, 2011

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-1, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/LK 1:26-38

Pray for our Seminarians and for priestly vocations

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Thurs. 2 PM-8 PM
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Tues. 9:00 AM-5:30 PM

THE POWER OF MANY...STRONGER AS ONE!

YOUR HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED!

Last year we had 250 donors enabling St. Leo's to succeed our last year's goal. This year, to date, 198 families have responded. Your help is needed to help us reach our goal. **Every** gift, large or small is important and needed! Times are difficult, but your generosity is appreciated.

Sincere thanks to the people who have generously returned their pledges for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our goal of \$51,929 can be reached with everyone's help! No pledge is too small. We are at 68.76% of our goal with a total of \$35,708.38 pledged from 198 donors. If your name does not appear here two weeks after you made your contribution, call the Parish Office at 392-2710. Pledges have been received from:

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“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”

(Pope Benedict XVI Homily 2011 World Youth Day)

“The Lord loves you and calls you his friends (cf. Jn 15:15). He goes out to meet you and he wants to accompany you on your journey, to open the door to a life of fulfillment and to give you a share in his own closeness to the Father.

Certainly, there are many people today who feel attracted by the figure of Christ and want to know him better. They realize that he is the answer to so many of our deepest concerns. But who is he really? How can someone who lived on this earth so long ago have anything in common with me today?

The Gospel of Matthew (Mt 16:13-20) suggests two different ways of knowing Christ. The first is an impersonal knowledge, one based on current opinion. When Jesus asks, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’, the disciples answer: ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ In other words, Christ is seen as yet another religious figure, like those who came before him.

Then Jesus turns to the disciples and asks them: ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter responds with what is the first confession of faith: ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’

Faith is more than just empirical or historical facts; it is an ability to grasp the mystery of Christ’s person in all its depth.

How would you respond if you had to put your relationship with Jesus Christ into words?

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. Lucy

December 13

The martyr Lucy died at Syracuse, Sicily, around 304, during the persecution of Diocletian. Born into a noble family, she consecrated herself to Christ, renounced matrimony, and gave all her belongings to the poor. For this she was denounced by her betrothed; she was imprisoned and tortured. According to legend, when the torturer dug out her eyes she herself put them back in place. In the end she was decapitated. Her cult spread immediately after her death.

She is depicted holding a plate with eyes, the palm, or a sword and is invoked against ophthalmia and hemorrhages. She is the protector of electricians, eye doctors, and the blind.

Lucy is from the Latin and means “light.”

St. John of the Cross

August 14

Born in Spain in 1542, Juan de Yepes entered the Carmelite order in 1563. He was attracted to the life of the Carthusians and was about to leave the Carmelites when Theresa of Avila convinced him to reform it instead. So it was that the order of the Discalced Carmelite friars came into being, in 1568. A great mystic, John wrote numerous works, including *The Dark Night of the Soul* and *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*. Persecuted and isolated, he died in 1591. He was canonized in 1726 and declared a Doctor of the Church two hundred years later. He is depicted with the Carmelite habit in adoration of the cross. John is the protector of mystics, theologians, and poets. His name, Juan (*John*) is from a Hebrew name meaning “Yahweh is gracious.”

Thought for today:

When you pass on and reach the gates of heaven will you be able to pass this test?

GOD WILL NEVER ASK YOU:

- What kind of car you drive but how many people you drove who didn’t have transportation.
- The square footage of your home, but how many people you welcomed into your home.
- About the clothes in your closet, but how many you helped to clothe.
- What your highest salary was, but if it comprised your character to obtain it.
- What your job title was but if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- How many friends you had, but how many people to whom you were a friend.
- In what neighborhood you lived but how you treated your neighbor.
- About the color of your skin, but about the content of your character.
- Why it took you so long to seek salvation. He’ll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven and not the gates of hell.
- How many people you share your gifts with.

Remember, **HE** already knows the answers.

WHY MEN ARE HAPPIER PEOPLE

- The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
- Wedding dresses cost \$1000 but the tux \$100.
- They can never be pregnant.
- The garage is all theirs.
- A five day vacation needs only one suitcase.
- They are unable to see wrinkles in their clothes.
- They can do the same work but with more pay.
- They can play with toys but with more pay.
- One wallet and one pair of shoes, in one color, for all seasons.
- They can “do” their nails with a pocket knife.
- They can open their own jars.
- Their phone conversations last only 30 seconds flat.
- Their last name stays put.
- Their underwear costs only \$8.95 for a 3 pack.
- Car mechanics tell you the truth.
- They can always wear shorts no matter what their legs look like.

This really happened at the University of Maryland.

At the graduation commencement it became evident that no prayers were allowed because of a court ruling preventing it. The speeches were nice and contained inspirational and challenging ideas but no one mentioned divine guidance or asked for blessing on the graduates and their families.

Not until the last speech was there a standing ovation. A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment and then it happened. All 92 students **SNEEZED**. The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, “**GOD BLESS YOU!**”

The audience exploded with applause. This class found a unique way to invoke God’s blessing on their future with or without the court’s approval. **WOW!!!!!!**