

ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILTON, NY

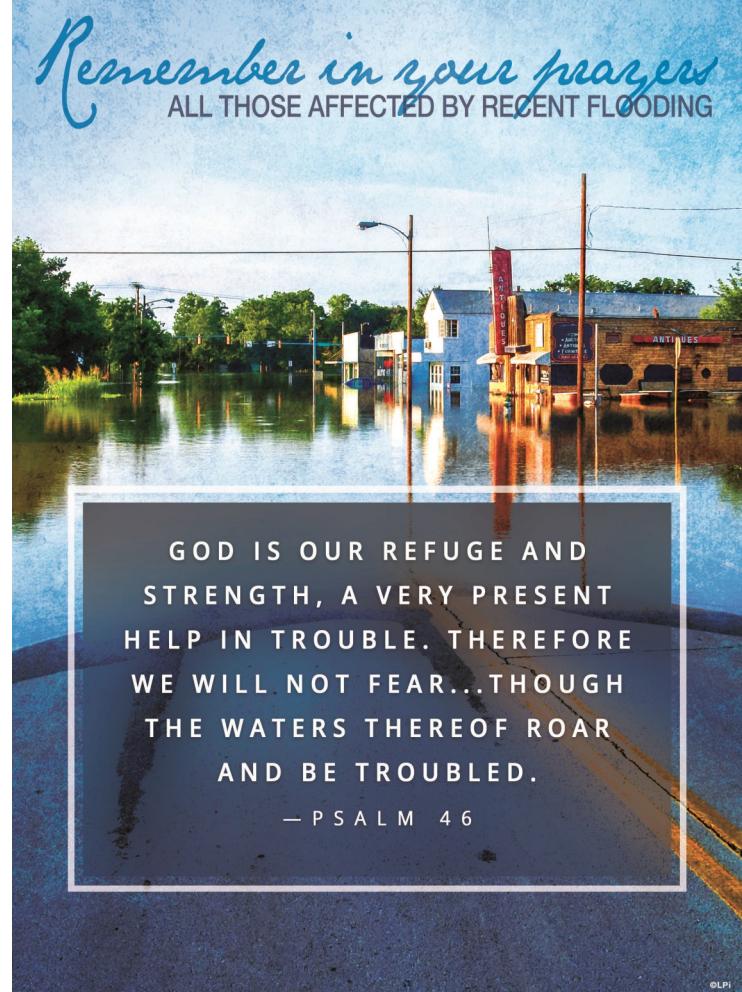
September 12, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA

Almighty God,
We pray that through the intercession of your beloved, Saint Florian,
those courageous men and women fighting fire in California
will be protected and strengthened by Your providence.
Bring consolation to those who have lost loved ones, dwellings,
and their sense of security.
May they find a home in your gracious love
and a hope in the generous works of your servants here on earth.
Amen.



20th ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11

The heart of the mission of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum remains as the annual commemoration ceremony. Family members of 9/11 victims will gather on the Memorial plaza to read aloud the names of those killed in the 9/11 attacks and in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum will lead the nation, and the world, as the passage of two decades since the day that changed our lives forever is commemorated.

The focus of the commemoration will be the reading of the names by family members in-person. Throughout the ceremony, six moments of silence will be observed, acknowledging when each of the World Trade Center towers was struck and fell and the times corresponding to the attack on the Pentagon and the crash of Flight 93.

The program will commence at 8:30 AM, and the first moment of silence will be observed at 8:46 AM. Houses of worship are encouraged to toll their bells at that time. The ceremony will be exclusively for 9/11 family members. Access to the Memorial will begin at 7:00 AM on the anniversary, and the commemoration is expected to conclude at approximately 1:00 PM.

At sundown, the annual "Tribute in Light" will once again illuminate the sky in commemoration of the anniversary of the attacks.

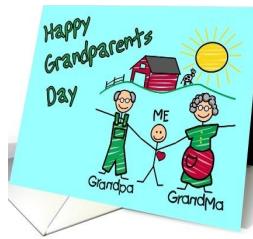
Do you remember what you were doing on that fateful morning? All of our lives were changed forever on that day. Take a moment and pray for the victims, families and the responders. Pray for an end to violence and terrorism throughout the world.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we love our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.

GRANDPARENTS BLESSING

Bless all Grandparents and keep them in Your care.
Bless them with peace, health and healing.
Reward them for their faith and fidelity, for
their work and goodness, for their love and
thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers.
Give them a long and happy life together.
May old age come to them in the company
of family and friends.
And when life is over, unite them again,
where parting will be no more,
in the Kingdom of Your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Break the Cycle of Poverty:

Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, Sept. 18/19, we'll be taking up a collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, four life-changing community organizations are being funded with major CCHD national grants! They include a farmworker organization, a workers' center, a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester, and a Rochester-based refugee organization empowering their members to know their rights as tenants. Learn more about them in this short video on the DOR website at <https://www.dor.org/about/office-ministry-directory/catholic-charities/>.

In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller anti-poverty projects like Coffee Connections, a Rochester enterprise that provides employment for women in addiction recovery. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change.

Make your check out to St. Leo and write "CCHD" in the memo or check out your parish's online giving options for designating your gift to CCHD. Please be generous.

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER

Brian Camp, Sandy Camp, Karen Cardone, Marilyn Crumlish, Susan Crump, Christine Davison, Bea Eichas, Steve Ewert, John Flanagan, Lynn Frisch, Pamela Godshalk, Kelly Guest, Don Hettig, Walter Horylev, Ed Hubbell, Ernest Hubbell, Janette Hundley, Inge Kresimon, Pete Kutzer, Dcn. Bill Lenhart, Don Mac Kenzie, Paul Marvin, Erin Merritt, Sue Nealon, Norene Peter, Kathie Popowich, Jennifer Pringle, Anne Reyner, Laura Richter, Ken Robinson, Jamie Rothfuss, Maddie Scheuerman, Sara Shivelier, Donna Smith, Linda Smith, Cameron Tomlin, Mary Beth Turiano-Fox, Chase VanAuken, Marilyn Walker, Bob Wilhelm, Carol Williams, Ron Wilson, Mary Wirth, Sally Woodley, and all in need of prayer.

REFLECT

FIRST READING

Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." In what way do you need the Lord's help today?

SECOND READING

James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Could you do the same?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?

ST. LEO PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a warm and supportive community to aid in the salvation of souls, to promote evangelization, and to serve God, our congregation and our world.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

Monday Mass: 5:30 PM Tuesday – Thursday Mass 8:30 AM
Friday Communion Service 8:30 AM

Monday - September 13

5:30 PM Mass
6:15 PM Cursillo Grouping, Room 2
6:30 PM Stewardship Council
7:00 PM Festive Choir, Room 1

Tuesday - September 14

6:30 PM Rosary at Mary's Shrine, weather permitting

Wednesday - September 15 1st day of Hispanic Heritage Month

9:00 AM 6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00 PM Rosary for the USA

Thursday - September 16

7:00 PM AA Meeting, Room 5
7:00 PM Grouping, Nursery
7:00 PM Cursillo Leader's School - Fr. Joe witness

Friday - September 17

8:30 AM Communion Service
Women's Retreat - Notre Dame Retreat House

Saturday-September 18

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Parishioner Registration Weekend

9:30 AM Magnificat Breakfast, Brook-Lea CC
3:30 PM 4:30 PM Confession
4:00 PM National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday - September 19 - Catechist Sunday

Women's Retreat - Notre Dame Retreat House

Coffee Hour after AM Masses

8:00 AM Mass
9:15 AM Faith Formation

10:30 AM Mass Children's Liturgy resumes

10:30 AM Social Justice Meeting
11:45 AM Adult Bible Study - "The Real Presence of Jesus"
6:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM Youth Ministry and Confirmation



Let us remember in prayer

Joan Robinson, mother of Rick Lemcke;
Rocco Cannella, father of Nancy Alexander,
Edward Kimmel, Jonathan Boddy.

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



Our Sanctuary Candle burns in prayer for teachers and
students returning to classes. Have a safe, productive
year.

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 September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Jn 19:25-27
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c 12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20//Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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<https://stleo.formed.org>

The Sunday Mass will be live streamed on the

St. Leo Hilton Facebook page on Saturday at 5 PM.

Confessions will be heard Saturday from **3:30 PM-4:30 PM**

Rosary will be prayed Saturday at 4:20 PM

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:30 PM For the earthquake survivors and victims in Haiti

Tuesday - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 AM Gene and Linda Krist (Bequest)

Wednesday - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 AM Reverend Bishop Salvatore Matano on his 75th Birthday

Thursday - Sts. Cornelius, Pope; and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:30 AM Roy Reis (Kathleen Knezich)

Friday - St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday - Weekday

5:00 PM Mark Hale (mother, Leanna Hale)

Sunday - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM For the families & victims of violent weather in the US

10:30 AM Mary Gorman (The Patrick Family)

6:00 PM Eloise Leone (Mary and Mike Billitier)

ST. LEO'S IS GROWING



St. Leo Faith Community warmly welcomes Mark, Kelsey and Eva Velardo; Douglas and Mary Jo Skeet; Peter and Candy Diaz; Joseph, Darya and Ilya DiSano, Marcus, Katya and Effrem Page; Jerry DeRomanis, Beth Curran, and daughter Eden DeRomanis; Kevin, Ann and Dominic Quinn; Jonathon and Lindsay Schwind.

IN EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

Lord, your creation holds so much life.

Thank you for the many lessons nature gives us.

In everything, there is a season—

a different color, a different feeling, a different task.

You, Lord, show your reflection like a mirror in creation.

You, Lord, are in it all. Amen.



SAINT LEO'S AMAZONSMILE

Are you purchasing items from Amazon? Do you know that the AmazonSmile Foundation gives 0.5% of your purchases to St. Leo's? AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support St. Leo the Great every time you shop, at no cost to you.

This is a way for YOU to support our ministries here every time you shop with Amazon.

If you haven't signed up previously, you can do so now. Signing up is easy! Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>. There are several Saint Leo Church's; make sure you select the Hilton, NY location.

WEST BY NORTHWEST ULTREYA - A Cursillo Center of the Rochester Diocese. Ultreya meets the last Saturday of each month at 5:15 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA): 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 Mary Lou Rosien, 594-2621, mary.louise.rosien@dor.org.

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call Carol Steiger at CSteiger@rochester.rr.com 392-9558. six months before the anticipated birth date. Parent class is required.

St. Leo Church invites you to celebrate

October German Style



with a

OKTOBERFEST DRIVE-UP/WALK-UP DINNER

On October 1st — 4-8pm

On the Grounds of St. Leo Church, 110 Old Hojack Lane, Hilton, NY,

Catered by Swan Meat Market.

All dinners are Pre-sale only & may be purchased:

Online: <https://www.exploretock.com/swanmarket/> BY NOON ON OCTOBER 1st

Calling St. Leo Parish Office at 585-392-2710 BY September 29th

Visiting St. Leo Parish Office between 9am – 4:30 pm (weekdays)

2 Dinner Options available at \$16 each:

Sausage Platter—Smoked Bratwurst and Fresh Bratwurst, served with Potato Salad and Sauerkraut.

Comes with bread and mustard.

Rouladen Dinner—Beef roll with mustard, onion, pickles, bacon, and sausage. Served with Spaetzle with gravy and Red Cabbage. Comes with bread.

St Leo's Famous Deep Fried Apple Sticks will be available for purchase for dessert the day of the event

Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion during the 40 Days For Life Campaign from September 22 through October 31. Knowing that “with God, all things are possible,” people of faith and conscience unite in 40 days of prayer and fasting. Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God’s will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God’s help.

To sign up for a vigil time slot go to roc40dfl@gmail.com. If you have any questions contact Rick Paoletti at 585-489-9555. Since 2007, 19,198 babies have been saved, 112 Abortion centers have closed and 221 abortion workers people have quit. The visible, public focused, 40-day, prayer vigil outside Ave, Rochester. It is a peaceful and educational witness send a powerful message of abortion.



The crisis of abortion is enormous. A tragedy of epidemic proportions, in the world, taking an estimated 40 million lives every year. People of faith are also invited to believe that when God’s people fast with heavenly Father will hear from heaven communities, our nation, and our world. 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

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EXHALTATION OF THE CROSS

This September 14 Feast is ancient, having been initially celebrated in the East in the 4th century. It was adopted in the West about three centuries later and commemorates the recovery of the precious relic of the cross on which Jesus died. The exaltation of the agony that led to the death of Christ and that permitted Christ’s glorification involves an element of irony that was difficult for the early Christians to comprehend. From the instrument used in that most infamous death, the cross has been transformed into a symbol of the Christian faith. In early images the cross is shown gemmed and shining, not so much a means of death as a sign of undying glory.



September 2021

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

On September 12th of this year it will be two years since the Diocese filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in order to address in the best and fairest manner possible the now approximately 475 claims (this is the number of claims, not the number of persons accused) brought against the Diocese by the survivors of childhood sexual abuse by clergy, religious and laity.

Over these past two years, all parties concerned have been seriously affected, certainly the survivors, our priests and others in diocesan ministries who have had no part in these egregious acts, but who daily continue to serve the faithful, and truly, my sisters and brothers, all of you rightly scandalized and your faith shaken by those who violated a sacred trust and betrayed their promise to serve faithfully Our Lord and His Church. Naturally everyone wants a resolution, especially the survivors. Bringing this process to a conclusion has been a long and arduous task further exacerbated by the Coronavirus pandemic. Nonetheless, seven mediation sessions were conducted with the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed by the Office of the United States Trustee, which comprises several representative survivors, together with the insurers, and the Diocese. Sadly, these sessions held virtually did not result in a settlement agreement.

To move the process along, at a hearing conducted by telephone on July 9th last, United States Bankruptcy Judge Paul Warren ordered the parties concerned to return to in-person mediation with the United States Bankruptcy Judge Gregg Zive in Reno, Nevada, where Judge Zive resides. However, because of recent surges of the Coronavirus, especially in localities such as Reno, Nevada, the mediation will continue as scheduled from August 31st to September 2nd, but the alternate arrangements have been made to conduct the mediation. I ask for your prayers that these days will be productive and clear a path toward final resolution, with compassion and justice for the survivors, while also ensuring that the sacramental, spiritual, catechetical, pastoral and charitable ministries of the Diocese continue for the welfare of all our diocesan family.

I am so very sorry and I again apologize to the survivors of childhood sexual abuse for the pain, anxiety, heartache and even loss of faith that they, as well as their families, have suffered over these years. While renewing my apology especially to our survivors, I pray that we reach a conclusion that provides for them and their families some hope, renewed faith and restores their belief that Jesus never abandons us, as He is ever faithful to His promise, "And behold, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20).

This month I reach seventy-five years of age. In accordance with canon 401, § 1 of the *Code of Canon Law*, I will submit my resignation from the office of Bishop of Rochester to His Holiness, Pope Francis. It is then entirely the decision of Pope Francis regarding his acceptance of this resignation and when it will become effective. Several other Diocesan Bishops in the United States are continuing past seventy-five years of age until the Holy Father appoints their successors. We all await and accept in obedience the will of our Holy Father. I would hope to be able to see the Diocese through to the completion of the bankruptcy process, thereby relieving my successor of this painful situation. His will be the task of rebuilding and, I pray, a new time will dawn and this very sad episode of our diocesan history is passed, but always praying daily for all who suffered through this period and taking every precaution that the grievous sins of the past are not repeated.

In the end, I place my trust in the Lord and in His Vicar on Earth, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, repeating the words of our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, "Thy will be done." (Luke 1:38).

Asking your prayers and begging intercession of God's Mother and our Mother, and our diocesan patron, Saint John Fisher, I remain
Devotedly yours in Christ,

The most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano Bishop of Rochester