

# 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

## St. Leo the Great

3700 Old Lee Highway  
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Rev. Robert J. Wagner

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*"Participation in Christ's Body and Blood does nothing less than transform us into that which we consume. We bear in soul and body Him in whose fellowship we died, were buried, and are risen" St. Leo the Great*



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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submissions are due in writing on **Friday at Noon, one full week** prior to publication. If a holiday occurs during the week, the deadline is the prior Thursday at noon.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
1:00 pm (en español), 5:00 pm

Weekdays 6:15 am and 9:00 am  
(Saturday 9:00 am only)

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### CONFESSIONS

after the 6:15 and 9 am Mass  
7:00 pm  
3:30 pm  
or anytime by appointment

### HOLY HOUR

8:00 pm

### BAPTISMS

Sunday at 3:00 pm. Offered weekly. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Infants should be baptized within a few weeks of birth. Parents must attend a preparation class.

### MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to be married **MUST** contact a parish priest at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Please notify the Rectory so that hospitalized or homebound parishioners can receive the pastoral care of the Church.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you live within our parish boundaries and have not as yet registered, registration forms are available in the church vestibule.



Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent also known as Laetare Sunday. The Latin word "laetare" means "rejoice" and is found in this Sunday's opening antiphon based upon the book of the Prophet Isaiah: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast." (Is. 66:10-11)

Isaiah speaks to a people brought low by their infidelity to God's covenant. They have turned their backs on the Lord worshiping false Gods and failing to live justly. While they have been unfaithful, God is always faithful. It is when the nation repents and acknowledges their sin that they are able to open their hearts again to the love of God that gives them purpose, identity as a people, and joy. The people have journeyed from sin through penance to a new beginning. God speaks: "Lo, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind. Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create; for I create Jerusalem to be a joy and in its people to be a delight."

These words are fulfilled in Jesus Christ who makes all things new by taking upon himself the guilt of our sin. It is by his own supreme act of sacrificial love that we are created anew. When we open our hearts to him, humbly acknowledging our sins and turning away from them, we are reborn. The joy of this truth is expressed visually this Sunday by rose colored vestments and flowers. They are only symbols of the joy which is ours – a joy we celebrate even as we continue through this Lent of repentance.

I encourage all to continue in prayer as we move towards Easter. I most especially invite those who have for any reason not celebrated the great sacrament of God's mercy (confession) for a while to trust that what awaits you is neither condemnation from the God who wants you to be fully alive in joy nor from the priest who also shares your weakness. In addition to the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday confession times, we will be celebrating a communal penance service with individual confessions

Sunday March 25 at 7:30 PM. We will have several priests joining us. The joy of Christ is freely offered - we need only to accept it.

In Christ,



Rev. David A. Whitestone, Pastor



### 2012 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Monthly Reminders!!

The reminder statements for the BLA pledges are mailed mid-month. It is important that all pledges are completed to help the many programs and ministries. Please try to make your pledge payment prior to the end of each month so that you will receive credit for it on your statement the following month.

*Thank you for supporting our diocesan Church!!*

#### Parish Lenten Penance Service and Individual Confessions



There will be a Lenten Penance Service Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Church. Visiting priests will join our parish priests to hear individual Confessions. Please plan to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to participate in the sacrament before Easter.

#### Saint Leo Parish Annual Retreat begins

4pm, Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> through 1pm, Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> at Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner MD. This year's retreat theme is: "In The Spirit There Is Always A New Beginning". The retreat is conducted in silence. Visit: [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com) for the retreat schedule. All activities are optional. Suggested retreat offering: \$225 (includes single room, all meals plus snacks.) Remember Loyola's policy is: "no one will be turned away from a retreat because of finances." Retreat is open to men and women. Mail your \$110 deposit to Loyola Retreat House, PO Box 9, Faulkner, MD 20632-0009. Mark: St Leo Parish weekend retreat, or email your reservations or call: 301-392-0801. Questions? Call Jim Caputo: 703-691-0479. Don't miss this opportunity to rest, relax, be silent and, perhaps, hear what the Holy Spirit wants to share with you. God bless.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



—Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially: Grace A. Vaughan, mother of Monica McGonigle; Maria Linza, parishioner; Edward Chrisinger, husband of Roberta Chrisinger; Barbara Moak, mother of Thomas Moak; William Kasulaitis, brother of Jerry Kasulaitis.

—We ask you to remember those in need of our daily prayers, especially: Virginia Parada, Jesse Straub, Larry Milanese.



**FAMILY BREAKFAST TODAY** The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast in Providence Hall after the 7:30 & 9am Masses today. Come enjoy a delicious made-to-order breakfast and the company of your fellow parishioners.

# Liturgy of the Word



Monday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

**MASS INTENTIONS**

March 19 through March 25

Mon.:	6:15	Mary Elizabeth Strom
	9:00	Elianne Pepin (anniv)
	7:00	Mark Ferlotti
Tues.:	6:15	Felissa Anne Mamangun
	9:00	Henry Urban
	7:00	Special Intention
Wed.:	6:15	Bradley Allen Rock
	9:00	Rosemary Morrow
	7:00	Richard Villanueva
Thurs.:	6:15	Gerald R. Muldoon
	9:00	Kenneth Mast
	7:00	Joseph Ferrante
Fri.:	6:15	Stanley Perucki
	9:00	Keith Wardell
	7:00	Special Intention
Sat.	9:00	Nassif Cannon
	5:00	David McKenzie
Sun.:	7:30	For the Parish
	9:00	Mark Ferlotti
	11:00	Ruth Moeller
	1:00	Frances Centanni
	5:00	Special Intention

In addition to the regular schedule of Masses, Mass has been offered for the following intentions: Special Intention, Special Intention, Christopher Jacobs, Pat Rodio, Pat Rodio.



**BAPTISM CLASS IS MANDATORY**

at Saint Leo. The next class is Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the St. Mark room. Please call the rectory office (703-273-5369) to register.

*Low Gluten Hosts are available for those who need them. Please inform the sacristan before Mass begins.*

**LENT HAS BEGUN**



*Keeping a Holy Lent*

Throughout Lent, Saint Leo Parish will offer an extra Mass at 7:00pm each weeknight. We will also have Eucharistic Adoration between the 6:15 and 9am Masses each weekday. On Wednesdays during Lent, we will have Holy Hour from 7:30-8:30pm. On Fridays during Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in place of Holy Hour.

During Lent, **Confessions** will be heard:

Wednesdays after the 6:15 and 9am Masses and beginning at 6:30pm,

Fridays beginning at 6:30pm, and

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm.



**Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.**

**Every Friday in Lent is a day of Abstinence.**

**Fast** means 1 main meal per day and 2 smaller, meatless meals for all between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive.)

**Abstinence** means no meat or meat products are to be eaten. This is applicable to all who are 14 years or older.

*These are minimum standards for the observance of the Lenten penitential period of preparation and no Catholic may lightly excuse him/herself from them.*





### A VOCATION VIEW

“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista: 703-841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

Pray that like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life. Pray the Diocesan Vocation Prayer or Bishop Loverde's Vocation Prayer (inside front cover of Ritual Song).

Hop into spring with a new book! The **Spring Bookworm**



**Plantation Book Fair begins today** Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> (10am-12:30 pm) in Saint Leo School library and will continue through Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> (weekday hours 8:15am-3:00pm). Please stop by and support the library!

### Saint Leo the Great Catholic School



*invites interested parents to visit the school and learn what makes us a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*

Applications are available for pickup during the school day from 9am to 2pm, and on the school website: [www.saintleothegreatschool.org](http://www.saintleothegreatschool.org)



All completed applications, with copies of supporting documents, may be sent through the mail or hand-carried to the school between the hours of 9am and 2pm. Acceptance letters for the 2012–2013 school year will be mailed once completed applications are received. Financial Aid packets are also available upon request. In the event of inclement weather, please check the website, or call the school office, 703-273-1211 for information.



Applications available: [www.saintleothegreatschool.org](http://www.saintleothegreatschool.org).

*PLEASE NOTE: Saint Leo parishioners receive preferential status in Pre-School through eighth grade applications. In-parish families must be registered.*

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### Rite of Christian Initiation and Adult Confirmation

Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and for those seeking Confirmation are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Guadalupe Room in Parish Hall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or in becoming a Catholic, please join us! Any adult wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will need to attend the RCIA classes. There will not be a separate Adult Confirmation Class in the spring.

#### Offer it up: A Catholic Perspective on Suffering

Father Wagner will give a presentation on how we, as Catholics, should look at suffering. He will speak on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm in the Guadalupe Room.

#### Mary at the Foot of the Cross: Reflections on the Sorrowful Mother

Father Baez will give a reflection Monday, March 26 at 7:45 pm about the sorrows of the Blessed Mother. The reflection will be in the Guadalupe Room and will follow the Consecration to the Blessed Mother that will be immediately after the 7:00 pm Mass for the Annunciation.

*For additional information regarding any of the above events, please contact Carolyn Smith: [carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com) or 703-273-5369.*



#### SAVE THE DATE Join us for the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Leo Golf Tournament Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** at Westfields Golf Club in Clifton. Proceeds benefit the technology fund at Saint Leo the Great School. For more info, please contact Tom McGovern: [tfmcg1@gmail.com](mailto:tfmcg1@gmail.com) or call: 571-268-9935.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Schools Awards Gala March 25 at Hyatt-Dulles

Cocktails and Silent Auction 4:30 pm; dinner 5:30 pm. Join Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde for an evening in celebration of Catholic education, and in recognition of the teachers, students and businesses who have shown exemplary support of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Arlington. For more information and to RSVP, please visit: [www.cbnova.org](http://www.cbnova.org).

#### The Arlington Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting is sponsoring a Young Scout Retreat on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

from 9am– 2:30pm at Nativity Parish, Burke. The retreat is an opportunity for youth in Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls and Camp Fire USA in grades K-5 to participate in activities designed to inform, stimulate and encourage the practice of their Catholic faith through scouting. The retreat theme is “Our God is an Awesome God” and will include Mass, songs, prayer, crafts, and service projects. The cost is \$10/scout. Scouts should bring a bag lunch. Visit: [www.arlingtondiocesescouting.org](http://www.arlingtondiocesescouting.org) for flyer and registration form. **Adult and older scout volunteers needed.** Contact Becky Chaves: [bekandoli@aol.com](mailto:bekandoli@aol.com) for more information. **Registration deadline is March 23<sup>rd</sup> or when space is filled.**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Religious Education News

- 4/2 NO CCD classes today Monday of Holy Week**  
**4/9 NO CCD classes today Monday of Easter Week**

**4/11 VBS** The next meeting for volunteers is Wed., April 11 at 7:30 pm in Parish Hall. In order to provide this program we still need volunteers to contact us **ASAP**. All volunteers must be background compliant and VIRTUS certified before being able to help. Please contact Lee Cena for more information or to volunteer at 703-273-4868, or email Sue Spitz at [sospitz@verizon.net](mailto:sospitz@verizon.net).

**4/23** First Communion assessments begin for First Communion.

**5/3 MANDATORY First Communion Rehearsal for May 5** communicants 6:45pm in school bldg. & then to church.

**5/5 FIRST COMMUNION Mass at 11:00 am** (meet in classrooms at 10:15 am) reception in gym following Mass (will be divided by classes/teacher)

**5/10 MANDATORY First Communion Rehearsal for May 12** communicants 6:45 pm in school bldg. & then to church.

**5/12 FIRST COMMUNION Mass at 11:00 am** (meet in classrooms at 10:15 am) reception in gym following Mass (will be divided by classes/teacher)

**5/21 MAY CROWNING** End of CCD year.  
All family members are invited to participate.  
**For students who have to retake final exams:**  
**The final day is June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**5/28 NO CCD Memorial Day**

**VBS Vacation Bible School:** Saint Leo will continue a week-long Vacation Bible school the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon.

**Religious Education Office: 703-273-4868**



**High School Youth Night** meets this Sunday! 6-8pm in the gym. Join us for dinner, games, prizes & learning more about your faith. Invite your friends! Open to all high school students and Confirmed 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Jr. High Youth Group:** Our next meeting is this Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come join us! There will be dinner and tons of games! 7-9pm in the Guadalupe Room in Parish Hall. All 6th-8th graders are invited; invite your friends!

Our **annual Nail Sale** fundraiser is on! Proceeds support our high school workcamp. Baskets of nail crosses are in the vestibule as well as envelopes for donations. Please drop off donations in the rectory office marked for Youth Ministry. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this opportunity for our young people to answer the call of service.

**The H2O Project** is ending Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who participated in the fast! You helped get clean water to those in need! Please make sure all donations to the project are sent to the school or rectory office marked for youth ministry. Thanks again!

**Want more updates on youth events?** Visit <http://www.stleoyouth.com> for registration forms & calendar.



**St. Leo Moms' Group** Join us for faith-filled fellowship every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month in the Guadalupe Room at 10am. Mothers of any age children, and children of all ages are welcome! Contact Michele Healy: [healym08@gmail.com](mailto:healym08@gmail.com) or Lisa Harsh: [Lisa10404@aol.com](mailto:Lisa10404@aol.com).

- 3/21 7 pm Mom's night out - contact Michele or Lisa  
3/29 10 am Guadalupe room Baby Shower for women in need

**Prime Time Single Catholics** (P.T.S.C.) is a group of single Catholics, age 40 and over, who are free to marry in the Catholic Church. This includes those single, widowed or with annulments. Point of Contact- John McBride : 703-820-9196 or e-mail: [jfmcbride\\_526@hotmail.com](mailto:jfmcbride_526@hotmail.com)  
*Activities include:*

Every Monday 10 am Social Golf at Par 3 Burke Lake Golf Ctr.  
Rose Sexton 703-644-4841

Weekly Thursday Luncheon 11:30am-Joan Donahue 703-866-5936

Monday, 3/19 Scripture Study- Helena Criste 703-671-6334

Saturday, 3/ 24 Feed the Hungary at Christ House-  
Chris DeBenedictus 703-590-9088

Sunday, 3/25 USMC Band Concert at NVCC in Alexandria-  
Dorothy Galanti 703-836-0931



### Father Diamond Council Events & Calendar

MEETINGS – 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAYS  
8:00 PM PROVIDENCE HALL

- 3/18 Family Breakfast- Providence Hall after 7:30 & 9am Mass  
3/24 Easter Food Basket Delivery – 10:00 AM  
3/21 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting – 7:30 – KofC Hall  
3/24-25 Food Drive leave food at the rear of church

Giant, Shoppers Food Warehouse & Safeway Food Cards  
call Larry Novak - 703-978-6137

Join the Knights of Columbus. Call Matt West - 703-359-4652

**The Institute of Catholic Culture** presents:

**Outside the Church there is No Salvation: Understanding Catholic Ecclesiology~** Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at Saint Ambrose Church Hall (3829 Woodburn Rd., Annandale) Presenter: Rev. Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo.

**Laetare Sunday Evensong & Benediction~** Today, Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at Saint Rita Catholic Church (3815 Russell Rd., Alexandria) Presenter: Rev. Eric Bergman (Choir ~ Suspicious Cheese Lords)

**The Lamb of God: Understanding the Sacrifice of Christ~** Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at Saint James Church Hall (905 Park Ave, Falls Church) Presenter: Rev. Paul Schenck.

**Free Admission! No Reservation Required!**

For more info, visit: [www.sjicc.com](http://www.sjicc.com) or call : 703-504-8733

## Horarios e Información

### Santas Misas:

**Español:** domingos a la 1:00 pm  
**Inglés:** sábados—5 pm (Vigilia),  
domingos—7:30, 9, 11:00, 5pm

**Confesiones en español:** Todos los viernes a las 7pm  
Todos los sábados de 3:30 a 5:00pm. Los domingos desde las 12:00pm a 12:50pm.

**Bautizos: Preparación-** llamar a Carlos Cea: 703-836-2139 ó Padre Ramon: 703-273-5369.

**RCIA Para Adultos:** domingos 10:30 am—12pm Salon Juan al lado de la iglesia. Para información, llamar al Diacono Jose Lopez 703-222-7704

**Matrimonio:** Todo Católico que desee contraer matrimonio debe contactar la parroquia por lo menos seis meses antes del evento. Para mayor información comunicarse con el Padre Ramon al 703-273-5369.

**Grupo de Jóvenes:** domingos 2:30—5pm—  
Información: Tomas Reyes 703- 677—2335.

**Catequesis Para Niños y Jóvenes:** domingos 11—12:30. Llamar a Alicia Madan Salas: 703-861-1432

**Catequesis para Niños especiales ó sordos:**  
domingos 11:00am—12:30pm  
Información - Alicia Madan Salas: 703-861—1432.

**Sacramentos para Estudiantes de Secundaria:**  
llamar a la Oficina de Jovenes al teléfono 703-591-6089 o email a [youth@stleos.com](mailto:youth@stleos.com).

**Legion de Maria:** lunes 7:30—9 pm ó domingo 11 am—12:30 pm. Llamar a Padre Ramon: 703-273-5369.

**Información general:** llamar a Diacono Jose Lopez 703-222-7704



*“Dios no envió a su propio Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salve por El” ¿Te sientes invitado a compartir la misma misión de Jesús como sacerdote, diácono o religioso/a? Llama al Padre Bashista al (703) 841-2514, o escríbele a: [b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).*

*Para que nosotros, como el ciego de nacimiento, permitamos que Jesús abra nuestros ojos y nuestros corazones a su voluntad y así atraiga a más hombres y mujeres para responder a la llamada de servir a Dios y a su Iglesia como sacerdotes, diáconos y en la vida consagrada, roguemos al Señor.*

**Confirmación para los Adultos** Todo adulto que desea recibir el Sacramento de Confirmación tiene que atender el curso de Iniciación Cristiana Para Adultos los domingos. EL curso comenzara el domingo 18 de septiembre a las 10:30 am en el Salon de San Juan. No habrá ningún otro curso disponible durante la temporada de Pascua para recibir el Sacramento de Confirmación.

**Estudio Bíblico en Español** Estudio de la Fe Católica a través de la Biblia – Temas que tocaremos: ¿Por qué vamos a Misa los domingos? ¿Es la Iglesia Católica la Iglesia verdadera de Cristo? La Autoridad de los Concilios; la Necesidad de la Biblia y la Tradición; el Papado; la Justificación y la Salvación; los Sacramentos; la Comunión de los Santos; Purgatorio y Oraciones por los Difuntos; la Virgen María; el Celibato del Sacerdocio; el Divorcio; la Contracepción; etc. Todos están cordialmente invitados. Comenzaremos el 14 de octubre y nos reuniremos todos los viernes de 7:30-8:45p.m. en el salon de San Juan en el “Parish Center.” Para mayor información o para registrarse llamar a Gustavo y Sandra Solares, tel. 703-346-0409

**Grupo Divina Misericordia y Compasión** ¿Conoce a alguien que se encuentre solo y enfermo? ¿Sabe de alguien que necesite de la palabra de Dios y de la compañía de miembros de su iglesia? Un grupo de personas de nuestra parroquia visita a los miembros de la comunidad que se encuentran enfermos en los hospitales ó en sus casas. Se brinda oraciones y compañía a todas aquellas personas delicadas de salud. Tambien un ministro le puede traer comunión ó puede pedir que un sacerdote le visite para recibir los sacramentos. Por favor llamen a Gilma Orozco al 571-238-6634.

**San Leo Magno ofrece clases de inglés** Ofrecemos clases de inglés los sabados de 10am a 12pm. Ofrecemos varios niveles de clases. El precio de estas clases es \$40 por el semestre e incluye el libro. Sólo aceptamos efectivo o money orden. Personas interesadas pueden inscribirse los sabados de 10am-12pm. Si requiere más información, llame a Hogar Immigrant Services al 703-534-9805 ext. 222.

**Grupo de Oración:** Sábados 6-8:30pm, Salon de Nuestra Sra de La Guadalupe. Información: Jose Ferrufino: 703-250-1343.



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