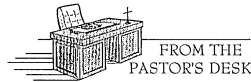


Dear Friends,



We will begin the season of Lent this Wednesday. By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself to the experience and mystery of Jesus in the desert. In the desert, Jesus prayed, fasted, and confronted the temptation to be other than who He was. He was tempted to use His power and authority to achieve success and glory and even just to experience simple human comfort. The temptation of Jesus was the subtle promise of a short cut around the cross. What kind of Messiah would he be? The forty days reveals to us the answer – He will be the Messiah who saves His people from sin and death and gives the fullness of new life by becoming perfectly one with us, completely sharing our human nature. St. Paul writes: “For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning.” (Heb 4:15) In the person of Jesus we find every man and each man. All of humanity is lifted up to the Father in the person of Jesus.

Lent is marked by many opportunities for prayer and study, as you can see in the bulletin. These activities have meaning only in as much as we experience them in relation to the experience of Jesus in the desert. Our Lenten practices these forty days are performed in union with the Lord just as His forty days in the desert were experienced in solidarity with us. As with the Lord, this is the time for us to struggle with the fundamental question of who we are. We enter into Lent not only to discover the answer but to confront the truth and to receive the courage to live as we were made to live.

The season of Lent helps us to become aware of sin in our lives – those choices and attitudes which distort and obscure who we truly are as sons and daughters of God. Our particular sins are but variations of the original sin of Adam and Eve which is the sin to be other than who they were created to be. As we become aware of the sin that is deeply ingrained in our lives may we also become even more aware of the power of God’s mercy given to us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. So let us begin our journey through the desert – with each other and with the Lord.

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Lenten Parish Mission March 10 -13

Our Lenten Parish Mission begins Sunday evening March 10 and ends Wednesday evening March 13. The mission is essentially a four- day retreat conducted here at the parish. Mission services will be held at 7:30 PM each

of these days and will consist of hymns, scripture readings, prayer, and the Mission sermon. Our missionary priest this year is Fr. Jack Conley.

Fr. Jack Conley, a Passionist priest, received his training in psychology from DePaul University, and his theology at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. Ordained in 1976, he has served as Vocations Director (Passionist Community in Chicago), Campus Minister (Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY), Retreat Director (St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit, MI), and pastor (Immaculate Conception Church Chicago, and St. Agnes, Louisville). Having preached both missions and retreats throughout the United States and Canada, he now resides in Chicago.

Like St. Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionist Community, Fr. Jack will preach Jesus Christ and the power of God’s love. He will focus our eyes on what God has done for us in Jesus, and how Jesus’ death and resurrection is the answer to our deepest hurts and profound longings. He will lead us to understand how sin blocks the work of God in our lives and will encourage us to abandon our sins through a deep personal act of repentance. He will explain how the Christian life is lived not merely through human efforts, but through the energy and power of the Holy Spirit. Finally, he will show us how the experience of Jesus inspires the Christian to live out God’s law of love.

I strongly encourage all parishioners to mark their calendars now. This will undoubtedly be a time of great grace and blessing for us, our families, and our community of faith.

In Christ,

Rev. David A. Whitestone, Pastor



Parish Lenten Penance Service and Individual Confessions

There will be a Lenten Penance Service Sunday, March 17th 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.



—Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially: Doris Stoehr, mother of Dianne Griffin.

—We ask you to remember those in need of our daily prayers.

Liturgy of the Word



Monday	Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20-2:4a; 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
Sunday	Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 13th

and marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:05 pm and 7:30 pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Throughout Lent, Saint Leo Parish will offer an extra Mass at 7:00pm each week night. We will also have Eucharistic Adoration between the 6:15 and 9am Masses each weekday. Beginning Feb. 15th, on Fridays instead of the Holy Hour, we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Beginning Feb. 20th, on Wednesdays we will have Confessions beginning at 6:30 pm and Holy Hour from 7:30-8:30pm.



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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.

Welcome Home

Are you, or someone you know, questioning or struggling to accept some aspect of Church teachings? Are you unable to participate in the Sacraments of the Church? Do you think that the Catholic faith is irrelevant? Welcome Home is an opportunity for Catholics to find answers & support in a respectful, welcoming setting. Our next session of Welcome Home meetings will be held **TODAY, February 10th** and will continue for five additional consecutive Sundays. Each meeting will include a brief talk, small group discussions, and opportunities for private individual meetings. Please join us and invite any Catholic who is questioning or is away from the Church. The meetings begin at **7:00 pm in the St. John Room**, Parish Hall. For information, please contact Deacon Dave Maurer or Carolyn Smith at 703-273-5369.

MASS INTENTIONS

February 11 through February 17

Mon.:	6:15	Ralph A. Suris
	9:00	Joyce Novack
Tues.:	6:15	Enrico Gedse
	9:00	Gertrude Botts
Wed.:	6:00	Mary J. Manon
	9:00	Sylvia Kraft
	12:05	Rosemary Winter
	7:30	Cynthia Kauppinen
Thurs.:	6:15	Schell Wessel
	9:00	Mary Meskell
	7:00	Maria Julia Duarte Amaral Coelto
Fri.:	6:15	Beverly Hulbert
	9:00	Dr. Edward Gallagher
	7:00	Kathleen Collins
Sat.	9:00	Dr. Edward Gallagher
	5:00	Lydia Rasmussen
Sun.:	7:30	Paul and Margaret Rosenkranz
	9:00	A. Law Kivlen
	11:00	Jorge Gamon
	1:00	Gertrude Botts
	5:00	For the Parish

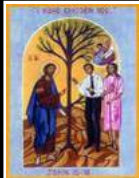
In addition to the regular schedule of Masses, Mass has been offered for the following intentions: Poor Souls in Purgatory, Zayala Family.



BAPTISM CLASS IS MANDATORY

at Saint Leo. The next class is Tuesday, February 12th at 7:30 pm 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.*



A VOCATION VIEW

"They left everything and followed Jesus." If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Call Father Brian Bashista: 703-841-2514, or write him: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

Give Blood...



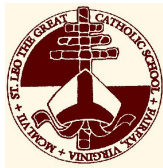
Give Life.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE February 17th in Providence Hall, 8am-1pm. The Knights of Columbus will provide a light breakfast for donors. Please contact John or Pat Brophy, 703-425-7169 or jj_brophy@yahoo.com to sign up & donate.

St. Leo the Great School PTO Quiz Bowl! Please join us for a fun evening for adults only Saturday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm in the School's Finan Gym. You may sign up for a table of up to 10 people. Couples & singles are welcome to register as well. Food & drink from home are welcome. Coffee & dessert provided. Register online at: www.saintleothegreatschool.org under PTO, or email: awilson@saintleothegreatschool.org.

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*



An Open House for Preschool and Kindergarten through Grade 8, for school year 2013-2014 will be held on Wednesday, March 6th at 10 am in the Guadalupe room, Parish Hall. Principal's welcome will begin at 10am followed by a tour of the school.

Applications are available for pickup at the open house, and during the school day from 9am to 2pm, and on the school website: www.saintleothegreatschool.org Please RSVP to Mrs. Cynthia Washington, Assistant Principal and Director of Admissions at 703-273-1211, ext. 645 to reserve a place.

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 2013-2014 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.

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

RCIA classes have begun. Now is the perfect time for you to prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to join the Catholic Church or to invite someone else to do so. If you are already Catholic but would like to catch up on sacraments you may have missed along the way, or, you would just like to learn more about your Catholic Faith, you are also welcome to join us. Classes are on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00pm in the Guadalupe Room.

Papal Authority and Authority in the Church Lee Cena, Director of Religious Education at St. Leo, is leading a series of talks on Church authority. The talks **continue Tuesday, February 12th**. The series is held at 7:30pm in the Guadalupe room, Parish Hall. Please join us.

The Institute of Catholic Culture presents: **FROM DEATH TO LIFE: A STUDY OF THE HOLY WOMEN OF THE ROMAN CANON** presented by Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo on Sundays, February 17 and 24 at 7:30 pm in the Guadalupe room, Parish Hall.

For additional information regarding any of the above events, please contact Carolyn Smith:

carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-5369.

Bishop O'Connell High School Theatre Presents "The Billion Dollar Saint," Friday & Saturday, Feb. 15 & 16. St. Francis of Assisi finds himself visiting a Jesuit University instead of a Franciscan Monastery, and manages to convert the football team to the simple way of life, setting off a comedy of misunderstandings. Fun for the whole family! Free-will donations accepted. Visit www.bishopoconnell.org/theatre or call the box office: 703-237-1448 for info. Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Rd., Arlington.

Diocesan Women's Conference Fr. Paul Scalia, Delegate for Priests and Gloria Purvis Scott, Host of EWTN series' "Authentically Free at Last" will speak at the 2013 Women's Conference on Saturday, **March 9th** at St. Joseph in Herndon. This year's conference is entitled "Encountering Jesus, Responding with Love." Bishop Loverde will celebrate the opening Mass. Breakfast and lunch are included. Register online or by mail. Visit http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/wc_conference.php for information.

4th Annual Diocese of Arlington 2013 Men's Conference Saturday, March 2nd at St. Joseph's in Herndon. The theme for this year's conference is Fact or Fiction: Knowing and Loving Your Catholic Faith. Featured speakers: Dr. Peter Kreeft & Fr. Thomas Joseph White, who will explore commonly misunderstood aspects of the Catholic faith. Breakfast & lunch included. Conference program begins at 9 am, & will close with Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Loverde at 2:30 pm. Visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for information & to register. You can also contact Tom Gross: 703-273-0631, Juan Velasquez: 703-624-7783, or Al Leightley: 703-273-2089.

Movie about the life of St. Francis and St. Clare sponsored by The Catholic Daughters of America. This is a great way to enter more deeply into the celebration of Holy Week. The movie will be shown **Saturday, March 16, at 1:00 pm at Bishop O'Connell High School**. Free admission with open seating. For info contact Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace: 703-573-1582 or CDA1872@gmail.com.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Religious Education News

Vacation Bible School 2013

We need volunteers (Virtus compliance required) in order to host this program. Please contact Lee Cena: 703-273-4868 as soon as possible.

2/18 **NO CCD President's Day Holiday**

3/2 **2013 CONFIRMANDI** half-day retreat at Saint Leo

Morning session (8:30-11:30am) for teams 1,2,3,4,6 & 7

Afternoon session (1:30-4:30pm) for teams 5,8,9,10 & 11

Religious Education Office: 703-273-4868

Gabriel Project Ministry Are you an expectant mother? Could you use some extra support during your pregnancy? Gabriel Project is a parish-based ministry that assists pregnant women with material, emotional, and spiritual support. Please call our confidential helpline: 1-866-444-3553. Contact stleogabrielproject@gmail.com for volunteer information.

English Classes Available at St. Leo Learn English! Register for classes on Saturdays at 10am. Classes are Saturdays from 10am-12pm & began Saturday, February 2nd at 10am. The cost is \$50 for the semester. Cash or money orders only. For more information, call Hogar Immigrant Services, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington: 703-534-9805 ext. 222.



Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values. Have you considered answering the call to "bring glad tidings to the poor" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Call 703/352-3509.

Pantry needs: Rice, pancake mix, syrup, jam, peanut butter, hot cereal, tissues and sanitizing hand gel.

Pantry distribution: Wednesday, Feb. 20, 6:00 pm - 8pm;



Father Diamond Council Events & Calendar

**Meetings – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
8:00 PM Providence Hall**

2/12 Pre-Lenten Pancake & Sausage Dinner 5 PM
Council Business Mtg 7:30 PM Rosary, 8 PM Mtg

2 / 1 6 ♥ Valentine's Dinner Dance 7:30 PM ♥

2/18 Columbiette's Meeting 7PM

2/20 Father Malloy Assembly Meeting 7:30 PM

Join the Knights of Columbus. Call Pat McGuire 703-218-2986



High School Students: Join us for our Lenten Prep Day TONIGHT, from 6pm-8pm in the Gym. Dinner will be provided. Come with an open heart as we get ready for LENT!

To register for high school youth group/RCIT please visit our website at www.stleoyouth.com.

Mark your calendars for our **First Annual Coffee House, Sunday February 24th, 6-8pm** in St. Leo Gym. Parents, Teens, Friends, Parishioners are all invited! This will also be the premiere of "It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's Chickenman!" before the cast heads to Diocesan One Act Competition.

Calling all musicians, actors, jugglers, poets, & artists!! Do you have a talent that you would love to share at the Coffee House? Sign Up in the Youth Office, or email Melissa for more information. stleoyouth@gmail.com.

Middle School Students: You are invited to the EDGE SPING SEMESTER KICK-OFF! "MUSTACHE MYSTERY: The CREED." Meet in the Guadalupe Room from 7:00pm-9:00pm for mustaches, silliness, dinner, and all things mustaches as we gear up for our semester on the CREED. See you there! Bring your friends!

Are you an adult who has a desire to do relational ministry with Middle or High School age youth? We're looking for YOU! We need adult volunteers who are willing to help with our Youth Nights this school year. Contact Erik or Melissa for info: stleoyouth@gmail.com

Girls CLC Meets THIS Monday, February 11th. Each week we break open the Gospels, grow deeper in our faith and build strong relationships. Usually cupcakes or other sweet treats are involved. Meet in the Youth Room 7:30-9:00pm.

Boys CLC Meets THIS Wednesday, February 13th. Each week we break open the Gospels, grow deeper in our faith and build strong relationships. Crazy madness & creative games usually ensue. Meet in the Youth Room 7:30-9:00pm.

To learn more about CLC's (Catholic Life Communities) visit our website: stleoyouth.com

Want to stay updated on youth events? *Visit our website for the full calendar and registration forms. <http://www.stleoyouth.com>

"It is love alone that gives worth to all things."

-St. Teresa of Avila

Please pray for our youth, that they will come to know the love of Christ and rediscover their faith.

Are you seeking a closer relationship with Christ? Consider a Cursillo Weekend. Cursillo is a lay Catholic movement; the name means 'short course in Christianity.' On the Weekend you examine and celebrate yourself, your relationship with Christ, and your relationship with the Christian Community. There are times of quiet, spiritual direction, a series of talks, Mass & Reconciliation. The next Women's Weekend is March 14-17 at Missionhurst, Arlington. The next Men's Weekend is April 18-21 at Missionhurst. Brochures available at the entrance of the church. For more details, please contact Jeff Wolfhope: 703-597-3638, jwolfhope118@hotmail.com.

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: Guadalupe Barrera 703-655-2729.

Catequesis Para Niños y Jóvenes: domingos 11—12:30. Llamar a Lee Cena: 703-273-4868.

Catequesis para Niños especiales ó sordos:
domingos 11:00am—12:30pm
Información - Lee Cena: 703-273-4868.

Sacramentos para Estudiantes de Secundaria:
llamar a la Oficina de Jovenes al teléfono 703-591-6089, ó email a 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

San Leo Magno ofrece clases de inglés ¡Aprender inglés! Inscríbese en clases de inglés los sábados, a las 10am. Clases son los sábados de 10am a 12pm y empiezan el 2 de febrero a las 10am. Las clases cuestan \$50 por el semestre. Puede pagar solo con efectivo o money order. Para más información, llame a Hogar Immigrant Services, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington al (703) 534-9805 ext. 222.



"Ellos dejaron todo y siguieron a Jesús." Si usted está buscando una vida más simple y quiere estar más cerca del Señor en oración y acción, considere la posibilidad de que Él puede estar llamando al sacerdocio, diaconato o a la vida consagrada. Llamar al Padre Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, o escriba a: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

¡COMIENZA LA PETICIÓN CUARESMA DEL OBISPO DEL 2013! A mediados de enero, muchos de nosotros recibiremos una carta de Monseñor Loverde referente a la Petición Cuaresma del Obispo (PCO) del 2013. El tema de la PCO de este año es *"Caminar en la fe para revelar nuestro amor"*. Después de reflexionar sobre las bendiciones que Dios les ha dado, consideren, en espíritu de oración, la posibilidad de hacer una promesa de apoyo a esta importante petición que financia muchos programas y ministerios al servicio de la población de nuestra Diócesis. **¡Caminen en la fe!**

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. También 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.

¡Vamos a Adorarlo! Todos los últimos sábados del mes, adoramos al Santísimo Jesucristo durante una Hora Santa. Están invitados a la proxima Hora Santa que sera el 26 de enero, 2013 a las 6:30 pm en la iglesia para prepararnos para la llegada del año nuevo.

Curso de Matrimonios Todas las parejas que están casados por lo civil o están juntados por mas de 5 años están invitados al curso de matrimonio que comenzará el 26 de enero, 2013 en el Salón de San Juan a las 6:30 pm. Tenemos cuidado de niños. Para mas información, llame a Padre Ramon Baez al 703-273-5369.

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

Educación Religiosa

2/17 **NO HABRA CLASES**
3/2 **2013 CONFIRMANDI** HALF-DAY RETREAT @ ST. LEO
8:30-11:30AM— GRUPOS 1,2,3,4,6 & 7
1:30-4:30PM— GRUPOS 5,8,9,10,& 11

Catequesis: Se necesitan catequistas bilingues para los domingos de 11:00 am a 12:30 pm. Intresados por favor comunicarse a la oficina de Educacion Religiosa 703-273-4868, o por correo electrónico: VPierson@stleofairfax.com.