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# St. Leo the Great

3700 Old Lee Highway Fairfax, Virginia 22030

## CLERGY

Pastor Rev. David A. Whitestone

Parochial Vicars Rev. William M. Aitcheson Rev. Christopher Tipton

In Residence Rev. Stephen J. Schultz

> Deacons Jose Lopez Marques Silva

"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 

MASS SCHEDULE			
Saturday Vigil Sunday	5:00 pm 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)		
Holy Days	Consult Inside of bulletin		
CONFESSIONS			
Tuesday after the 6:15 and 9:00 am Masses			
Friday	7:00 pm		
Saturday	3:30 pm		
	or anytime by appointment		
HOLY HOUR			
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Friday	7:30 pm		
BAPTISMS			
Sunday at 2:30 pm. Offered weekly. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. 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.

RECTORY OFFICE 703-273-5369 • FAX - 703-273-2371

ST. LEO'S SCHOOL OFFICE 703-273-1211 • FAX - 703-273-6913 ......

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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.

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Dear Friends,

On December 8 we celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a very important feast; particularly in the United States (Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of our nation).

It is appropriate to reflect upon the role of Mary during this season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. As stated in the catechism of the Catholic Church: "God sent forth his Son,' but to prepare a body for him, 'he wanted the free cooperation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, 'a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.""

From the beginning of Mary's life she was being prepared for her role as mother of Jesus. Experiencing God's love and grace in her humble poverty, she trusted and believed. She fully responded to God's will and his grace even if initially fearful. "To become the mother of the Savior, Mary 'was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role'. The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as 'full of grace.' In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace."

This is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception proclaims: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." Adam and Eve were also created without sin. The difference is that Mary persevered in perfect obedience to the Father.

In the person of Mary we see the incredible and powerful potential of God's grace when a creature cooperates with that undeserved grace of the Creator. Mary, the woman of faith, is both a model of perfect trust in God and our mother always praying to her Divine Son on our behalf. She, who was conceived without sin by a singular grace of All-mighty God in view of the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ, draws us more deeply into the mystery of Divine Love.

In Christ,

Father Whitstone

Rev. David A. Whitestone

**PRAYER FOR OUR NATION** 

God our Father in Heaven, you chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, you overshadowed Mary at the Annunciation; God the Son, you became incarnate in the womb of Mary, your Mother. In union with Mary, we adore you, the Most Holy Trinity and acknowledge that you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hold eternal dominion and authority over all nations.

Most Holy Trinity, we place the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present our country to you. Through her we wish to praise and thank you for the great resources of our land and for the freedom, which has been our heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in the United States. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity. Raise up and protect all of our families. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, sinners—on all who are in need. Above all, we ask Mary to intercede on our behalf that you would protect our conscience rights and religious freedom, upon which our country was founded.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Our Mother, Patroness of our land, we honor you and give ourselves to you. Wrap your mantle of protection around each of us and all our fellow citizens. Protect us from all evil and harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the Will of your Divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.

Amen.



#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING ADVENT

The season of Advent has begun. To help prepare our minds and souls for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, Saint Leo parish will

offer Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between the 6:15 and 9am Masses each weekday.

#### OUR LADY OF GUADALUFE MASS

Please join us on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 pm for a Spanish Mass in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fatroness of the Americas and of the Unborn.





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

Please also remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially, Delfin Salazar.

The Extraordinary Form Traditional Latin Mass at Saint Leo's will be celebrated at 7:00 pm on December 13 and December 27, 2018. All are welcome!





## Parish Advent Penance Service and Individual Confessions

There will be an Advent Penance Service on Sunday, December 16, at 7:30 pm in the Church. We plan

to have many priests to hear individual confessions. Please plan to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to participate in the sacrament of Confession before Christmas.

Share the JOY of Christmas- take a heart from the **GIVING TREE!** 



## PLEASE NOTE: Return deadline is 10:00 am on Monday, December 10.

Place your UNWRAPPED gift in a gift bag with the heart attached. After Sunday Mass, place the gift in the decorated box next to the tree. Our ministry helpers will be there to assist. For gift cards, place in a card envelope (unsealed) or card box (unsealed) and take to the rectory. During the week, all gifts should be taken to the rectory. Heart requests shared with our ministry brothers/sisters, Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, two local elementary & high schools, homeless, migrant/refugee and case management needs. Tip: take a photo of each heart you take as backup in case it is misplaced before the deadline. Funds are needed to cover program costs & to buy gifts for hearts not taken. Monetary donations payable to SLSM and write in the memo line Giving Tree. It is a blessing to provide a more joyful Christmas for those who are having difficulties making ends meet.

## Liturgy of the Word



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## MASS INTENTIONS

December 10 through December 16, 2018

Mon.:	6:15 9:00	Rita Pratsch Albert & Winifred Leightley
Tues.:	6:15 9:00	Special Intention Daniel Wilson
Wed.:	6:15 9:00	Dominic Bumbaca Stephen Pepin
Thurs.:	6:15 9:00	Luis Misterio Special Intention
Fri.:	6:15 9:00	Raul Patricio Trejo Dr Jorge Arnoldson
Sat.	9:00 5:00	Dominic Bumbaca Thomas Hartner
Sun.:	7:30 9:00 11:00 1:00 5:00	For The Parish Conrad Vanasse William Przystup Raul Patricio Trejo Daniel Cottle

In addition to the regular schedule of Masses, Mass has been offered for the following intentions: Dalton James "John" Surmeier, Sr., Special Intention, John Vaclavik, Helen Barcroft.

BAPTISM CLASS IS MANDATORY at St Leo. The next class is Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Saint Matthew room. Please call the Rectory office at: 703-273-5369 to register.

BAPTISM

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



Faith and Food

Please stay tuned for our 2019 FAITH AND FOOD schedule!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): is a process for bringing into the Catholic Church both those who have never been baptized & those who were baptized in a non-Catholic church. RCIA is also the way for adult Catholics who have never been confirmed to prepare for the final Sacrament of Initiation, Confirmation. We invite any adult who would like to join the Catholic Church, be confirmed, or who is simply interested in learning about the teachings and customs of Catholic Christianity to come and join us. While classes are part of the process, RCIA is more than a class; it is a gradual introduction to the customs, beliefs, practices, and devotions of Catholicism. There is no obligation, only an opportunity to learn! RCIA 2018-2019 classes are Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Guadalupe Room. There is no need to register in advance. Registration will take place in class.

Adult Confirmation: Adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2019 need to attend the RCIA classes on Tuesday evenings, Classes continue through Easter 2019. Adult Confirmation will take place in the Spring of 2019.

Please contact Carolyn Smith, Director of Adult Faith Formation: 703-273-7277 or carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com.



## SIMBANG GABI FILIPINO ADVENT MASS

St Leo's will host a Simbang Gabi on Saturday, December 15th at 7:00pm. A long-treasured Filipino liturgical

tradition, the Simbang Gabi or "Night Mass" is a novena of nine consecutive evening masses on the final days of the Advent Season to prepare for the birth of the Infant Jesus. All parishioners are invited to join the Filipino-American community as it gathers in prayerful and joyful anticipation of the Christmas miracle. A reception will be held in the school gym after the mass, with native dishes and delicacies served. For more info on how you can get involved, please email <u>marvin.muhat@qmail.com</u> or call (703)226-9924. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Want to keep the season Holy? Help is needed to set up for Christmas in the Church. All ages welcome, but parents must accompany children up to age 12. Great SERVICE OPPORTUNITY for Confirmandi. **Ouestions:** Email Dorothea at dkudipietro@viocvirginia.com.



SAINT LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Saint Leo the Great Catholic School community leads by the example of Jesus, with respect and compassion for all, to foster faith and academic growth.



Visit our school and learn what makes us a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



PreK-8th Grade applications for the 2019-2020 school year are available in the school office. You may stop by to pick one up during school hours (7:30 am until 3:00 pm) or access forms on our website at: www.saintleothegreatschool.orgAdmissions.

Please join us for an OPEN HOUSE on any of the following dates: Dec. 19, 10am (Guadalupe Room) and Jan. 27, 2019 12pm (Gym) or call the school



office to make an appointment for a tour 703-273-1211 ext. 645.

Financial Aid packets available upon request. PLEASE NOTE: Saint Leo parishioners receive preferential status in Pre-School through eighth grade applications. In-parish families must be registered.

Books make great gifts!! The SAINT LEO'S BOOK FAIR will be held in the school library fthis Sunday, December 9th (10am-12:30 pm) through Thursday, December 13th (weekday hours 8:15am -3:00 pm). Please stop by and support the Not looking for a book for your library! child? Please consider stopping by to donate a book to a



teacher or the library. Thank you so much for your support!

### SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

This Christmas season, the Knights of Columbus are asking you to please help



us provide food to needy families. Please bring non-perishable foods to the Knights of Columbus Christmas tree sales trailer in front of St. Leo's school. These items are for needy area families ministered to by the St. Leo's Social Ministry. We do not collect used clothing, but if you wish to give new clothing items as a gift, please remember the "Giving Tree" program during this Holiday Season.

Contact: tammysimpson.stleos@gmail.com. or call: 703-352-2324

Please make checks payable to: ST. LEO SOCIAL MINISTRY All donations are deeply appreciated!!



## Youth Ministry: Known Fall 2018 Schedule

## **HIGH SCHOOL:**

SNL returns from 6-8:15pm in the Guadalupe Room tonight for a delicious homemade dinner before moving into a time of Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship. Bring a friend, you won't want to miss it!

LEAD Team returns on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Ministry Office to grow deeper in your faith through a study of Salvation History. Bring a friend! We are doing a Lectio of the Sunday Gospel and reading Scott Hahn's, "A Father Who Keeps His Promises."

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

All middle school students are invited to attend Thursday Takeovers this Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm in the Guadalupe Room. Come for prayer, snacks and soccer: bring a friend!

Questions about fall events? Email Melissa at : <u>stleosyouth@gmail.com</u>. For permission forms, schedules and more, check out our website: <u>www.stleosyouth.com</u>. We are also on Twitter, so follow us at <u>@stleosyouth</u>!

## 2018 CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Today marks the Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Their mission is central to the Church's fundamental mission to serve the poor with Christ's love and compassion – and your support of this collection is vital. Please prayerfully consider supporting those in need through Catholic Charities' mission to ease the suffering of people across the diocese. If you are not able to make a gift today, please make your gift in next week's collection and note Christmas Collection/ Catholic Charities on the memo line of your check. Or visit <u>www.ccda.net</u> to learn more and make a year-end gift.

## SAINT LEO MOMS GROUP- ADVENT PARTY

All Moms welcome! Come join the moms group for a play group Christmas party and cookie exchange **Friday**, **December 14 after the 9 AM Mass** in the Guadalupe room. To RSVP in for more details contact Erin Spicer, <u>ErinSpicer12@gmail.com</u>



#### FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL Events & Calendar MEETINGS – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> <u>TUESDAYS</u> 8:00 PM in the K OF C Hall



12/9 - 1 PM Giants @ Redskins game @ KofC Hall
12/10 - 7:15 Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center
7:00PM Ladies Meeting-WRAPPING FOR
CHRISTMAS FAMILY
12/11 - 7:20 PM CHARLES FAMILY

- 12/11 7:30 Rosary, 8:00 Meeting @ KofC Hall
- 12/12 7:30AM leave for 2018 Christmas Spectacular in NYC

## \*\*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*

## DECEMBER 16 – Breakfast With Santa After 7:30 & 9:00 Masses – in the Gym

Giant, Shoppers Food Warehouse & Safeway Food Cards for sale – at KofC Hall weekdays at 3:00 PM or call Larry Novak 703-978-6137

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Join the Knights– Contact Mark Walther @ 703-766-5054 or go to <u>www.kofc.org/joinus</u>

## **CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Trees in front of St Leo's school. Hours of Operation are from 3:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sundays. Sales continue through December



18 or until the trees are sold. There will be Fraser and Concolor Firs. Proceeds from the sales support numerous charitable activities.

# Blessed Christmas Wafers

A centuries' old Christmas vigil tradition enjoyed by East Europeans, are available at the KOC Christmas tree trailer weekdays 4-8, Sat. 9-8, Sun.

9-5 or at the rectory during the weekday. Please call for availability after December 14. Donation is \$4.00 per wafer package. For information call **Nancy @** (703) 764-0243. All wafer proceeds benefit the St. Leo Social Ministry Fund.

**FATHER DIAMOND SCHOLARSHIP** Council 6292 will award a 4 year \$500 scholarship to a Catholic student entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in a local Catholic HS starting in the Fall 2019. The application is on the council website at www.6292.kofcva.org in the News Headlines section. For further information contact Tim Tilson at 703-273-9436 or via email at HMSLYDIA@msn.com.

#### HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT)

Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington must take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on Saturday, January 12, 2019. This test is required for placement at Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, Paul VI High School and Saint John Paul the Great High School. Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/). Registration deadline is January 10, 2019.

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**YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL** - Bishop O'Connell High School invites all 6th through 8th grade students to participate in their 4th annual Youth Music Festival on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019. This full day of music clinics and performances is free, but registration is required.For more information and to register, visit the website at <u>www.bishopoconnell.org/</u> <u>youthmusic</u> or email <u>music@bishopoconnell.org</u>.

**<u>SHEPHERD'S CENTER</u>**, in ministry with St Leo's & a nonprofit organization providing support services for the elderly. For details please visit <u>www.scfbva.org</u>.

**Transportation Program**—If you need transportation to a medical appointment (Mon – Fri) or an accompanied shopping drive (offered Tues p.m. and Fri a.m.), contact the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke transportation phone number 703-323-4788 at least five days in advance to make arrangements for your driver.

**Dementia Caregiver Support Group**Meetings are held in the Fr. Ready Room of Nativity Catholic Church in Burke from 12:00pm-1:30pm, second Tuesday of each month. Please contact Eileen Thompson 703-451-8626 or <u>eileen.thompson1@gmail.com</u> to sign up.



#### ESCUELA DE HOMBRES SAN JOSÉ

El grupo de hombres se reune cada primer y tercer jueves del mes en el salon Guadalupe a las 7:00 pm. Para mayor información hablar con Valerio Delgado, tel. 571-353-5448.

<u>COMUNIÓN DE ENFERMOS</u>—Por favor, llame a la rectoría si usted o un miembro de su familia están enfermos o no pueden asistir a misa los domingos. En el primer viernes de mes Fr. Whitestone, Tipton. llevarán la comunión a los enfermos y celebrarán la unción a los enfermos que no pueden salir de casa. Los domingos los ministros extraordinarios de la comunión llevan la comunión a los enfermos y a los que no pueden salir de casa. De nuevo, por favor llame a la rectoría si guisiera una visita de los sacerdotes y recibir la comunión en su casa.

Hora Santa: El grupo de oración de la parroquia los invita a una Hora de Adoración delante del Santísimo normalmente todos lo últimos sábados del més.



<u>Grupo de Oración</u> Sábados 6-8:30pm, Salon de Nuestra Sra de La Guadalupe. Alma Coreas: 571-212-1369.

## Days of Recollection for Men and Women Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for women on Sunday, December 16, and a day retreat for men on Saturday, December 22. Both run from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and are open to those 17 years and older. Religious sisters will be present for the women, and seminarians, priests and men religious will be at the men's. For more details and to register contact the Office of Vocations,

703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to sign up is December 7.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** has been teaching couples good communication skills for over 50 years! Sign up today to enrich your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Mar 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, VA and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: **RenewMarriage-VANorth.org** or contact us at <u>applications@renewmarriage-</u> <u>vanorth.org</u> or 703-646-1521.

#### HORARIOS E INFORMACIÓN SANTAS MISAS

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

## Para programar eventos en la Parroquia, contáctese con Beatrice: **bszele@stleofairfax.com**.

Para preguntas sobre el ministerio, los sacramentos o para reunirse con un sacerdote, consulte el sitio web o llame a la rectoría en cualquier momento. Las secretarias que hablan español están programadas: lunes, martes y jueves de 4 a 9 pm., los miércoles de 8 am. a 4 pm., y los sábados de 9 am. a 2 pm.

**Confesiones en español**: Los mismos días de la parroquia (martes, viernes y sábado) más los domingos de 12:00 p.m. a 12:30 p.m.

**Bautizos:** Preparación- llamar a Carlos Cea: 703-836-2139.

**Matrimonio:** Todo Católico que desee contraer matrimonio debe contactar la parroquia por lo menos seis meses antes del evento. Para mayor información comunicarse con Diacono Jose Lopez 703-825-1983

Sacramentos para Estudiantes de Secundaria: llamar a la Oficina de Jovenes al teléfono 703-591-6089, ó email a <u>stleosyouth@gmail.com</u>.

**Grupo divina misericordia.** Colaboran con los sacerdotes en el ministerio de los enfermos, visitándolos y orando con ellos. Contacto Gilma Orozco (571-238-6634).





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