



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

Saint Leo the Great Church • Lancaster, PA

Celebration of the Eucharist



PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45:10,11,12,16

**R. The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.**

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir. (R)

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house. (R)

So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord. (R)

They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king. (R)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parishioners who would like to have their child baptized at St. Leo's are requested to call Father Hahn at the Parish Office to personally schedule an appointment to meet with him to discuss this great Sacrament. Normally Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of each month, after our 11:00 am Mass, or approximately at 12:00 Noon. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, age 16 or older, Confirmed, and must present a sponsor certificate if from another parish. Parents must be registered members of St. Leo's parish.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating marriage must contact Father Hahn at the Parish Office at least one year before the date of the intended marriage. Church date and arrangements should precede all other wedding plans.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office and arrangements will be made to bring Holy Communion to the person.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in learning more about their faith or in becoming Catholic may join the program of formation and instruction which begins in September. Call the Religious Education Office.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish and who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.

MASS AND RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:30 pm-Church

SUNDAY 7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am-Church

HOLY DAYS Variable (see inside bulletin)-Church

DAILY MASS Monday thru Saturday at 9:00 am and Wednesday at 7:00 pm

ADORATION Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 5:45 pm with recitation of the holy rosary at 6:20 in the Chapel followed by Benediction.

CONFESSIONS are Saturdays from 7:30—8:45 am and 3:00-4:15 pm in the Chapel. Also by appointment. Call Parish Office.

REGISTRATION/PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners can register by emailing or calling the Parish Office.

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Mass Schedule

08/15-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

7:30 AM-Saint Leo Parishioners-PH

9:15 AM-Samier Eisa Shunnara-(Odell & Hughes Family)-SL

10:30 AM-Recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church

11:00 AM-Don Showalter-(Jim Riccio)-SL

08/16-Monday-Saint Stephen of Hungary

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43, 44; Mt 19:16-22

9:00 AM-Ints. of Grace Musser-(Caroline Zablocki)

9:30 AM-Recitation of the Holy Rosary-Chapel

08/17-Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

9:00 AM-Ints. of Adam, Daron, Ned and Marid Fritz-(Fritz Family)

9:30 AM-Recitation of the Holy Rosary-Chapel

08/18-Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

10:00 AM-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel

6:20 PM-Recitation of the Holy Rosary-Chapel

7:00 PM-Donald House-(Maggie Propst)

08/19-Thursday-Saint John Eudes, Priest

Jgs 11:29-39; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

9:00 AM-Ann Golden Smith-(Steve & Cathy Opresko)

9:30 AM-Recitation of the Holy Rosary-Chapel

08/20-Friday-Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

9:00 AM-Nicholas Schmalhofer-(Schmalhofer Family)

9:30 AM-Recitation of the Holy Rosary-Chapel

08/21-Saturday-Saint Pius X, Pope

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 23:1-12

9:00 AM-John & Chris Fanale-(Mary Anne Fanale)

4:00 PM-Recitation of the Holy Rosary-Church

4:30 PM Vigil-Helene Hartman-(Judy Cook)-SL

08/22-Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2, 15-17, 18; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32;

Jn 6:60-69

7:30 AM-William Rhoades-(Tom & Marion Metzger)-SL

9:15 AM-Steven Troelsh-PH

10:30 AM-Recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church

11:00 AM-Saint Leo Parishioners-PH

Scripture Message

August 22, 2021



Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: Will you desert your covenant with Yahweh? The desertion of Disciples is a prelude to the paschal mystery. With Peter, however, let us profess our faith in the Lord, who gave himself up for us all.

Weekly Collections

8/8/2021

Collection totals not available at time of publishing.

Thank you for your generosity!

DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION

Thank you for your continued patience as the contractor makes improvements along Marietta Ave and our driveway entrance. It is expected that our entrance will continue to move back and forth between both driveways, as needed, until about the middle of August. Once the new signalized entrance is paved, which is planned for the week of August 9th, our former entrance will be removed. The final paving along Marietta Ave from our new entrance to the bridge will then be completed, hopefully, by the end of August. The contractor is still on schedule to have the traffic signal operational before students return to school on August 30th.

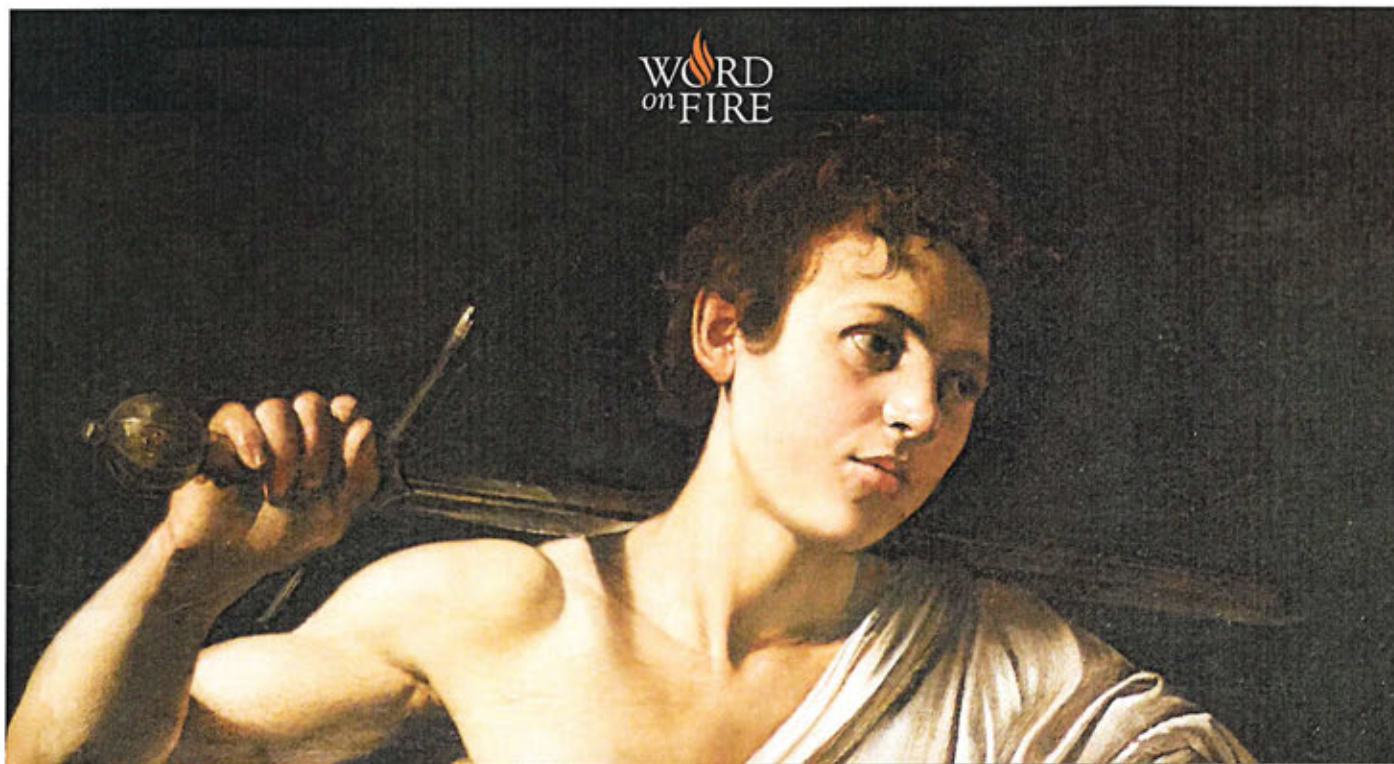
Please continue to follow signs and directions as traffic patterns change over the next few weeks, until our new, permanent traffic pattern is in place for the single driveway with a traffic signal. Construction of our new sign, finished grading and seeding will likely continue well into September. However, the major inconvenience should be over in a few more weeks.

Contact me with any questions.

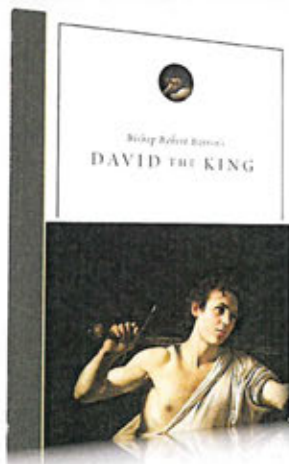
Deacon Frank Kuchinski



WORD
on FIRE



Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program
DAVID THE KING



Join us for Bishop Robert Barron's newest study and experience how the whole New Testament opens up once we see it through the person of David.

David's kingship recalls that of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and also foreshadows that of Jesus, the son of David. Adam was the first king and steward of the rightly ordered Garden of Eden. He was called to govern the garden according to God's mind and purposes, yet he did not fulfill his kingly responsibility. Long after Adam, David emerged as the model king who would restore order in the Garden and bring the world under the lordship of God. But like Adam, David fell, and his reign ushered in a succession of compromised kings and rejected prophets... until the coming of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ.

WWW.WORDONFIRE.ORG ✦ DAVIDTHEKING.COM

DATE, TIME, LOCATION

Wednesdays at 7:30pm
Classrooms 3 & 4

A 6 week study beginning on
September 29, 2021

COST / REGISTRATION

Workbook \$25.00

The workbook is a key part of this study. Each week you'll prep for the evening by reading the workbook and answering 4 questions.

CONTACT

Sign up by contacting Tina
Johnson in the parish office.
tjohnson@stleos.org
or
717-394-1742

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Christ's

Religious Education News



Re-Registration forms for the 2021/22 PSR School Year have been mailed to all families whose children have attended in the past. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, please contact Sister Dorothy at dre@stleos.org or 717-394-1742x222.

Sacramental Policy for the Reception of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist: Preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist is a two-year program as prescribed by the Diocese of Harrisburg. To be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, your child must have completed the 7th and 8th grade years of instruction and to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist your child must have completed the 1st and 2nd grade years of instruction at either our Parish Elementary School or our Parish School of Religion. Questions! Contact Sister Dorothy.



CHARITY - UNITY - FRATERNITY - PATRIOTISM

MEN OF SAINT LEO'S

Are you seeking a way to get out & give back? Consider the Knights of Columbus.

We are a worldwide men's Catholic organization, active locally in charity, unity, and fraternal action. Go to www.KofC.org to see who we are and what we do. To speak to someone locally, call Paul DeFranco at 717-984-2771 or GK6810@aol.com.

Check out our Facebook page too!
<https://www.facebook.com/KofC6810>



Fall & Winter Bible Studies With Sister Dorothy

**Fall Session: Oct. 3rd/5th thru
Dec. 5th/7th**

Topic: The Eucharist

Two Separate Sessions:

Sunday evenings beginning Oct. 3rd from 6:30-8:00 PM and Tuesday mornings starting Oct. 5th from 10:00 –11:30 AM in rooms 3-4

**Winter Session: Jan 30th/Feb. 1st
through Apr. 10th/12th**
Topic: TBD

Two Separate Sessions:

Sunday evenings beginning Jan. 30th from 6:30-8:00 PM and Tuesday mornings starting Feb. 1st from 10:00 –11:30 AM in rooms 3-4

St. Leo's Chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association



All Grandparents are invited to our first meeting this year for Catholic Grandparents on **Monday, Sept. 27, after the 9:00 am Mass**. Our meeting will last from approximately 9:45 to 11:00 am, and we will be in Room #2. Please join us in praying the Rosary for our Grandchildren in particular, but also for our children and Seniors. (Any questions, call Jean Polansky (717-371-3264))

Virtual Workshop Opportunity

The Diocesan Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities is hosting a no-cost virtual workshop, Navigating the World of the Family with Special Needs, on **Saturday, August 28**, from 10:00 AM until noon, via Zoom. This educational workshop is intended to help parents and caregivers address the question "What is the key to special needs planning?" Topics include Financial/Estate Planning, Special Needs Trusts, Guardianship, Wills and Letter of Intent. To register, please email your name and phone number to lkiley@hbgdiocese.org no later than August 25, 2021 or call 717-657-4804 ext.322 with questions.





Employment Opportunities at Saint Leo the Great Catholic School For the 2021-2022 Academic Year



Full- Time 5th Grade Teacher

We have an opening for a 5th grade teacher for the 2021-2022 academic year. Candidate must have a history of academic excellence, positive attitude, teamwork skills, and devotion to our Catholic identity. Our teacher will be responsible for developing rigorous lesson plans, design and develop digital-age learning experiences and assessments daily, grade book management and assessments. A balanced program of direct instruction and sustained seatwork should offset extended periods of exploration and innovative hands-on lessons. Familiarity with Chromebooks, Google Education and its suite of applications is desirable. Our teachers collaborate in team meetings to ensure best practices and student growth. Candidate will need to submit current background clearances and an active Pennsylvania certification for elementary education to be considered. Qualified candidates should complete and submit to The Diocese of Harrisburg a teacher application found here: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/catholic-schools/employment-applications/>. Interested candidates should also contact: Mrs. Christine McLean, Principal at (717) 394-1742 ext. 3 or principal@stleoschool.org.

Adult Choir News

Our organist/music director, Kyle, is excited to be restarting our music program at Saint Leo's! Cantors and choir members lead us in praising our God through song. If you love to sing and want to be a part of a group of fellow musicians and parishioners, consider joining.

We will have a welcome picnic in the pavilion for all those interested on **Thursday, August 19, at 6:00 PM**. Food and beverages will be served. *Please RSVP to Kyle at kpostlethwait@stleos.org by Monday, August 16*. If you are not able to attend but are interested in being involved, reach out to him.

Cantors will sing at weekend Masses and will have guidance and training as needed. Singing schedule is flexible. The choir will alternate between singing at the 9:15 and 11:00 Sunday Masses and will rehearse weekly on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 PM in the chapel. **Sixth graders and older are welcome**. Being able to read music is preferred but not required. Instruction will be provided to help you if needed. Direct all questions to Kyle via email or see him in the Narthex after Mass.



"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as a combination of sacred music and words, it forms a necessary or integral part of solemn liturgy." (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no.112)

Volunteers Needed at Oak Leaf Manor

Every month, Holy Mass is offered at Oak Leaf Manor North located at 2901 Harrisburg Pike next to the Penn Medicine facility. There is a need for volunteers to gather Catholic residents from their rooms and participate with them in the Mass *usually* celebrated on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30AM. In September, Mass is on the 9th. In October, Mass is on the 14th. In November, Mass is on the 4th.

If you are able to assist, please contact Ginny Pryor by calling the Parish Office: 717-394-1742. The residents are happy to hear that Masses will soon resume on a regular basis.

Eucharistic Adoration News



Beginning **Wednesday, September 8th**, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:00 AM following the 6:30 AM Mass and conclude with benediction at 6:45 PM. Adorers are needed to cover the following hours: 7:00-8:00 AM, 8:00-9:00 AM, and 9:00-10:00 AM. If you would like to commit to a Holy Hour, please contact the parish office or email Tina Johnson at tjohnson@stleos.org. Adoration is held in the Chapel and is open to the public. All are welcome.

Saint Leo's Basketball is Back!



Early bird registration fee for basketball is **\$100.00** if paid on or **before August 31st**. Basketball registrations received **after August 31st** will pay the full registration fee of \$125.00. Registration period **closes September 15th**. After this date registrations will be accepted based on available spots on the team. (Based on team sizes, registration may open up to 2nd grade boys and girls. Any questions, may be directed to the registrar, Karin Lancelotta at slyaaregister@stleos.org.) To register for ages 3rd through 8th grade, go to: <https://stleos.weshareonline.org/>

[StLeoBasketballRegistration202120223rd8thGrades](https://stleos.weshareonline.org/)

REFUNDS: Full refunds for any reason will only be given if requested via email to the register @ slyaaregister@stleo.org by **November 1st**.



Any questions, or for more details, please contact Karin Lancelotta at (443) 722- 2203, or email slyaaregister@stleos.org If you need financial assistance, please contact Father Hahn directly.

Anyone who wishes to coach basketball in 2021-2022 must have ALL appropriate Diocesan clearances and a current badge. If you are interested in coaching, contact the Basketball Coordinator, Maggie Propst, at mpropst@stleoschool.org.

Clinic for Kids Ages Kindergarten through 2nd Grade



A basketball clinic, including stations teaching fundamentals, shooting games and scrimmaging will be held for boys and girls in grades kindergarten - 2nd grade **every Saturday in September**. Boys 10:00 -11:30 AM. Girls 12:00 - 1:30 PM in the Gym. Cost: \$40. Registration closes **August 25th**. Contact basketball coordinator, Maggie Propst at mpropst@stleoschool.org, with any questions, or if you would like to help (must have clearances.) To register, go to: <https://stleos.weshareonline.org/BasketBallClinicRegistrationK2ndgrade>

Blessed Bloomers XX



Local non-profit Mychal's Message is gearing up for one of its major outreaches - **BLESSED BLOOMERS**. Founded by Shannon (Hickey) Lapp and her family, including Kelly Ann Lynch, OFS and Sharon Hickey, OFS, Mychal's Message was named after **Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM**, the FDNY Chaplain who lost his life in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. **Blessed Bloomers** involves the collection of **new** underwear, T-shirts and socks for men, women and children to be distributed to the homeless and poor during the months of September and October. This is the 20th annual collection and distribution of Blessed Bloomers by Mychal's Message. A collection box will be available in the lobby of the church for dropping off items between JULY & SEPTEMBER.

We are in need of the following items: **NEW** undergarments and socks for men, women and children. **Greatest need this year is for men's boxers in sizes Medium, Large and X-Large. Camisoles and "pretty" tanks/T-shirts are also needed to make the women's packs special.** [Blessed Bloomers will be distributed in Lancaster (St. Anne's Brown Bag Lunch Line and Catholic Worker House) and Philadelphia, PA (St. Francis Inn soup kitchen) and in New York, NY (St. Francis of Assisi Breadline)]. **Children's underwear in all sizes, also needed,** [will be distributed to children living at, near or below poverty level in Lancaster and Philadelphia, PA as well as at St. Bonaventure Indian Mission in Thoreau, NM and at the Sharing & Caring shelter in Minneapolis, MN.] If you are able to assist us in donating any of the above-mentioned items, please drop them off in the collection bin.

For further information or to make a donation online, please visit www.mychalsmessage.org or look for MYCHAL'S MESSAGE on FB or IG. For more information, contact Sharon Hickey, OFS of Mychal's Message at (717) 203-0746. Thank you in advance for your generous response.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For more information about the **September 10-12, 2021**, Weekend for Couples, contact the registration team at 717-356-2185 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

Fall Mini Retreat for Women

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to join us at the Fall Mini Retreat on Saturday, **September 25, 2021** at Saint Catherine Laboure Church, 4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111. The theme is *"Joined in Our Faith"*. Registration at 8:15 a.m. Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by two morning workshops, lunch and one afternoon workshop. The day concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and closing prayer. Register by contacting Brenda Wolf at 717-658-8191 or email: brendaangel.musicwithmama@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to: "Seton District Council of Catholic Women" Registration deadline is **September 15, 2021**. Please bring a Rosary and bible. See the HDCCW website, hdccw.webs.com for additional details and other Diocesan CCW information.

Catholic Charismatic Day of Renewal

For all seeking healing, light, & growth in the power of the Holy Spirit, please save the date, September 18, 2021, for the *Catholic Charismatic Day of Renewal*. Mark your calendar now!

Theme: *Out of Darkness, Into the Light: God's Power over Pandemic*

Keynoter: Reverend William Weary, Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lewistown and Saint Jude Parish, Mifflintown

When: September 18, 2021, 8am – 3pm

Where: Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA, 17111)

Schedule Items: Mass, Adoration, Talks, Prayer for Power & Healing of Holy Spirit, and More!

Registration: \$20 per person. Payment is only on site and same day and only by cash or check. We cannot accept credit cards.

We do ask that you pre-register by September 8th. We can only order lunch for those who pre-register. **To pre-register call Joyce at (717) 308-7245, or email charismatic.harrisburg@gmail.com.**

For more information, go to aliveinthespirit.net. Don't miss the grace!



The Importance of First Saturdays

Essential Elements of First Saturday Devotion

1. Go to Confession
2. Receive Holy Communion worthily
3. Pray five decades of the Rosary
4. Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.

Mary's Promise: "I promise to assist at the hour of death all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls."

Why Five Saturdays? Sister Lucia's confessor questioned her about the reason for the five Saturdays. She answered him in a letter dated June 12, 1930. In it she related a vision she had of Our Lord, who told her that the five first Saturdays correspond to the five kinds of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. They are:

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception
2. Blasphemies against her virginity
3. Blasphemies against her divine maternity, at the same time the refusal to accept her as the Mother of all men
4. Instilling indifference, scorn and even hatred towards this immaculate Mother in the hearts of children.
5. Direct insults against Her sacred image.





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Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania Prioritize Safety as Mass Obligation Resumes

HARRISBURG, Pa. – Jesus commanded his followers to care for the sick and to bring physical and spiritual healing to everyone. In that spirit, the Catholic bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have issued this statement:

Caring for the health, safety and spiritual wellbeing of parishioners and their communities is a priority of all the bishops of Pennsylvania. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, dioceses have made every effort to implement best practices in public health for every aspect of parish life. Each diocese is continuously re-evaluating coronavirus mitigation efforts, frequently consulting with state and federal healthcare experts and constantly monitoring data. Diocesan leaders are listening to input from parishioners, including those with medical expertise, as cases of the Delta and other new variants are surging.

It now seems evident that this global health crisis could linger for months or years to come. Our call as shepherds is to provide the Eucharist in a safe environment. To that end, each diocesan bishop will communicate to the faithful, asking them to prioritize their own health and the health of their neighbors and faith communities.

As previously announced, the bishops are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are:

- Sick
- Have a serious health risk
- In a household with those at risk
- Primary caregivers to those at risk
- Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19
- Unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants or have been exposed should stay home.

Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ. They are also encouraged to investigate the numerous options to view broadcasts and streams of Mass, which are continuing across the state.

While masks are not currently mandated, each parishioner is strongly encouraged to make a responsible decision about the use of masks and vaccinations following in the examples of all Pennsylvania Bishops, Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who have all been vaccinated for the common good.

Our coronavirus mitigation efforts will continue to evolve, based on the most up-to-date public health information. Each bishop will continue to communicate with the faithful as changes become necessary.

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