

ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Wake up then, O friend, and acknowledge the dignity of your nature.
Recall that you have been made according to the image of God.”
—St. Leo the Great, Sermon 27 December 25, 451*



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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM
Weekdays
Monday 12:00 PM
Tuesday 8:30 AM
Wednesday No Mass Schedule
Thursday 7:00 PM
Friday 12:00 PM

Recitation of the Rosary

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Confession

Thursday 6:30 PM
Saturday 4:45–5:15 PM
And by appointment

Religious Education

Saturday 4:15–5:15 PM
Sunday 10:15–11:15 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Second Saturday of the Month 7:00 PM–11:00 PM

Matrimony and Baptism

If you are planning a wedding, please contact the parish six months in advance. If you are planning a Baptism or would like to become a member of our parish family please contact the office.

*WELCOME PARISH FAMILY
AND VISITORS.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR
BEING HERE TODAY.*

JANUARY 7-8, 2012 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Saturday 5:30pm	07	St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest +Wyatt Sheppard Keeler by the Sheppard And Keeler Families
Sunday 9:00am	08	The Epiphany of the Lord +Frances Arceneaux by Steve and Kathleen Klein
11:30am 3:00pm		+Joan Seeley by Paul & Elaine Henke Filipino Mass All the People of the Parish
Monday 12:00pm	09	Baptism of the Lord +Frank Hiner by Shirley Cadigan & Family
Tuesday 8:30am	10	+Margaret Wiltshire by Art & Lee Perkins
Wednesday	11	No Mass Scheduled
Thursday 7:00pm	12	+Joan Seeley by Tom & Genie Tobin +Anna George by the Graham Family
Friday 12:00pm	13	St. Hiliary, bishop & doctor Butch Bageant (Return to good health) by Joe & Betty Casper +Deb Stuart by The Stuart Family
Saturday 5:30pm	14	BVM +Tom Slater by Karen & Butch Bageant +Angela Dudek & +Rose Yauch by the Powers Family
Sunday 9:00am 11:30am	15	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time All The People of the Parish +Edward Sullivan by John & Audrey Mollica

+Deceased (Weekday Mass Schedule subject to change without notice)

STEWARDSHIP for the Weekend of Dec. 24-25, 2011 & Dec. 31-Jan.1, 2012

Reg. Donations:	\$10,965.07	NA
Pantry fund:	\$ 180.00	NA
Youth Development:	\$ 52.75	NA
Debt Reduction:	\$ 8,668.20	NA

ATTENDANCE for the Weekend of Dec. 24-25, 2011 & Dec31-Jan 1, 2012

Saturday:	4:00pm-1125	NA
	7:00pm- 649	NA
	Midnight- 380	NA
Sunday:	10:00am- 267	NA



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/ Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/ Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/ Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Thurs. 6:30-7pm
Sat. 4:45--5:15pm

The Filipino Ministry of the Martinsburg Vicariate invites you to celebrate with us our next Mass on December 10th. Come join us!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS MUST BE IN THE OFFICE TWO (2) WEEKENDS BEFORE THE DATE YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR. Thank You

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

The Diocese has issued a clarification of the regulation for scheduling Mass Intentions: Per the code of Canon law, we will only be able to schedule one intention at each **weekend** Mass (Saturday vigil Mass and Sunday Masses). We are allowed to schedule multiple intentions on two **weekday** Masses, with the permission of the donors. We will offer this on Mondays and Tuesdays. Given a special need or significant feast day, we may move the weekday multiple intentions to another day. For example-if a Holy Day of Obligation falls on a Tuesday, we may move the date for multiple intentions to either Thursday or Friday. Masses on a holy day may have only one intention.

We ask you to be understanding and reasonable in requesting particular dates. We will try our best to honor your wishes. It is important to remember that we have to allow scheduling Masses for the recently departed. Therefore, we will not schedule a Mass more than 3 months in advance. If you have already scheduled a Mass, we will try our best to honor that request. The scheduling of multiple intentions was offered by the Parish to meet the requests of our people to have their intentions said at St. Leo. Our only alternative is to send the intentions to parishes that need Mass intentions, many of which are hundreds, if not thousands, of miles away. This is a service of our parish to provide for the needs of our parish family. Thank you for your understanding.

God Bless!
Fr. Brian

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life will be held in Washington D.C. on January 23rd, 2012. We will have a bus leaving St. Leo at 8:30am Monday morning. The cost will be \$25 per person. Please call the church office at 304-229-8945 as soon as possible to make a reservation, as seating on the bus is limited.



Our parish made a profit of \$525 from the Christmas cookie sale. Thank you so much to all who baked and donated goodies!

GIFT CARDS

For the weeks of 12/17/11 our profit was \$453.50 & year to date is **\$12,854.00.**

If you have not purchased gift cards before please consider it. This is a great fundraiser for St. Leo. All proceeds go to debt reduction. If you forget to get them on the weekend you can stop in at the office during the week and purchase them.



THANK YOU!

Brian Crenwelge would like to thank all those who donated toward his Jamaica Mission Trip. He will be in Jamaica January 2nd through the 14th and would like everyone to know that they are in his prayers!

MORTGAGE PAYMENT

<u>December 2011 Mortgage Payment</u>	
Principal	\$22,444.90
Interest	<u>\$12,746.80</u>
Total payment	\$35,191.70
Source of Payment:	
Debt Reduction Funds	\$35,191.70
December Balance	\$5,350,690.38

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class will meet on the following dates from 10:15am—12:15pm.
Sunday, January 15
Sunday, February 26
Sunday, March 18
Sunday, May 20 (Class on this day will only be from 10:15am—11:15am.)

If you have any questions or concerns about the class dates and times, please contact Linda Abrahamian, 304-279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION



GABRIEL PROJECT



The Gabriel Project is in need of baby wipes and diapers, sizes 3 & 4 only. Your donations may be dropped off at the church office for distribution. If you

have a few hours of time each month to be involved in this worthy cause, we would love to have you join the team! Please contact Karen and Carl Santamaria at 304-267-1455.

BOOKS FOR SALE

One book titled "A Year of Sundays" will be on sale in the Narthex for \$2.00. We will also have Five Minutes with the Word for \$1.00

2012 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOX of envelopes for 2012. Boxes are sorted by number with a label affixed with your name. Lists are available with names & numbers in case you forget your number.



PARISH FAMILY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Please pray for our parish family members and their loved ones who are ill and are in most need of your prayers, especially:

1st WEEK

2nd WEEK

3rd WEEK

Butch Bageant
Amelia Wilbourn (Infant)
Robert Lamp
Robert Kerchner
Janeva Polland
Victoria Borgia
Marita Barnes
Polly Glefner
Charlotte Kane

Jill Bond
Maddie Carter
Rich Massari
Charlotte Griffith
Louise McDonald

Brenda Zombro
Shirley Earnhart
Linda Massie
Cheyenne Croushorn
Sharon Schroeder
Steve Tabcoco
Steve Knight
Barbara Decker
Joe Muia

Please continue to pray for an end to: *abortion; terrorism; and oppression; all forms of violence; for peace in our world; safe return of all military serving our country; personnel stationed around the world; for the families of our military personnel; and especially for those who have lost a loved one serving our country, Thank you.*

If your loved one is permanently homebound, there is always someone ready to pay a visit and/or call for a friendly chat! In addition to asking for prayers, call the church office, 304-229-8945.

Anointing of the Sick can be received by anyone prior to surgery or hospitalization. Just mention the need to a priest after Mass or contact the office for a priest to schedule a time.

"How often have I thought that I may owe all of the graces I've received to the Prayers of a Person who begged them from God for me, and whom I shall know only in Heaven." St. Theresa of Lisieux

OUR MILITARY

SODALITY

Please keep these brave men and women in your prayers:

Afghanistan: Dustin Covington, Christopher Mace (4th Tour).

Carl & Craig Muehler on a ship somewhere near the middle east.

Christopher Shira, US Army
Daniel Shira, LCPL Jesse Feddon USMC

Libya:

Antonio Rapp, USAF

NC Boot Camp: Edward Piatek & Trevor J. Milihram

Dubai:

SSgt Albert Carrasquillo, USAF

Please continue to pray for the 10th Mountain Division and for all our men & women in harm's way.

Prayer is the best gift you could give a deployed loved one who is in harm's way.

The Sodality would like to thank everyone in our parish who supports Sodality in our work with Abba House, St. Leo Charities, and the many small parish needs we participate in throughout the year. We have just completed a number of small baby quilts which will be given to Abba for their families for this Christmas. Ladies, if one of your resolutions is to be more involved in the parish community in the coming year please consider Sodality as just such an opportunity.

Women and Girls of St. Leo: Come and have fun with friends

We will be launching the production of our next large quilt on Jan. 15, 2012 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The January event will be a **co-sponsored event with the American Heritage Girls.** All the **women and girls** of the parish are invited to attend. We will have soup, sandwiches, a "chick flick", and offer the opportunity to learn a new crafting skill. Come for any or all of it or just to visit and enjoy friends! Come and learn about quilting or if you are a person who has a particular talent you would like to share (crochet, knitting, crewel work, etc.) contact Marti Hersom (304 268-5258) or Diane Quinn (momquinn4@aol.com or 304 229 4697) and let us know what you would like to teach in a casual small group setting. We will list the crafting options on our Sodality bulletin board by the Library as ladies volunteer to teach new skills and let you know also what materials to bring if you wish to participate. Please consider attending this opportunity for the women of the parish to gather for an enjoyable afternoon of food, fun and friends. You don't have to craft to come and have fun.



HELPING THE HOMELESS



The Knights of Columbus in the Martinsburg area help the homeless in our community and they are in need of some items. They visit the homeless taking food, gloves, socks, blankets (home made sleeping bags are made from the blankets). Jeff McCoy & Tony Green head this project & their telephone number is 304-676-4200. They are collecting the following items: canned food, socks, gloves, sweaters, hats, tarps, blankets, (in any shape) etc. If you can help them out in any way, please bring the items to the church and they will come and pick them up!

CDA

January Schedule:

January 10th-Regular Meeting, 7pm, Lackey Hall,
St. Joseph's Church, Martinsburg
January 15th-Officer's Treat for CDA Members,
Lackey Hall, time TBA

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF WV

Please ***Share Our Greatest Hope...to reduce poverty in West Virginia*** with a donation to Catholic Charities West Virginia's Appeal 2011. Our goal this year is \$211,000 which is a challenging 7% more than last year's total. Your donation can be delivered by mail to our office at 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, West Virginia; via PayPal at www.catholiccharitieswv.org; by phone 1-888-900-2989; or in the Christmas Mass collection basket in an envelope marked Catholic Charities West Virginia (*please note: collection basket donations will be designated for services in your Region/Vicariate*). For further information please contact Patricia Phillips, Director of Development at 304-905-9860 ext. 2023 or pPhillips@ccwva.org

THIRD ORDER OF CARMELITES

The Third Order of Carmelites helps you to deepen your love relationship with God. It is dedicated to Mary the Contemplative, who kept the words of the Lord and pondered them in her heart in the midst of her life in the world and everyday duties. The Carmelites meet usually 2nd Sunday of every month from 1pm - 4pm in the Parish Center of St. Mary Catholic Church in Hagerstown, MD. Contact Daria Kaas, OCDS, at 301-639-0996, to discuss your desire to learn more about the Third Order Carmelites and the formation program.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon.	American Heritage Girls	6:30-8pm
Wed.	Morning Women's Bible Study Conference Room	9:30-10:30am
	Legion of Mary Conference Room	5:45-7pm
	Youth Choir	6:20pm
	Cub Scouts Pack 23, Confirmation Room	6:30-7:30pm
	Adult Choir rehearsals	7:30pm
Thurs.	RCIA Classes	7:30pm
	TOPS	6-30pm
Sat.	AA Meeting	8-9pm
Sun.	Youth Group Meeting	10:15am

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

First Sun	Filipino Mass	4:15pm
Second Wed	Senior Citizen Luncheon	Noon-2:30pm
Fourth Wed	Food Distribution	9am-11am
Fourth Wed	4-H Club (Room 105)	6-8pm
First Thurs	Knights of Columbus	7:30pm
Second Thurs	Parish Council	7:30pm
Third Thurs	KofC 4th Degree Meeting	7:30pm
Second Sat	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7pm--11pm	
Second FULL Weekend	—BAKE SALE AFTER ALL MASSES	

BI-MONTHLY SCHEDULE



First & Third Sunday Breakfast 10am-1pm
(Alternates from Pancakes, sausage & gravy or French Toast)

SACRED HEART ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Sacred Heart Academy will hold an open house for prospective families from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 29. We are a VCEA accredited Catholic school in the Diocese of Arlington, with students in 4 year old preschool through eighth grade. Come by, see our beautiful facilities, and meet our teachers. The Academy is located at 110 Keating Drive, Winchester, Virginia, on the hill across from the Winchester Medical Center. Call 540-662-7177 for more information. Check out our website at www.sacredheartva.org.

From the Desk of Fr. Brian

Welcome Fr. Bill Kuchinsky...

We celebrate the arrival of Fr. Bill Kuchinsky as a priest in residence for St. Leo Parish. Fr. Bill is in recovery from cancer and will continue to undergo treatments for his illness. This is one reason that we have the honor of having Fr. Bill with us as much of his treatments are in the Washington- Baltimore area. His family also lives in that area and our parish ideally located to help make that happen. We are also selected because the people of this parish are so welcoming and the Bishop knows that this is a good parish for him to be in.

I have known Fr. Bill for many years and we will get along just fine. Because of his illness Fr. Bill will be a Priest in Residence which means that he will not have regularly scheduled duties or masses. He will help out as often as he is able. While he is in this status the Diocese will pay his salary and benefits. Our parish will provide for his food and housing and love and prayers for his complete healing. When you get a chance be sure to welcome Fr. Bill and help him to feel at home. Many years ago he was here as a seminarian and we welcome him back to us. Welcome Fr. Bill!

Happy Feast of the Epiphany...

This weekend we celebrate the visit of the three kings to the Holy Family and we recall their gifts to the Baby Jesus. What gifts do you bring to Him this year?

The popular song of the Little Drummer Boy tells us that even simple gifts, in the eyes of the world, are special to the Baby Jesus when they come from the heart. That is the essence of a gift to Jesus, you don't have to go to a hundred stores to find the perfect gift, you just have to look in your heart. All the money in the world will not impress Jesus but the love of your heart will. Pledge this year to be His, to be more loving and forgiving, to be a stronger witness for Him and to work harder to draw yourself and your family to His love. As our kids say, "that will make the Baby Jesus smile!"

March for Life...

We will have a bus for the annual March for Life on Monday, January 23rd. We will have Mass at 8 am and leave after Mass. The cost is \$25.00 per person. If you can not go but want to support the event you can sponsor another person who can not afford the trip. If you want to go but can not afford the price just talk to me and we can help you by finding a sponsor.

This is an annual event and there will be thousands of people from around the country in attendance including many Bishops and members of Congress. Bishop Bransfield will be there to join us and we hope you can join us as well. Any member of the Confirmation Class who attends can count the day towards their Christian service hours.

Debt Reduction...

We will re-sign our mortgage at the end of this month and we hope to be able to make a lump sum payment towards the debt of one million dollars. Most of this was raised by our First Things First Campaign and the rest we are trying to raise by special donations. We are still short of our goal by \$80,000 and we hope that people will be willing to make one time donations to help us meet this goal.

Why is this important? Due to our debt schedule with WesBanco and the Diocese we have to resign the debt at a new interest rate every three years. Right now, the debt rate is low, I don't know what it is at the time of this column or I would tell you, and our monthly payments will be based on the amount remaining in the loan. Thus, it is important and will be a great benefit to our parish if we can reduce the amount to be paid prior to resigning the loan. Also, there is a moral and financial victory to be achieved if we can pay down the debt with a large sum such as one million dollars. This amount speaks volumes about the dedication and ability of our parish in meeting our obligations and about the positive approach we have to our future. Help us if you can to meet this impressive goal.

God Bless! Fr. Brian