



Saint Leo News

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Beautiful Events at Saint Leo Church

Living Rosary

Please come and honor our Blessed Mother in the Month of the Rosary and Respect Life

Sunday, October 4, 2009

3:00 PM

Come join your friends and St. Leo family in Mary's Garden at St. Leo to pray the "*Living Rosary*" Please bring a folding chair. If cold or rainy, we will hold inside. We will have flowers to represent each bead of the Rosary as we pray together to honor Mary and ask her intercession for the end of abortion and euthanasia. If you know you can come, call Lori at 444-8353 and leave a message just so we can plan ahead a little. But, even if you don't call, come anyway – Bring your family and friends!

Free Concert

Celtic Voyages at St Leo Church

Friday September 25, 2009, at 8 pm

The singers of the Magpie Consort return to St Leo on Friday September 25 to take you on a musical voyage of the Celtic lands: Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Appalachia (where many British people emigrated).

The Magpies first performed at St Leo in December last year, and raised \$1000 towards the organ restoration fund. They liked the church so much that they came back this spring to record their new Celtic music CD 'Celtic Voyages'. CDs will be available for \$15 during the intermission and after the concert.

A separate freewill collection will be taken to benefit the St Leo restoration fund. So, bring your pocket money and get set to shop early for Christmas, support St Leo, and enjoy a wonderful concert, all in one day!

Both the concert and the CD feature a feast of beautiful songs, including Gaelic airs from the west of Scotland, Irish classics such as 'Down by the Salley Gardens', Welsh hymns, Appalachian ballads..... and lots more. The CD was recorded by Andrew MacGregor, who you may already know is a great friend of St Leo, and has put in many hours of work in the organ loft.

We'll hope to see you there for a wonderful evening of music in beautiful St Leo!

Sheena Phillips (Artistic Director of the Magpie Consort) and Lori Mitchell

Further information www.magpieconsort.org / tel 614-268 6295

**Mass at Saint Leo Church – Tuesday, November 10, 2009
To Celebrate the Feast of Saint Leo the Great !!!!
Time: 7:00 PM
Please join us to honor our Patron!**

**BASKETS & BASKETS !!!
Made By The Saint Leo Preservation Society
at the
Merion Village Crafters & Artisan Market
Saturday, October 10, 2009**

From 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Held at the Gates-Fourth United Methodist Church
(at Gates and Fourth, of course)**

The Saint Leo Preservation Society will once again have beautiful gift baskets for purchase at the Merion Village Crafters and Artisans Market. The baskets are beautifully wrapped and bowed and come in a wide variety of themes. Come shop for Christmas, or for Birthdays, Anniversaries, or just for Yourself! These beautiful gifts are ready to give and will dazzle the eye!

Other vendors will also be there and, as usual, the Kitchen will be serving up all kinds of goodies!

Latest on the Organ!

The organ is taking somewhat longer than expected. Mike's attention to every detail has been exceptional. What lays behind those shiny, refinished panels of the choir loft is a work of mechanical art! Mike has totally rebuilt the inside of the organ chamber. Many new windchests have been built in Connecticut and Michigan. Pipes have been cleaned, sometimes structurally changed, and re-leathered. There is a maze of intricate electrical wiring climbing one of the walls that connects with each and every pipe, sending a signal for the woven plastic slats to move beneath the pipes causing them to open or close as the organist plays the keys of the "new" historic console.

We need to thank Andrew McGregor for spending so many hours (hundreds) doing that intricate wiring. He is a great God-send to Mike.

While work still goes on with the organ, itself, Mike is preparing to lay the new floor in the choir loft. Now, this isn't just any old floor. Mike is first wiring over the old one so that there is a plentiful supply of electric for any future need. Whether it is the need for more speakers, or for running a camera to film a Mass or event, Mike has thought of it all! We are so grateful and lucky to have Mike's knowledge, foresight and devotion! Mike has definitely said YES to God!

The organist and choir director for St. Joseph's Cathedral have been looking in on the project. They have stated that Mike's work and dedication has made this a half million dollar project. Mike has kept this at about \$65,000.00 and he has funded it himself while we work to pay him back.

God's Grace –

Beautiful things continue to happen at Saint Leo. You know of all the improvements that have been made over the last few years – tremendous improvements – all by the Grace of God. But God works through people. He grants his Grace to people, to spark that love of truth in their hearts and fires their souls with charity.

None of this could ever have happened without all of you who love St. Leo Church and know from whence you came. It is the history of families and friends and the knowledge of our Faith that brings us back to the understanding of what St. Leo Church is and is meant to be.

God still has a plan for this bastion of Faith, Hope and Charity – this lovely church that our ancestors built with GREAT LOVE for GOD is meant to continue to guide us in our journey towards HIM. It is OUR link to the Communion of Saints, to those saints of St. Leo who gave their all and who were nurtured in their Catholic Faith there.

Future Projects –

We are always looking to the future for St. Leo Church – to make it the best it can be. In the line up are several projects. Mike is already lining up help and quotes for these.

This winter, Mike will work with some volunteers to re-wire the church with the most up-to-date electric. He is and has already done the bulk of what is needed for the organ. But the church, itself, has many electrical needs. Things need to be put on new and separate panels for maximum safety and to meet code.

He has already contacted a company regarding the preservation of the historic windows. Over time (at around 100 years) stained glass windows begin to buckle where the lead holds them together. The windows need to be cleaned, re-leaded and storm windows put on. This will go a long way in preserving these works of art from the Von Grichten studios who built them.

Also, looking ahead, Mike has been laying the plans for an eventual update of the heating and cooling system. He would like to get rid of the boiler and install more cost effective heating with the ability to cool the church on those hot days when our brides walk down the aisle.

God Uses Many People to further His Goals –

Your donations over the years have made all of this possible. There are some who have given great amounts and there are those who have given steady, smaller amounts. And there are those who give when they can and what they can. God knows your hearts and He knows your resources. Please let God continue to work through you for the sake of Saint Leo Church and for His Plan. Be generous as He is generous with you.

I heard an interesting statement by Father John Corapi the other day. He was a millionaire many times over in his younger years. He was at the top of the ladder in business. He had it all – but he lost every bit of it by giving himself over to drugs and a sinful life. Father Corapi, through the prayers of many, especially his mother, had a great conversion. He is now a priest and has done many retreats and has written many things regarding the power of The Holy Eucharist, Confession, Forgiveness and Divine Mercy. He said that, when you are at your lowest, when you feel you have nothing left, give to charity. He said that when you do this, you open yourself to God and to His help. He said that, when he runs out of money and doesn't know how he will take care of this or that, he gives from his own need. God soon makes sure that Father Corapi has all he needs in return.

Please continue to remember Saint Leo Church, not only in your donations, but also in your prayers. If you would like to donate, make check to: The Saint Leo Preservation Society & use the enclosed envelope or send to: c/o Lori Mitchell 1451 Linwood Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43206.

We ask all the saints of St. Leo to pray for you in return. We ask St. Leo the Great to place your needs and thoughts before God. We ask the Infant Jesus of Prague to bless you. May Mother Theresa, Blessed Anna Shaeffer, St. Michael the Archangel, Pope John Paul II and all the angels and saints intercede for you.

May God Bless You and Keep You !!!

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lmitch9@columbus.rr.com with your email addresses. We would like to keep you updated with events as they happen. Sometimes things go on before a newsletter can be published. If you know of someone we've missed for newsletters, please email that information, too.**