



Der Löwe und der Pfeil



The Lion and the Arrow — Issue 18

Announcements

The Saint Leo IV Holy Name Society will host their annual Father/Son Breakfast this Sunday, 7 November 2021, at 10 a.m. in Reznicek Hall. The event includes breakfast, a guest speaker, recognition of the Altar Boys, prizes and awards. All men of Saint Leo IV Catholic Church Parish are invited to attend.

The Catholic Daughter Court Saint Leo IV will host their annual Memorial Service this Tuesday, 9 November 2021, immediately following the 6 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Saint Leo IV Church. All parishioners are invited to attend to pray for our loved ones who died during this past year.

The CDA will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, 9 November. Holy Mass that day will be at 6 p.m., and the meeting will follow in the Saint Benedict Room. Members are also reminded to wear their badges while attending CDA events or Mass.

The Saint Leo IV Holy Name Society will have a meeting Sunday, 14 November 2021, at 6 p.m. in Reznicek Hall. The social hour begins at 5 p.m. and a meal will be served immediately after the meeting. Any Roman Catholic male over the age of 18 interested in becoming a member of the Holy Name Society is invited to attend. Sunday, 14 November 2021, is also Holy Name Sunday, please join all the members in praying the Most Holy Rosary before the 9 a.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for all the living and deceased members of the Holy Name Society.

The Sacrament of Holy Confirmation will be conferred on this year's candidates on Tuesday, 30 November 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in Saint Leo IV Roman Catholic Church. His Excellency Bishop Deshotel, the Bishop of Lafayette, will be the celebrant. **The mandatory practice for both candidates and sponsors will be on Monday, 29 November 2021, immediately following the 6 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass schedule for Thanksgiving Day will be:

- Thursday, 25 November 2021: 6:30 a.m. (Saint Edmund)
- Thursday, 25 November 2021: 8:00 a.m. (Saint Leo IV)



Monthly Saint

Every month the newsletter will feature a Saint or Religious Figure. Many times, a prayer or novena will be featured. For November we honor Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus, Bishop. His feast day is on November 17.

Before his conversion from paganism, Saint Gregory's name was Theodore. His surname "Thaumaturgus," meaning "worker of wonders," came about later in life. Saint Gregory and his brother had intended to study law at Beirut, but when they met the famous Christian theologian, Origen, they entered his school at Caesarea instead. Origen taught the brothers to esteem theology as the most valuable knowledge, and they became Christians. Afterwards, the brothers returned to their native town, Neocaesarea, and Saint Gregory was made a Bishop. At the time, there were only 17 Christians there, but with Saint Gregory preaching and his healing of the sick, many were converted in just a few days. Saint Gregory went into the desert and advised his flock to hide during Decius' persecution of Christians. In his "Canonical Letter," he addressed problems that resulted from Goth raids. Saint Gregory is said to have foretold the future, had power over demonic spirits and even caused a lake to dry up. At his death in 268, only 17 idolaters remained in Neocaesarea.



Events and Holy Days

Any events going on in Roberts Cove and in Branch during the month of the newsletter will be featured in this space. If you wish to have an event for the month listed, then please send all the information to ampdupuis@yahoo.com by the third Sunday of the month before the event is scheduled to take place.

- November 1 – All Saints' Day
- November 2 – All Souls' Day
- November 2 – Election Day
- November 7 – Father/Son Breakfast
- November 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 9 – CDA Mass, Memorial Service and Meeting
- November 11 – Veterans' Day
- November 14 – Holy Name Society Meeting
- November 25 – Thanksgiving Day
Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 29 – Holy Confirmation Rehearsal
- November 30 – Holy Confirmation Mass



Monthly Devotional

Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory by St. Gertrude the Great

Eternal Father,
I offer You the most precious blood
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
for those in my own home,
and in my family. Amen.

Archive Dive

This month we remember the life of Mr. Leo Spaetgens, who was an outstanding member of the Saint Leo IV Church Parish.

Every November Mr. Leo would lead in a group of veterans on the Sunday closest to Veterans' Day to sit at the front of the Church. Then, before the end of Holy Mass he would get up and remind everyone of the sacrifices made by Veterans.

Mr. Leo served during WWII and was in the U.S. Navy. He enlisted on October 22, 1942, three years before the end of the war, and just a few months after his 20th birthday. At the age of 20, Mr. Leo enlisted before he was required to. Due to the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, all men between the ages of 21 and 45 were required to register for the draft. This was the first peacetime draft in U.S. history, but it wasn't uncommon for underage enlistment. By law though, all recruits had to be at least 17.

Mr. Leo was training as an Armed Guard, which means he was responsible for protecting ships that were bringing supplies into war zones.

During his time in the war, he fought in The Battle of Okinawa and The Battle of Sicily.

After the war, in 1946, Mr. Leo also joined the Merchant Marines.

Mr. Leo's time in the war took him many places and allowed him to visit six of the seven continents (all but Antarctica). During WWII, one of the Navy recruitment posters said, "Join the Navy and See the World." It is safe to say that Mr. Leo lived those words.

"Under the influence of fear, we bear the Cross of Christ with patience. Under the more inspiring influence of hope, we carry the Cross with a firm and valiant heart. But under the consuming power of love, we embrace the Cross with ardor."

–Saint Bernard (1090-1153)