

**Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.), St. Leo's Parish Retreat  
& Jesus' Birthday Party Registration Form—2011-12**  
(These special events are required for the Religious Ed. Program, but are open to everyone).

(Please print)

**Household Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate **Age Level (as of Sept. 2011)** from the following:

**Adults (College age through Senior Citizens) / Students in Grades 9-12 / Students in Grades 6-8 /**

**Children age 5 through Grade 5 / Toddlers and young children needing child care.**

(Please include last name if different from above.)

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1. Are you interested in childcare provided for toddlers (ages 1-4) during G.I.F.T. gatherings? Yes No  
(Child care is available on Saturday AM only).

2. Does anyone in your household have any special needs or severe allergies of which we should be aware? Yes No

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

For G.I.F.T. please mark the sessions which you will attend—one in September and one in March/April, additionally please indicate the number of people from your household who will be attending Jesus' Birthday Party and/or the Parish Retreat. Thank you.

**SEPTEMBER G.I.F.T. GATHERINGS**

Number of household members who will be participating in the September G.I.F.T. session: \_\_\_\_\_

**G.I.F.T. Session that your household will be attending (choose one)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 9:30 AM–11:30 AM

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, September 25, 2011 from 6 PM–8 PM

**PARISH RETREAT—NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup>**

Those in grades 7-10 are expected to attend with parent(s).

# of people in your household who will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

**JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY—DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING THE 4:30 PM MASS**

Those in grades 1-6 are expected to attend with parent(s).

# of people in your household attending \_\_\_\_\_

**MARCH/APRIL G.I.F.T. GATHERINGS (Choose one)**

Number of household members who will be participating in the March/ April G.I.F.T. session: \_\_\_\_\_

**G.I.F.T. Session that your household will be attending (choose one)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 9:30 AM–11:30 AM

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, April 1, 2012 from 6 PM–8 PM

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## Additional Event Information

### Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.)

G.I.F.T. is a multi-generational approach to learning about our Catholic Faith. Our G.I.F.T. programs include time for prayer, teaching sessions lead by various speakers, whole group activities, refreshments, take-home materials and more. Our September theme is the Gift of Venerable Fr. Nelson Baker and What It Takes to Become a Saint and our March/ April theme is the Gift of Salvation History.

### St. Leo's Parish Retreat

Our Parish Retreat will be held from Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>--Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM. Our retreat speaker will be Fr. Francis Pompei. Father Pompei is a Franciscan priest currently residing in Buffalo. He is the author and director of the Franciscan Mystery Plays, which are presented by various groups of traveling teens who for the past 30 years have presented these meditations in the sanctuaries of churches throughout the United States. Over the years Fr. Pompei has served in ministry working with the poor and has done extensive retreat work with both adults and teenagers. On November 10<sup>th</sup> we will conclude our retreat with a special Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Leo the Great.

### Jesus' Birthday Party

St. Leo's traditional pre-Christmas celebration in honor of Our Lord's Birth will take place on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> following the 4:30 PM Mass. The main focus of Jesus' Birthday Party will be the Nativity play presented by the children of our parish. There will also be activities and refreshments will be served. Additional information regarding this event will be sent home in the fall.

**There is no registration fee for these events, but a free will offering will be taken at G.I.F.T to cover the cost of supplies, speaker stipends, take home "GIFT" bags, etc. A free will offering will also be taken up on the last night of the Parish Retreat for the speaker. We will collect items for the poor at Jesus' Birthday Party. Additional information will be provided closer to these events.**

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## Volunteer Information

A variety of volunteers are needed for our parish events. Please indicate your areas of interest/service by putting the name of the person from your household interested in volunteering next to the activity. We will contact volunteers, as needed, before each of the events.

G.I.F.T Event Planning Team: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus' Birthday Party Assistants: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dessert/ snack maker: \_\_\_\_\_  
Food Server: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greeters: \_\_\_\_\_  
Set up: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clean up: \_\_\_\_\_  
Audio/Visual Support: \_\_\_\_\_

G.I.F.T. Home Kit Preparation (we generally meet the Wed. afternoon the week before GIFT for this): \_\_\_\_\_  
Publicity/Promotion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Communications/phone calls: \_\_\_\_\_  
Creative Arts, Posters, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Misc. Office Support: \_\_\_\_\_  
Musician: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vocal: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or instrumental: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to St. Leo the Great Church, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst, NY 14226 or place in collection basket. Please call 835-8905 Ext. 14 with any questions.

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