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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM Sundays ~ 8:00AM, and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Thursday ~ 7:30AM Friday ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are heard on Saturday, from 2:45PM—3:30PM or anytime by appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing address are asked to contact the Rectory office.

BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations and arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with a priest. Only then can a wedding date be confirmed.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are curious about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

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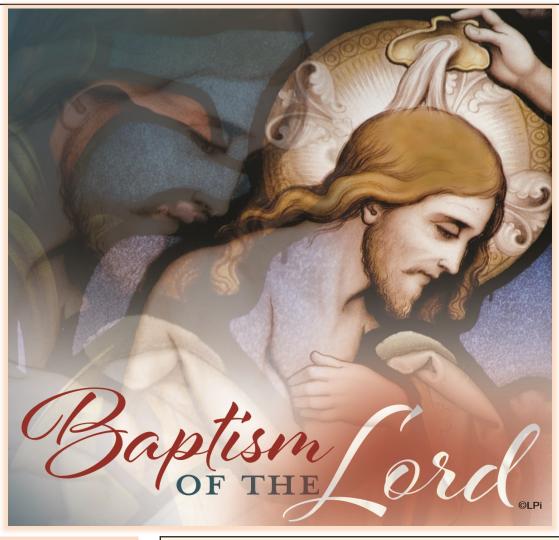


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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Baptism of Jesus is similar in purpose to our own. As Jesus was distinguished as the beloved Son in whom God is well pleased, so, too, are we. We share that same special favor with God and are brought into an intimate relationship with Him. Does this reality change how we feel about ourselves? It certainly does. Baptism forever changes us and calls us to the ministries of mercy & humility. God has formed each of us in our mother's womb and asks us to be a light for all people. We carry this light humbly as we know who ultimately has a claim on us and to whom we belong. We then are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ and become incarnate vessels mercy. Our world needs to be touched by compassion and only we can complete the task.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN MEMORY OF

JACK GABRENYA

BORN

August 1, 1927

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 **SERVICES**

Monday, January 6, 2020 10:00 AM

Latek & Rybicki Funeral Home
INTERMENT

Holy Cross Cemetery Section 31 Lot 620 Grave 2

PRAYER

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

LATEK& RYBICKI
FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES
Garfield Heights | 216.641.6321

In Loving Memory of Carole A. Cerveny

September 19, 1940 - December 31, 2019

Memorial Mass

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church Saturday – January 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Remember Me

Remember me in quiet days When raindrops whisper on your pane, But in your memories have no grief Just let the joy we knew remain. Remember me when evening stars Look down on you with steadfast eyes, Remember me if once you wake To catch a glimpse of a red sunrise. And when your thoughts do turn to me, Know that I would not have you cry, But live for me and laugh for me For when you are happy so am I. Remember an old joke we shared Remember me when spring walks by Think of me when you are glad, And while you live, I shall not die.

TOMON & SONS FUNERAL HOME

4772 Pearl Road ~ Cleveland, Ohio 44109 216.741.6661



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Ed Gorcyka, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, Jo Hoffman,

John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Marge Menge, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Sharon Kobal, Jeanne Karasek, George Aloshen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Walter Milewski, Dorothy Forister & Don Donelon.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES



Barbara Nekvinda

January 1, 2020—\$200.00 Winner **Andy Chopka**

January 6, 2020—\$100.00 winner

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes** weekly drawing. Forms to sign up are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or at the Rectory Office.

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life.

Sr. Yvelyne Marie Bernard, HMSS Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Newly Professed



Pray that she may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

Parish Support

Christmas, December 25th

Total Collection\$2	21,609.00						
Sunday, December 30th							
Basket Collection\$	5,879.75						
WeShare(online)	690.00						
Total\$	6,569.75						
Christmas Flowers\$	1,107.00						
Capital Improvement (December, 2019) \$	1,851.00						
Solemnity of Mary\$	3,087.00						
Sunday, January 5th							
Basket Collection\$	9,359.50						

Thank you for your continued support!

WeShare(online)...... 1,360.00

Total.....\$ 10,719.50



Monday, January 13th - St. Hilary 7:30am + Katherine Gierlach (Family)

Tuesday, January 14th - Weekday

7:30am + August Bublavy (Children)

Wednesday, January 15th - Weekday

7:30am +Adam Kolpa (Family)

Thursday, January 16th - Weekday

7:30am Communion Service

Friday, January 17th - St. Anthony

8:30am Kubala & Paulo Families

Saturday, January 18th - Weekday

4:00pm Seniors

Sunday, January 19th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Elmer Wisnieski (Family)

11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

This section of the Book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who spoke to God's people exiled in Babylon. Four different times, the prophet speaks about a mysterious servant who will one day deliver the Israelites and make them great again. Christians have traditionally identified Jesus as this servant.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

The Apostle Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. But one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to a Gentile - - the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. This passage presents Peter reflecting about the remarkable effect this experience had upon him personally.

Readings for the week of January 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34 38 /Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13,14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 **Tuesday**: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5,6-7, 8abcd /Mk 1:21-28 **Wednesday**: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:1Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25/Mk 1:40-45 **Friday:**1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 **Saturday:**1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

After Jesus was baptized,
he came up from the water and behold,
the heavens were opened for him,
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove
and coming upon him. (Mt 3:16)



Dear Parishioners,

On Saturday, January 4th, we celebrated a Memorial Mass for Carole Cerveny who died on December 31, 2019. Carole was a woman of faith who had a devotion to Mary, and on that day she died (New Year's Eve) and the day following, we celebrated the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Carole spent many years in a nursing home, confined to a wheelchair, but we believe (based on Mary's Assumption), that she will finally be free from all that constrained her in this life. Carole loved to be with her family and cooked for them when she was able. May she now enjoy forever the feast of heaven.

Last Monday, January 6th, I had a funeral service for Jack Gabrenya. I had lead the family in prayers for his wife in 2018 and they were blessed with 68 years of marriage. Jack was remembered as someone who helped others in any way he could, even his neighbors, as testified to by a parishioner who knew him as one of her neighbors for many years. Jack was 92 and lived independently up until the last few weeks before his death. We extend our sympathies to his 3 children and remember his service as a US Navy Veteran of WWII.

We welcome Fr. Vesely who will celebrate the 4pm Mass this weekend. Remember to thank him for his 65 years of service to the Diocese of Cleveland. We will be publishing an article written about his anniversary in our next News & Views Newsletter. May he continue to bless the people of Mt. Alverna as he blesses us with his presence and prayers.

I had asked for your input regarding the lighting in the church, and as expected, I received differing opinions (they say that if you ask 5 priests their opinion on something, you'll get 12 in return!). Some felt the lighting was fine while others struggle reading the text and music in the Breaking Bread books. It really depends on where you are sitting in the church (and 95% of you sit in the same pew or at least general area every week...but of course I sit in the same seat every week too!). The truth is, the lighting is very inconsistent because of our fan-shaped church. From where I stand, I can certainly see many patches of darkness as I look out at the nave (where the pews are) from the sanctuary. It isn't too expensive to replace the bulbs with a higher wattage (though we'll still be using the cost-effective LED bulbs) and they will use extensions to bring the light further down so that it doesn't get trapped in the ceiling. Finally, the light will be a cooler (whiter) hue than what we use in the sanctuary which tends to use a warmer, more yellowish tint. I hope the result will be better visibility for aging eyes. Imagine the days when all they had were the flickering light of candles. I trust you will notice the difference when the bulbs are replaced in the coming weeks.

While I am grateful we haven't had many snow days so far, the grey of winter can cause our spirits to droop. Here's hoping the light of faith will keep you content and grateful in 2020.

Jane Schnitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

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Monday, January 13th	ON YOUR CALENDAR!
4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
6:45pm PSR	School
7:00pm 5th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
Tuesday, January 14th	
4:00pm 8th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 5th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm AA Group	Basement
Wednesday, January 15th	
3:00pm 3rd Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
4:30pm 5th Gr. Girls BB Practice	Lux
6:30pm Choir Practice	Church
6:30pm High School Boys BB Practice	Lux
Thursday, January 16th	
1:00pm Women's Knitting Group	Conference
4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
Friday, January 17th	
3:00pm 3rd Gr Boys BB Practice	Lux
4:30pm 5th Gr Girls BB Practice	Lux
6:00pm 8th Gr Boys BB Practice	Lux
6:30pm Confirmation Candidate/Sponso	or Mtg. School
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement
Saturday, January 18th	
7:30am CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement
Sunday, January 19th	

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES



8:00am to 12 Noon Bloodmobile

12:00pm Missionary Families of Christ

Once again our parish will be participating in the Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser. We are doing this fundraiser at this time of the year to coincide with the Roe vs. Wade Ruling.

Lux

Great

The weekend of January 19th/20th there will be baby bottles at the entrances of the church. Please take the baby bottles home, fill them with your loose change, and return them to the church the weekend of February 16th/17th. (If you prefer, checks should be made payable to *Womankind*.) The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and support services to pregnant women in need. For more information about Womankind, check out their website at www.womankindcleveland.com. Thank you.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR



There will be a Pro-Life Holy Hour on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00pm in the church. Please join us for an hour of prayer to end

abortion and an acceptance of all life from conception to natural death.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall NEXT SUNDAY, January 19th, from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Please register @redcrossblood.org after you create a profile. It's easy! Registering is optional; it just helps with staff-

ing. Also, don't forget to do Fast Pass. It will save you time! As we gear up for the winter and flu season, please stop by and donate! There is always a need for blood!

ORNAMENTS FROM REMEMBRANCE TREES



The ornaments on the Remembrance Trees can be removed and taken home this weekend, January 11th and 12th. The remaining ornaments will be placed in the main vestibule for pick up only through the following weekend, January 18th and 19th. Thank you.

REGISTER WITH US



Have you moved into the area recently, or have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, at the rectory office, or call 216-661-1006.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATON FREE MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS



God has seen your tears and heard your prayers. You are not meant to walk this journey of grief alone. Please join us in our friendly, safe, and comforting groups that meet at 3:00pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month in six of our cemetery office

locations throughout the diocese. Find comfort, enlightenment, fellowship. Next meeting is January 19th Topic: "He Makes All Things New". For more details, visit www.clecem.org or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.



Join other young adults for Seekers' **Retreat:** "Why not have a life?" We'll explore the challenge of living fully in the

present while anticipating the future. The retreat runs January 31-February 2, 2020 at Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon. For more information or to register, visit www.charis.org or contact Sr. Kate Hine, SND, khine@ndec.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food and staple collection to assist those in need is next weekend, January 18th & 19th. Items that we are most in need of are

SCALLOPED POTATOES, STUFFING MIX, JELLY & PEANUT BUTTER, PANCAKE SYRUP, SALAD DRESSING, MAYONNAISE, RICE & NOODLE SIDES, **SKILLET** DINNERS, CRACKERS, ASSORTED DESSERTS AND FROSTING, PAPER TOWELS, KLEENEX, DISHWASHING SOAP AND LAUNDRY SOAP. Because of you we are able to ensure others do not go without. Thank you very much for your donations.

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NORTHEAST OHIO CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

We're celebrating Catholic Schools! What's new in Catholic Education? Find out and more in the latest issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic Magazine. Be sure to check your mailbox or go online at dioceseofcleveland.org.

HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS



The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, January 20th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The MARTIN WITHER office will re-open on Tuesday, January KING JR. DAY 21st at 9:00 a.m.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Next weekend, we will be collecting for The Catholic University of America, which is the National University of the Catholic Church in the United States. Your support will enable the Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity.

HEALING MASS & SERVICE

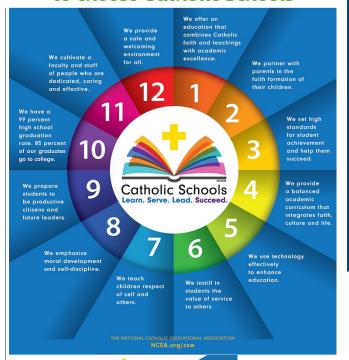


The Holy Spirit Prayer Center and the Living Word Ministry of Praise Prayer Group will host a Healing Mass and Service on Saturday, February 22nd, 6:30 **p.m.** at St. Ambrose Church. Fr. Bob Stec will be the mass celebrant. There will be Eucharistic

Adoration following the Healing Mass and Denise Calabrese will lead the praise and worship time and healing prayer service. During the days when we are feeling a sense of brokenness and facing challenges in life, let us come together for God's Healing Grace. There is no charge for this event. Visit <a href="http://example.com/http://exampl www.StAmbrose.us or holyspiritprayercenter.org for more details.

a dozen reasons

to choose Catholic Schools



Principal's Message

Happy New Year to all of you! Our wishes for you are a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020. As we begin January, we are preparing for Catholic Schools week. The week is full of fun activities for the students and staff such as special visitor breakfast, the book fair, faculty/student volleyball game and the annual 8th grade students vs. parent basketball game.

Our Catholic Schools week kicks off on Sunday, January 26th with Open House - stop over and see us,

All are Welcome!

God Bless, Mrs. Denise Burns





Join Us - Sunday, January 26, 2020 10:00 am - 1:00 pm



Catholic Schools Week 2020 is an exciting time for our schools! We kick off with **Open House** for both elementary school and our preschool. We are very proud of our achievements, our students and our school - we love to show them off. There is a full week of events planned for our Faculty, Students and Families. It's a great time to come together and celebrate each other.

As Parishioners you can help! We love getting the word out to invite new families to come and visit our schools.

Do you live near or know of a young family with children ages 3 to 4 to enter Preschool, or age 5 entering Kindergarten? Maybe they are already attending another school they are not connecting with? Please tell them about St. Leo's and our Open House.



Thank you for remembering St. Leo School Community!

Open House - Sunday, January 26 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm



The Cleveland Scholarship Program and EdChoice Scholarship Application Period This program provides new educational choices for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The program gives students the opportunity to attend private schools in Cleveland. The State will provide reimbursement for tuition to help pay the cost of attending these schools. Even if your child already attends one of these schools, you may be eligible to apply for the program.

The application period opens by February 1st. This is a valuable program that can aid parents in providing their children with quality education at no or very little tuition costs to them. All Information about scholarships available and the application pro-

cess will be available during the Open House on January 26th.

If you live in Cleveland, you really need to get information on this valuable program. Do you live in Parma, or other surrounding areas? There are other Scholarship opportunities that you may qualify for. Please plan to attend the Open House or call the **School Office at (216) 661-2120** for all information.

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RECORD OF 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS



To receive a copy of your 2019 contribution statement, please email your request to mlhauck@leothegreat.org.

You can also stop at the

information desk in the vestibule of the church after Mass or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement, eg. pick up in back of church, office, or mail.

BRING IT TO THE BIN



Did you know you can help our school earn \$\$? Just bring it to the bin. Bring your CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER, Mail, Newspapers, Hard and Soft Bound Books,

Phone books, Brown Paper Bags, and Flattened Cardboard. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to save their paper too!



Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your

funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or by email at jberigan@leothgreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral.

HOMEBOUND VISITS



Do you have a loved one confined to home or in a local nursing home? Would they like a visit from the pastoral staff at St. Leo the Great?

Contact Deacon Pat or Joan Berigan at the rectory(216-661-1006) and leave us the details.

ONLINE GIVING



Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

2020 MASS INTENTIONS



C 2020 Mass Intentions are still available. Please stop by the Parish Office INTENTIONS to get your intentions.

The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

GREAT ROOM FOR RENT

The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center is available to rent for special events, all types of parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.

For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our parish website at leothegreat.org.

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY OUEEN OF PEACE—Next Sunday, January 19th - FREE Community Meal at 1pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria followed by The Blue Army Holy Hour at 2pm in the Chapel

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Next Sunday, January 19th - Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am and 10:00am Masses in Lower Parish Hall. (Adults \$6, Children \$5 & Families \$20) To support Vocations.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for world peace.

