



**ST. LEO THE GREAT**  
PARISH & SCHOOL

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

January 5, 2020

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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.



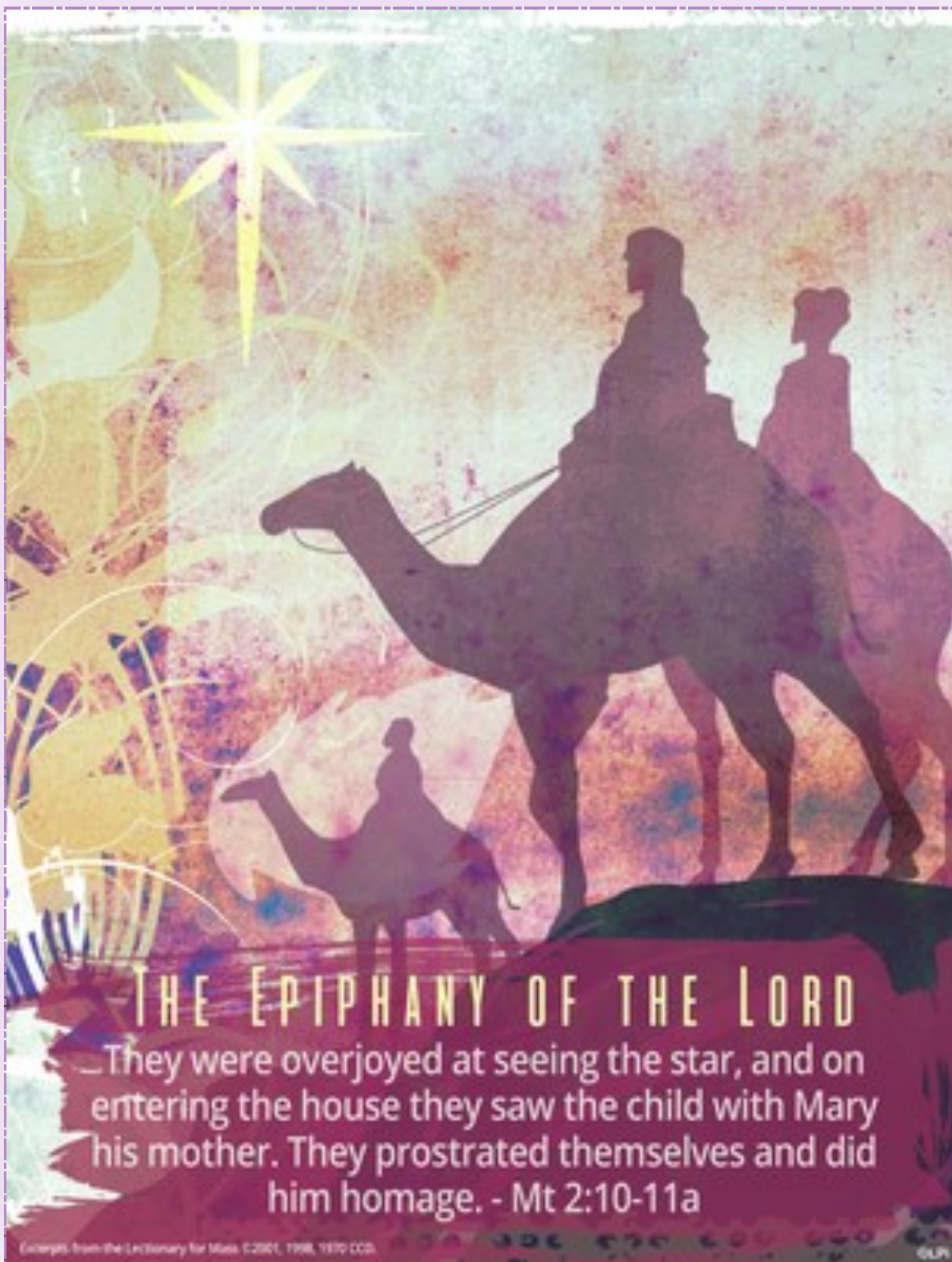
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### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever experienced a time in your life when everything came together and became abundantly clear? You may have been confused about something, in the dark, at a point of doubt, or unclear as to how to act. You may have questioned someone's motivation and found yourself coming to the wrong conclusion. Then out of nowhere, the insight came and reality dawned. You experienced an epiphany of sorts! Today, we celebrate Christ's manifestation to all of the nations of the world. Has it dawned on you yet that Jesus Christ is the answer humanity has been seeking? Jesus is truly the beginning and end of all things and the key to understanding God's presence in every human heart. Once this real Epiphany dawns on us, we can never see God, ourselves, or one another in any other way. The Divine Light illumines everything and connects the dots.



**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, Steve Kostrubanic, Marge Menge, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Sharon Kopal, Jeanne Karasek, George Aloschen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Walter Milewski, Dorothy Forister & Don Donelon.

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)*



**GREAT SWEEPSTAKES**

Due to the early publication of this bulletin the Winner for January 1st will be listed in next week’s bulletin.

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, the Rectory Office, or in this bulletin.

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

**Francisco Miranda**  
**St. Michael the Archangel, Cleveland**  
**Year 4—Diaconate Program**



Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God’s call.



**Sunday, December 22nd**

Basket Collection.....	\$ 6,849.00
WeShare(online).....	725.00
Total.....	\$ 7,574.00

The Parish Support for December 25th & December 29th will be included in a future bulletin.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



**Monday, January 6th - St. André Bessette**

7:30am +Bernie Hudak (Friends)

**Tuesday, January 7th - St. Raymond of Peñafort**

7:30am + Bob Zarko (Donna & Karen Sottosanti and Jim & Laurie Armstrong)

**Wednesday, January 8th - Christmas Weekday**

7:30am +Ken Walters (Friends)

**Thursday, January 9th - Christmas Weekday**

7:30am Communion Service

**Friday, January 10th - Christmas Weekday**

8:30am +Matthew Richardson (Fr. James Schmitz)

5:00pm Wedding: Marcos Gonzalez &

Eirelys (Stephanie) Ydrogo

**Saturday, January 11th - Christmas Weekday**

1:00pm Wedding: Becky Caraballo & Marvin Beavers IV

4:00pm +Bob Zarko (Joe & Dolores)

**Sunday, January 12th -The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00am Richard Szpansky (Szpansky Family)

11:00am People of the Parish

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, (which is modern-day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**

The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity lived side-by-side. The author of this letter confirms that God’s saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their ethnic or religious background.

**Readings for the week of January 5, 2020**

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** 1Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17,23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 /Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps72:1-2,14 &15bc,17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

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



**WEDDING BANNS**

**Marcos Gonzalez & Eirelys (Stephanie) Ydrogo**

**Becky Caraballo & Marvin Beavers IV**

**ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO**



Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to 2020! It seems like yesterday we were celebrating the beginning of a new millennium in the year 2000, and now we are 20 years past that & beginning a third decade since then. Are things better now than they were then? Of course we had cell phones back then but not iPhones or iPads or many of the other technology screens that we have now...both for better and for worse I suppose. Is the world a better place? It's hard to judge history in such a short span of time. But the most important question is this: has our faith grown over the years? All I know for sure is that God has never left us, and if we have left him from time to time, he is always willing to take us back. Let us begin this new decade, this new year, this new month, with thoughts of God's love and mercy.

Last week I thanked the musicians who allowed us to raise our minds, hearts and voices to God in praise this Christmas Season. Now I turn to those who have once again made our church so beautiful with the Christmas decorations. It's a lot of work, and they do it so well. I am grateful for all of our liturgical ministers who serve generously throughout the year: the Mass coordinators who setup and clean up for each Mass, the altar servers, ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, and maintenance people who keep our church clean.

On December 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Gail Bresnahan. I had Gail's husband's funeral Mass in 2018. This is what was said of Gail in her obituary: "Known for her spunk and her faith, Gail Bresnahan will be remembered as a Hallmark watching, grandchildren-loving individual who was never afraid to speak her mind. Thanks to her dedicated spirit to stand up for the things and people she loved. Hoping now to spend eternity with her husband, Gail will now live a life of peace together with God and Mary, who she revered so dearly. Her time on earth will be remembered by all those she touched." Beautiful words. May she rest in peace.

I was sad to hear of the passing of another parishioner named Kathleen Weitzman. Kathy lived in Broadview Gardens with her daughter and she was a true person of faith. Since she had no family other than her daughter, services were private. But we will offer Mass for her and pray for the response of her soul.

We have two weddings this week: On Friday, Marcos Gonzalez & Eirelys (Stefany) Ydrogo, and on Saturday Becky Caraballo & Marvin Beavers IV. Congratulations to both couples! May they be blessed in this new year and in their new lives together.

When I was away, Fr. O'Grady and Deacon Pat gave a blessing to a couple who were the last ones married in our old church on December 20, 1969, just 4 days from when the first Mass would be celebrated in the new church on December 24<sup>th</sup>. I was happy to meet them at one of the Christmas Masses so I wanted to congratulate Russ & Linda Fisher on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. May they find new joy as they begin their 51<sup>st</sup> year of marriage.

*Jr. James Schmitz*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S**

<b>Monday, January 6th</b>	
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
<b>Tuesday, January 7th</b>	
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
<b>Wednesday, January 8th</b>	
11:00am Seniors	Great
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
6:30pm Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Mtg.	Great
<b>Thursday, January 9th</b>	
4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm Knights of Columbus	Basement
<b>Friday, January 10th</b>	
3:00pm 3rd Gr Boys BB Practice	Lux
4:30pm 5th Gr Girls BB Practice	Lux
5:00pm Wedding: Marcos Gonzalez & Eirelys (Stephanie) Ydrogo	Church
6:00pm 8th Gr Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement
<b>Saturday, January 11th</b>	
7:30am CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
1:00pm Wedding: Becky Caraballo & Marvin Beavers. IV	Church
2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement
<b>Sunday, January 12th</b>	
1:00pm CYO Basketball Site Centers	Lux

**PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR**

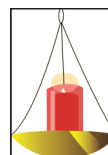


There will be a Pro-Life Holy Hour on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00pm in the church. Please join us for an hour of prayer to end abortion and an acceptance

of all life from conception to natural death.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION**



January 5th to January 18th

**In Loving Memory of Chuck Summers  
Happy Birthday!**

Love Mom, Dad & Family

## ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on 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 staffing. 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!

### SENIORS



Plan on joining us this Wednesday, January 8th at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Community Center. Come participate in the fun and forget about our dreary January weather.

If you are not a member, this would be a great time to check us out and hopefully become part of our group. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and our dues are only \$5.00 for the year. Hope to see you this Wednesday!

### 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 ASSOCIATION 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in six of our cemetery office locations throughout the diocese. Find comfort, enlightenment, fellowship. Next meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup> Topic: "He Makes All Things New". For more details, visit [www.cleccem.org](http://www.cleccem.org) or contact Rhonda at [rabrams@cleccem.org](mailto:rabrams@cleccem.org) or 216-930-4866.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The St. Vincent DePaul Ozanam Food Pantry is located at 2145 Broadview Road, which is on the corner of Broadview and Searsdale. They are open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and they provide food to families and individuals who live in the following zip codes: 44109, 44129, 44130, 44134, 44142 and 44144. You must meet Government guidelines and bring a valid ID with proof of address on the first visit. Clothes are also available to those who receive food. They look forward to serving you.

Parma Lutheran Church located at 5280 Broadview Road distributes food on Tuesday from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm and on Friday from 10:00am to 12 noon. You need to take a valid ID with you with proof of address. They serve ONLY PARMA residents. Those living in Brooklyn Heights, Parma Heights and Seven Hills can contact their community center to find out where food is being distributed for those in need.

### CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



Just a reminder that the Christmas ornaments that were passed out at Christmas are seed paper ornaments. You can take the paper seed part of the ornament, plant it, water it and enjoy an array of wildflowers.

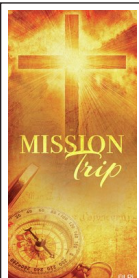
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WEST  
FOR ADULTS 40& OVER

Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
VOSH 1414 RIVERSIDE DR., LAKEWOOD  
(The old Three Birds-Georgetown)



Join us in January, for our speaker, Fr. John Manning, who will discuss the History of the Diocese. Fr. Manning is a judge in the Tribunal office, a delegate for retired priests, and is part of the faculty at Saint Mary's Seminary where he is the Associate Professor on Church History.

\$12 per person - register in advance  
[www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west](http://www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west)



"Hello parishioners of St. Leo the Great! My name is John Ortega, and I am an alumnus of St. Leo the Great elementary school. I am currently a junior at the University of Pennsylvania. I am writing this to ask all of you to support me in my mission trip this spring to Belize where I will be taking part in manual labor and teaching about the Catholic faith to those who are there.

If you would like to support me financially, you can do this at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/vr9xrg8>. All proceeds will help fund traveling expenses as well as fees for the mission program. Your support no matter what form it takes is much appreciated. Above all, please keep me in your prayers. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!"



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**NOW IS THE TIME  
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# The Great Sweepstakes - 2020

## \$30 per ticket

You can W\$N Multiple Times January 1, 2020 thru November 10, 2020

### DRAWING DATES—\$100

2020

- January 6, 13, 20, & 27
- February 3, 10, 17, & 24
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
- April 6, 13, 20, & 27
- May 4, 11, 18, & 25

### Weekly Drawings



2020(cont.)

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
- July 6, 13, 20, & 27
- August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
- September 7, 14, 21, & 28
- October 5, 12, 19, & 26
- November 2, & 9

### DRAWING DATES—\$200

- New Years Day 2020
- Easter Sunday 2020
- Mother's Day 2020

### Special Drawings



- Father's Day 2020
- 4th of July 2020

### Super Drawing



ST. LEO'S FEAST DAY  
November 10, 2020



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## The Great Sweepstakes

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this stub with your payment of \$30. Please make checks payable to St. Leo the Great.

Questions? Please call the Rectory Office at 216.661.1006  
or, visit our website at [www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org)



The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for January 24 to January 26, 2020.

RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation.

For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230,



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.

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### GIFT CARD PROGRAM



We encourage everyone to participate in Our Gift Card Program, as it is an excellent, easy and convenient way to help support our Parish. There is great potential in this program.

Purchase cards for all needs, including everyday purchases, travel, and a wonderful way to say thank you to someone. A complete list of the gift cards is available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church, on the website or at the Rectory Office.

**PLEASE STOP BY AND SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

### 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.

### RECORD OF 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS



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

### PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER



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

### 2020 MASS INTENTIONS



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

The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

### ONLINE GIVING



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

### 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 Card-board. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to save their paper too!

