



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

**29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 18, 2020**

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Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKENDS**

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM and 11:00AM

**WEEKDAYS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 8:30AM

Thursday - Communion Service ~ 8:30AM

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

8:30AM and 7:00PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Individual confessions can be heard after Mass by request or any time 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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**remember**

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**LET US LOVE THE CROSS  
AND LET US REMEMBER  
THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE  
IN CARRYING IT.**

ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

In the time of Jesus, a Roman coin bore the image of Caesar and it was precisely this coin that was returned to the emperor in the form of tax. What bears God's image? Scripture tells us that human beings are made in the likeness and image of God. In truth, however, all of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image of God! Everything radiates Divine Presence and the spark and essence of God's very life exists in all things. God breathes the life of Himself into all things. If we have to give back to civil authorities what speaks to them, then what do we give back to God? While the answer is simple, the implications are profound. We are asked to give back to God our very selves! Ultimately, all creation is in the process of returning to God and is on a journey of finding its final truth and essence in Him. As we continue that journey, all we have, all we are, all we see, and all we are responsible for must be offered back to Him. God is the beginning and the end of all things. Do our lives reflect this Divine allegiance?



*In Loving Memory of*  
**CHARLES J. HAKAIM**

*Born:* October 1, 1922

*Entered Into Rest:* October 5, 2020

*Services:* Tuesday, October 13, 2020  
St. Elias Church  
Brooklyn, Ohio

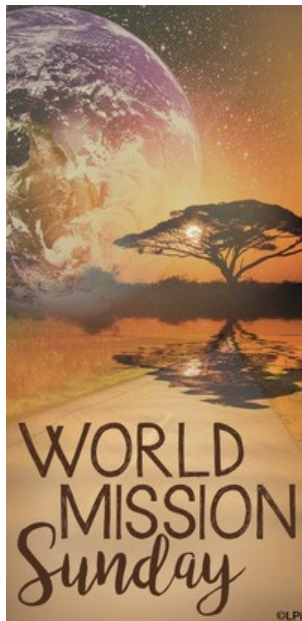
*Interment:* Holy Cross Cemetery  
Section 9 Lot 2271-A Grave 2



**COME TO ME!**

God saw you were getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be.  
So, He put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you,  
And saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.

**R I P E P I**  
**FUNERAL HOME**  
Pearl Road at Snow Road



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Here I Am, Send Me! Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, "Here I Am, Send Me," to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as.....\$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America, \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa, \$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.



**SVDP THANKSGIVING**

This year the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH ORGANIZATION** will be giving to our clients a gift card to purchase their Thanksgiving turkey and additional items to help make their thanksgiving dinner more complete. If you are able, please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVDP Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection box or take it to the Rectory Office. You can also create or log into your WeShare Account at [leothegreatweshareonline.org](http://leothegreatweshareonline.org). There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation and indicate that the donation is for "Thanksgiving Dinner". We thank you for helping us make their Thanksgiving dinner more complete.

**ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**



Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, William and Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Mlady, Ralph Rath, Walter Alflen, Joseph Mackey, Diana, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, James Cook & Rob Blum.



**GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!**

**MADELINE HARPER**

**October 12, 2020  
\$100.00 Winner**



Our last drawing for this year will be on the Feast of St. Leo the Great, November 10th. We will start selling our 2021 tickets next month. The new weekly drawings will start January 1, 2021.

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

**Darrel Sherman**  
**St. Peter, North Ridgeville**  
**Aspirant- Diaconate Program**



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

**Parish Support**

**Sunday, October 11th**

Collection .....	\$ 6,600.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 1,992.50
Total .....	\$ 8,592.50

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



**Monday, October 19th - SS. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues**

8:30am +Rudy Dejelo (Nancy Zola)

**Tuesday, October 20th - St Paul of the Cross**

8:30am +Carol Sladewski (Lou)

**Wednesday, October 21st - Weekday**

8:30am +Anthony & Bessie Muraco (Fr. Jim Schmitz)

**Thursday, October 22nd - St. John Paul II**

8:30am Communion Service

**Friday, October 23rd - St. John of Capistrano**

8:30am +Kenneth James Hauck (Rolando Family)

**Saturday, October 24th - St. Anthony Mary Claret**

4:00pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, October 25th – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am +Bernard Flick (Daughter)

11:00am +Bill Skora (Family)

**First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6**

When today's passage from the book of Isaiah was written, the Jewish people had been held in exile by Babylon for more than 40 years. Cyrus, the king of neighboring Persia, was preparing to invade Babylon. The prophet sees Cyrus, a pagan king, as an instrument of God. Through this military factory, God will free his people and allow them to return home.

**Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5**

Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians is the earliest of all New Testament writings, coming only about 20 years after the Resurrection of Jesus. Today's reading gives us the letter's opening words. In just five verses, we hear reference to God the Father, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and also to faith, hope and love. It indicates how quickly these essentials of our faith became part of our Christian tradition.

**Readings for the week of October 18, 2020**

**Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

**Monday:** Eph 2: 1-10/Ps 100:1b-2,3,4ab,4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

**Next Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

*Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)*

FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who came to Trapper Jack's presentation last Sunday or who watched it livestream via our website or FaceBook (there were hundreds!). He witnessed to the recapture of his own Catholic Faith and to his devotion to Mary as the Messenger of God. Did you miss it? You can still watch it via our video on demand. Just go to our website, click the "Watch on demand video" link, then search for Trapper using the search field on that page. Of course we can always send you a link via email ([info@leothegreat.org](mailto:info@leothegreat.org)) if you need help. I'm grateful for the opportunity to witness to Mary's help in my own life at the very end.

Last Tuesday, Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan & some parishioners and I attended the funeral service for Charles Hakaim at St. Elias Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Brooklyn, near St. Thomas More. Charles was 98 years old and I was sad to hear of his passing as I had not seen him in several months due to the pandemic. Charles was a man of great faith and this was evidenced by the joy that he had and the joy that he spread so infectiously to others. In fact I told his daughter Ruth that the only time I saw him without a huge smile on his face was when I said prayers before his body at the funeral home. He made me and others laugh often and was such a wonderful man. At his funeral I mentioned how I could hear him singing the Alleluia loud & clear all the way at the pulpit as I stood there with the gospel book. He will certainly be missed but I am confident that he is still singing his Alleluias loud & clear with the choirs of angels. May he rest in peace and in joy.

Today, I will be joining with others in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Armand Venditti, a long time parishioner who had been very active at St. Leo's along with his wife whose funeral Mass I celebrated a few years ago & which really introduced me to Armand. He won't actually reach his centenarian birthday until November so I told him he better not spend any of his birthday money until he actually makes it to that day! But I've been waiting a long time (though not nearly as long as he has) to celebrate this wondrous occasion. Armand may tell you otherwise, but he looks so healthy and strong and no one would ever guess his age because he is still so full of life and faith. I thank him for all that he has done for the parish of St. Leo's, along with his wife, over many, many years and with many of the priests who once served here, including Fr. Schlegel, Fr. Dragga & Fr. Weist, all of whom can tell you stories of Armand (some funny ones but all good ones!). Since he has already received the biblical blessing of being able to "see his children's children", may he still receive many more blessings in the years to come as he blesses us with his presence.

As November approaches, we will be praying for all the faithful departed. This Wednesday is the anniversary of my maternal grandfather's death, who died on his birthday. If that isn't odd enough, his wife, my maternal grandmother, also died on her birthday which was September 28<sup>th</sup>. My mother was always afraid when her birthday came around! But there again, we can celebrate their birth into this world & I pray their birth into the next world on the same day.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

## PARISH REGISTRATION

**Question:**

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

**Answer:**

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

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### SILENT SORROW MASS

For all who have lost children during pregnancy.



Silent Sorrow

Cathedral of St. John  
the Evangelist

Next Sunday,  
October 25th at 5:30pm

Please be aware that the Cathedral  
has limited seating.



## Holy Hour

Join us in prayer for the election and for the country on Sunday, November 1st at 7:00pm. in the church. If you can't attend in person, it will be live-streamed. Elections are always important as a means for shaping our country especially during this time of unrest and uncertainty. Please plan on joining us either in person or virtually on Sunday, November 1st at 7:00pm. PLEASE BRING YOUR ROSARY.

## A MESSAGE ON THE UPCOMING ELECTION FROM BISHOP MALESIC

Once again, we find ourselves in a very polarized election cycle with candidates that do not reflect the complete breadth of Catholic moral teaching. Yet, it is our solemn duty as citizens of our republic to cast a vote for the candidate who best supports the greatest ideals and moral teachings of our Catholic faith, the faith that we hold and practice as the means of our personal salvation and as a benefit for the common good of the pluralistic society in which we live.

In casting our ballot, whether for those already proposed by a particular party or for those we choose to write in, we must have properly formed consciences. A properly formed conscience comes through prayer, Scripture and studying the teaching of the Church that is promoted and protected by the apostles and their successors, the bishops. This well-formed conscience seeks to understand the truth and allows itself to be guided by the Holy Spirit. A well-formed conscience is devoted to doing God's will more than it is to supporting any particular political party.

As such, I wanted to write this letter to help you in forming your conscience in preparation for the vote that you will soon cast.

Our bishops have said, and I agree with them, that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family and because of the number of lives destroyed." (See the new introductory letter found in [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility](#) from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, which can be found online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).)

The consistent teaching of the Church regarding the intrinsic evil of abortion seeks to secure all other rights as well. We are not a "single issue" Church; there are other extremely important rights that we must defend, to be sure; but these additional rights flow from and are rooted in the fundamental right to life itself. St. Pope John Paul II stated, "Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." (Christifideles laici, No. 38)

Our bishops noted in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, "A Catholic voter cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter's intent is to support that position. . . . At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity." (#34)

When we cast our vote, we must not remain indifferent to those positions and policies that would negatively impact religious freedoms, erode the traditional family, or make it difficult for the poor to access adequate education, housing and healthcare. We must carefully consider how to fix our broken immigration system, address the worldwide refugee crisis, preserve our natural resources, protect the environment and strive for humane solutions to global conflict and terrorism.

But, to be clear, although there are many causes our Church stands for and is vocal about, the right to life itself must be given our paramount consideration so that people can have the chance to secure all the other benefits that life can afford.

I humbly ask that you take my thoughts into consideration as you prepare to cast your ballot in the near future. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide your decision, having before all else the desire to secure the common good for our nation and to do God's will in all things. I will pray for you and ask that you pray for me as we make our choice of civil leadership, hopefully with well-formed consciences. And, let us all pray for those who are running for election this cycle. May the Lord inspire them to be the best that they can be for all of us, for our nation and for our world.

May God bless you and those you love,  
The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL  
Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland

YOUR VOTE *Matters* ©LPI

# School News

**Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Our 8th Graders honored Mary by visiting the Shrine in the back of the Church. They spent time in silence and prayer.



## Annual St Leo the Great Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 23, 2020 6:00pm 7:45pm

Costume Contest • A Pumpkin to take home

Trunk or Treat allows student to "trick or treat" for Halloween treat in a safe environment. Masks will be required.

\$3 Per Child

- Pre K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
  - 6:00pm – 6:15pm Costume Contest
  - 6:20pm – 6:45pm Trunk A Treat
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 6:30pm – 6:45pm Costume Contest
  - 6:50pm – 7:15pm Trunk A Treat
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 7:00pm – 7:15pm Costume Contest
  - 7:20pm – 7:45pm Trunk A Treat

If rain, event will be moved to Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

IMPORTANT: You MUST pre-register and pay in advance. NO walk ins will be accepted.

Return this form by: Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>!

If you have any questions or would like to help this event, please contact Nancy Costanzo @ (216) 351-3468 or email [skiheavennancy@aol.com](mailto:skiheavennancy@aol.com)

PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO ST. LEO PTC

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_  
CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CHILDREN X \$3 \_\_\_\_\_

### PARTICIPANTS

- Families decorate the trunks of their vehicles and pass out Halloween Treats
- Decorations will be judged and the best decorations will win a prize!

YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO ENTER OUR VEHICLE IN THE TRUNK-OR-TREAT.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE OR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please arrive at the school (back parking lot) by 5:30pm to set up your vehicle!

Please return this form by October 16 to the school office.



Welcome to St. Leo the Great

Ms. Mary Kay Ruvolo

"Ms. R", as her students refer to her as, is the new Physical Education teacher at St. Leo's.

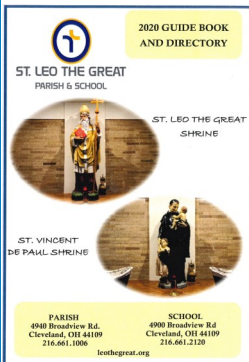
Ms. Ruvolo studied at John Carroll University and received her BA in elementary education. She studied for her Masters in Nutrition and Physical Education at the University of Cincinnati.

Ms. Ruvolo worked for Strongsville City Schools for 31 years, and then for the Catholic Diocese for 11 years.

She loves working with our students. She says that they are our future and we have to do the best we can on leading them to their own path in life!

Ms. Ruvolo sends blessings to all of our St. Leo Community and looks forward to being a part of the Community.

## OUR NEW GUIDE BOOK DIRECTORY IS HERE!



Look in your mailbox for our new Guide Book Directory. It should be arriving in the coming week.

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## A Closer Walk With Thee

### New Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter

Catholic Cemeteries Association has a wonderful new monthly grief support e-newsletter named, 'A Closer Walk with Thee.' This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, visit [the Bereavement page on our website](#), or contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866.



## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Next Sunday, October 25th is Priesthood Sunday. This day is set aside to acknowledge the spiritual role of the priests in our lives—whether through the celebration of the Mass, the celebration of the sacraments, or their presence at a time in need. Please take a moment to thank the priests who have been a part of your life and let them know what a difference they have made. Keep them in your prayers so that they will have the strength and ability to carry on God's work.

## DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR PRIESTS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD



Please join us for a Day of Prayer and Fasting for our wonderful priests here in the Diocese of Cleveland! How can You Participate? Attend Mass, Spend Time in Adoration, Fast from the internet, sweets, a meal, or something you enjoy, Offer Private Prayer, Pray the Rosary (airtimes 5:30am and 9:30pm), Recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet (airtime 3:00pm). Our Priests are Christ's Presence to us here on earth. They bring us the Invaluable and Beautiful Gifts of the Holy Mass and Sacraments. With the challenges of daily life, including the most recent crosses of the pandemic and social unrest, we need strong and peaceful leadership. Our priests sacrifice so much for us, and they need our prayer and fasting to continue to be the good shepherds that they are. Please go to [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com) for a listing of churches in your area that will be open on Friday, October 23rd. Drop by and spend some time with the Lord as you pray for our wonderful Catholic priests!

