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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a and after the 11:00am Mass, or anytime by request or appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

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

BAPTISMS

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

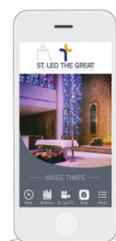
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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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Facebook—[leothegreatorg](https://www.facebook.com/leothegreatorg)

Twitter [@leothegreatorg](https://twitter.com/leothegreatorg)

ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Please join us for the recitation of the **rosary** on :
Thursday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m.
Please enter through the doors closest to the rectory.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING

Please note that the upcoming *Bereavement Group Meeting* for November 2, 2022 is **CANCELLED**.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Sunday, October 30th, is Priesthood Sunday in the Diocese of Cleveland. 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.

Welcome Families!

FAMILY DAY AT THE SEMINARY

We invite families from the Diocese of Cleveland to join the seminarians and faculty of Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminaries for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and tours of the seminary!

Tours
Prayer
Pizza
Activities
Testimonials

Borromeo & Saint Mary Seminaries
28700 Euclid Avenue
Wickliffe, OH 44092

NOVEMBER 6, 2022
3:30pm

RSVP SOON!

Space is limited! RSVP soon using the QR code or by calling 440.943.7631

75th Anniversary 1948-2023

Upcoming Events

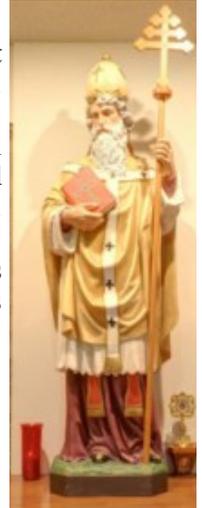


Respect Life Holy Hour
Sunday, October 30th 6:00 p.m.
Please plan on attending this very important time of prayer.

The Feast of St. Leo the Great
will be November 10th, 2022.

During the month of November we will remember the parishioners who passed away during the past year.

Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events and activities throughout the year!



We welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Do you have any photos from the Mass with the Bishop and social on October 9th?

Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org



Did you know that when the church was being built, then-pastor Fr. Lux was interested in how the stained glass windows were made and was given the opportunity to make one. Fr. Lux's stained glass window was placed in the wall of the garage located in the parking lot between the school and the church.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kopal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Kristen Eble, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski, Megan Arena, Judy Kucia, Lena Sunyak, Theresa Truxall, Chuck Pacanovsky, Jim Hiendlmayer, Susan Fenski, Robert Coleman, Glen Balog, Antoinette Jakosh and Rose Arlia, and Liz Woisnet

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 24th—Weekday

8:30am +Rose Pelley (Fran & Mike Johnson)

Tuesday October 25th—Weekday

8:30am +Walter Pasela (Mary Rilet & Family)

Wednesday October 26th—Weekday

8:30am + Margaret Menge (Donald Menge)

Friday October 28th—Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:30am Thanksgiving for St. Jude (Betty Hinton)

Saturday October 29th—Weekday

4:00pm +Joseph Hirko (Elizabeth Hirko)

Sunday October 30th—Weekday

8:00am +Arline Richlovsky (Cleveland Diocese)

11:00am People of the Parish

**Per Bishop Malesic, Communion Services should not be scheduled at the parish when the priest is away. The faithful should participate in the weekday Mass at the closest neighboring parish.*

St. Charles 7:00a

St. Barbara 7:30a

St. Francis de Sales 8:45a

Mary Queen of Peace 8:00a



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: SIRACH 35:12-14, 16-18

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. It is a loose collection of thoughts on various concerns in the life of the believer. In today's section, Sirach describes how God relates to us, and how we relate to God.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

Today we hear the concluding lines of the second letter to Timothy. This letter was written in Paul's name sometime after his death. Today's passage depicts Paul's thoughts while he was in prison, awaiting martyrdom.

SUNDAY Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

MONDAY Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

TUESDAY Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

THURSDAY Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

FRIDAY Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

SATURDAY Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11



JONATHAN SHELL
ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WILLOWICK
SECOND YEAR, BORROMEIO

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

REST IN PEACE

Anthony V. Arlia

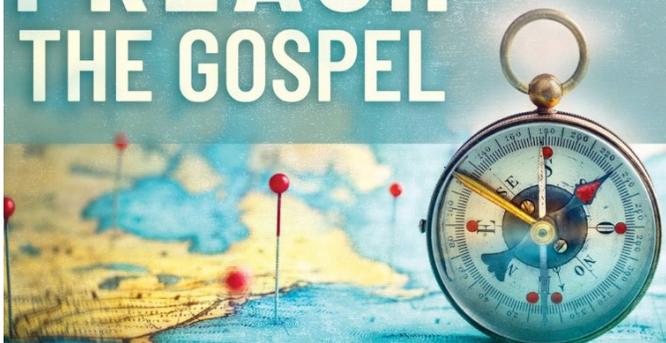
March 5, 1935 - October 10, 2022



PROUD
U. S. ARMY
VETERAN



PREACH THE GOSPEL



Sanctuary Candle Intention

October 23rd—November 6th

Happy 50th Anniversary!
Georgene & Les Kingery

With Love,
Your Family



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ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 23, 2022 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Gospel
Meditation*

There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and “yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of “status” or “salvation,” they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to “my beliefs,” “my parish,” “my way of thinking,” they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s only between you and God. It is nobody else’s business.

SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

“More Than a Buzzword”

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it’s probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It’s often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What’s wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What’s the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn’t really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn’t to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee’s fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is “time, talent, and treasure.” Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Question: What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer: Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. a sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The catechism of the catholic church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the church according to different states and functions. this configuration to Christ and the church, brought about by the spirit, is indelible".

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. it's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. the direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by god to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

We welcome Damian Mihuta into our Catholic family as he is baptized this weekend after the 11am Mass. May he know the joy of a relationship with his Creator.

We received a generous donation of \$5,000.00 from the estate of Irene Venesky, a parishioner of St. Leo's whose funeral Mass was in February of this year. We are grateful that she remembered us in her will and pray that God may reward her goodness to us.

I spoke with someone from the travel agency who is arranging the trip to Italy in March and he told me that the reservations received have been better than expected so he asked me to encourage you to get your reservations in as soon as possible if you have not done so yet so that they can make the necessary airline and hotel accommodations. Apparently many people are anxious to travel again due to the restrictions that COVID placed on people throughout the world so this is a good sign that things are returning to normal. There are no COVID vaccination or testing requirements so that is certainly good news as well. So thanks to all who have turned in their registration forms to us. If you're on the fence, I'll just say that I'm taking advantage of the opportunity to travel while I know I am healthy enough to do so since we never know what can block us from checking that off of our bucket list in the future. While there is no cut off date at this point, it does make it easier for the company to make the necessary arrangements if they have a good idea of how many seats & rooms to reserve so the sooner the better. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to me by calling the rectory office at 216-661-1006 or by sending me an email at jschmitz@leothegreat.org. I'm excited to join so many of you in a place that is so rich with both secular and church history. And of course there's the pasta...never forget about the pasta!

My step mother fell last week & fractured her hip...something that the elderly & their loved ones always worry about. The good news is that she opted to have surgery which she came through just fine, which was a relief given her age. She is recovering at a nursing home and will hopefully be back with my dad at Vitalia in Strongsville by Thanksgiving.

We figured out a way to get us through those rare but frustrating times when the internet goes down, especially on a weekend while we're live-streaming Mass. If that happens again, we should be able to use a phone and its cellular service to provide the live-stream. We're also working to see if we can have our phone system...which also requires the internet...to automatically transfer all calls to a cell phone so that again, you won't be inconvenienced by not being able to get a hold of us. Technology is great and extremely convenient when it works...but frustrating when it's "out of order." So hopefully we can remedy these two situations in the event our internet service goes down.

I'm sad to let you know that Mildred Ancin, Father Vesely's sister, died this past Monday evening. You may recall that she fell & broke her hip after Father Vesely died & was in surgery during his funeral services so she was not able to be present for the wake or funeral Mass. While she recovered from the broken hip & surgery, she continued to decline physically & mentally. I visited with her at Mount Alverna just a couple of days before she died and was relieved to see that she was in no discomfort. She was very close to her brother and now they are together in death as they were in life. I do not know of the funeral arrangements yet but I ask that you keep her and her brother in your prayers. May they both rest in God's peace.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be December 7, 2022, and January 4, 2023 and February 1, 2023.**

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

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 jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)
- 2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.
- 3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website www.leothegreat.org to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, prompted by the recent hurricanes and calamities that followed, is asking parishes to consider taking up a voluntary special collection to support the church and humanitarian needs arising from the disasters. Collected funds will be used where they are most needed.

Funds collected will be used to support the efforts of the USSCB for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the church and Catholic Charities USA/Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies/partners respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care and in aid in long term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

If you would please consider contributing to this special emergency collection during the **extra collection during next weekend's Masses on October 29th/30th.**



Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at leothegreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



We are currently looking to hire someone on an as needed basis to help accommodate our hall rental preparations. This would include ordering food, decorations, supplies, etc, picking up orders, and just seeing to it that our renters have the help they need in orchestrating their event. If you or someone you know would be interested please email Nina at ncapone@leothegreat.org or call the rectory for more details.

CELEBRATE 110 YEARS

of Catholic Charities with a gift today!

You may donate at: catholiccommunity.org/match



Senior Meeting

We have a fun meeting coming up this Wednesday October 26, 2022

It's Game Day!

Please arrive at 11:00a

Lunch will be at 12:00p as usual, an then...

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!!



PARISH SUPPORT

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2022

Sunday Envelope \$ 5,783.33

WeShare \$ 1,820.00

Total \$ 7,603.33

Capital Improvements \$ 307.00

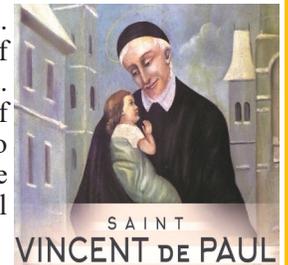
WeShare \$ 15.00

Total \$ 322.00

SVDP \$ 10.00

Thank You!

THANK YOU! The spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, the apostle of Charity, is alive and well at St. Leo the Great parish because of YOU! Thank you from those who you help feed, those who are served by the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization.



Thanksgiving Distribution

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 basket or take it over to the rectory. We appreciate your helping us make their Thanksgiving dinner plentiful.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS WHO HELPED MAKE OUR FESTIVAL POSSIBLE!

- Honey Hut
- Golubski Funeral Home
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- Dina's Pizza & Pub
- Hudec Dental
- Regal Realty
- Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union
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- Carmino's Pizza
- Gabe's Family Restaurant
- Kolodiy-Lazuta Funeral Home
- Brooklyn Heights Cemetery Association



PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!

The Great Sweepstakes

October 17, 2022
Mary Ann Corlett





FAITH FORMATION

Fr. Jim visited the Faith Formation group last Sunday and asked volunteers to help him demonstrate last week's reading from the Exodus 17:8-13, which tells of Moses standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in his hand as war was being waged against Israel by Amalek. As long as Moses' hands were held up in prayer Israel had the better of the fight. After time, Moses' arms grew weak and to ensure his prayers remained strong, his men held his hands up for him in support of the prayers being sent up to God. With this act, Israel had won the battle!

In a time where we see and hear "I'll keep you in my prayers" or "Our thoughts and prayers are with you" so much so often, may the magnitude of the power of those words and meaning behind them never be lost in the repetition—but, rather, grow stronger with support. To pray for someone or something in numbers, as a family, as a group, as a church, can build up our faith and enlighten us to the way God responds to our requests.

PHOTOS FROM OUR ANNUAL PET BLESSING

