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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?

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Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

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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.

FESTIVAL NEWS



Last weekend's Festival was great fun! And the winners of the main raffle are:

1st Prize \$5,000.00 **Eva Bunosky**2nd Prize \$2,000.00 **Jan Schigel**3rd Prize \$1,000.00 **Cristina Nahra**



The winner of the \$500 Kalahari gift card is **Carol Rezac**.

The 50/50 winners are: **Dan Coughlin** (Friday) and **Katie Keough** (Saturday).

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

Honey Hut Golubski Funeral Home

B.A. Sweetie Candy Co.

Hudec Dental Regal Realty

All Sixty Forbula Continuations

Unity Catholic Federal All Saints Federal Credit Credit Union Union

Carmino's Pizza Gabe's Family Restaurant

Kolodiy-Lazuta Funeral Brooklyn Hts. Cemetery Home Association

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who supported the Festival -the people who attended, the people who donated bakery, the
people who sold their raffle tickets, the many volunteers including
the school staff and school families, and the tired and achy but
HARD-WORKING COMMITTEE! The Festival was a HUGE
success thanks to all of you. See you next year!



Upcoming Events-

There will be a HOLY HOUR for Respect Life on Sunday, October 30th, at 6:00 p.m.

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



The Feast of St. Leo the Great, patron saint of our parish, will be November 10th. St. Leo the Great was elected pope in 440. During his tenure as pope, he fought heresies, convened significant councils of bishops, and saved the citizens of Rome by confronting Attila the Hun. St. Leo accomplished so much during his term as pope that he became one of the few popes with the distinction of "the Great". Though he died on April 11, 461, his legacy lives on in his profound writings. He was made a doctor of the church in 1754.

St. Leo the Great, pray for us.

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 Festival Weekend?







Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org.



The Parish Center is the former convent. The conference room at the north end served as a chapel. The living room and dining room were combined to form the large first-floor meeting room. The upstairs bedrooms were transformed into the current preschool.

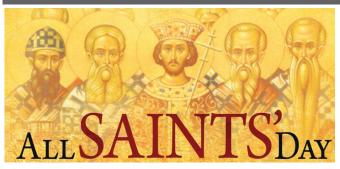
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, 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, Virgina 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, Jim Hiendlmayer, Susan Fenski, Robert Coleman, Glen Balog, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, MaryKay Simonek, and Betty Popow



JOSHUA STECZ St. Francis de Sales, Akron THIRD YEAR, BORROMEO

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



We celebrate All Saints' Day by acknowledging all of the holy men and women who have gone before us. Not only do they present an example of God's love in action, but they continue to pray for us.

Mass will be celebrated on November 1st

at 8:30 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m.

All Saints' Day is a holy day of obligation.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 31st—Weekday

8:30am +Kellie Zarko Roda (Rose Zarko)

Tuesday November 1st—All Saints

8:30am + Fr. Vesely (Dan & Arlene Sevic)

Wednesday November 2nd—All Souls' Day

8:30am All the Faithful Departed of St. Leo Parish

Friday November 4th—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:30am NO MORNING MASS—NO ADORATION

Saturday November 5th—Weekday

4:00pm +Douglas Burcham (MaryAnn Mino)

Sunday November 6th—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish 11:00am +Elizabeth "Bette" Novak (Nancy Hudak)

*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: WISDOM 11:22-12:2

The book of Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center for Greek philosophy in the ancient world. It was written about 50 years before Christ, and was the last book of the Old Testament to be written. After the first verse of today's passage, the author speaks directly to God and does so in poetic fashion.

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-2:2

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul told them to always be prepared for the Lord's coming and glory. Some of them became preoccupied with the date of when the Lord would come. The second letter to this community addressed that situation.

SUNDAY Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10

MONDAY Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

TUESDAY Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

WEDNESDAY Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/ Mt 11:25-30

THURSDAY Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

FRIDAY Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15



Sanctuary Candle Intention

October 23rd—November 6th

Happy 50th Anniversary!

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With Love, Your Family

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 30, 2022 | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that

the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Do We Watch Jesus from a Distance?

It seems to me that Zacchaeus may have gotten more than he bargained for when he scaled that sycamore tree.

We can only speculate as to what the original intentions of the wealthy tax collector were. We know he wanted to see Jesus, of course — but what does that mean? Was he simply curious about this famous and controversial man? Was he moved by what he heard of Jesus' teachings? Was he trying to catch a glimpse, or to get close?

Whatever his initial motivations, we can safely assume he did not expect Jesus to look up and say: "Get down. I am coming to your house today."

I often find myself taking the same posture as Zacchaeus in the tree. Perhaps I have a problem I'm wrestling with or a personal fault I need to overcome. At times I know I need to give of myself in ways that scare me. Whatever it is, I am watching Jesus from a distance. I am removed. Because I worry that when he gets close, he will get in my space. He will see whatever it is I don't want to deal with or tackle.

I need to remember that Jesus does not come to condemn, but to assist. It is God's desire to make us "worthy of His calling." To do that, He knows we need help. He knows we need Him in our space.

I'll say this for Zacchaeus — he was ready. He jumped right down, acknowledged what he had to be ashamed of, and vowed to do better. He brought Jesus home.

May we all have that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PRIESTHOOD

QUESTION: If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

ANSWER: Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you. Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Again I want to express my sincere thanks, on behalf of the whole parish, to everyone and anyone who worked before, during or after the parish festival. We had such great crowds, especially on Friday evening. The food and all the "accompanying treats" (the soft, salty pretzels, the cotton candy, the nachos & cheese, the ice cream, etc.) were really delicious. I tried as many as I could (except for the pickles...I like pickles with certain foods and in fact it seems a requirement to my palate with certain foods like grilled cheese or corned beef sandwiches...and the large pickles marinating in the big jar look so enticing, but I just can't eat one alone without one of the aforementioned foods to accompany it. Am I alone here?) Anyway, it really was good to see so many children enjoying the games, people listening to the music (how could you not hear it?), and parishioners and visitors alike just spending time together after so much alone time during COVID. To everyone who was willing to be a part of that whole experience in any way, we thank you. Though my growing age prevents me from remaining at the festival for its duration (I'm at the age where bedtime begins earlier & earlier), I at least know that people are enjoying each other's company when I am too tired to remain.

But mixed in with the fun of the festival was the reality of death that always looms over us but is the reason for our faith in the resurrection of Jesus and for the hope of our own rising to new life. I have celebrated four funerals in the last days with another one being scheduled. As happy as I am to see many people come together for something like our festival, I'm sad to see such good people pass from our midst through death. I already wrote about Anthony Arlia and Mildred Ancin so I would like to mention two other people whose funerals I celebrated recently. Jackie Nagy has been away from the parish for the last couple of years, living with her sister in North Olmsted. I got to know Jackie when she attended daily Mass in our chapel when I first arrived here. She was a devout woman of faith and would send cards and notes to me frequently in order to assure me of her prayers & support. She raised two daughters, one of whom (Shelly) is still a parishioner here at St. Leo's and who has become our rectory housekeeper and cook. Both of her daughters have a living and active faith, something I'm sure that made Jackie very happy. Jackie was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary & to the Divine Mercy Chaplet. May she know now the fruits of her prayers to the Virgin Mary & to her Son as she is shown the Divine Mercy of Jesus in which she trusted.

I also celebrated the funeral Mass for Shirley Lazar, another woman of great faith who had been a long time member of our parish. She raised two children, Shelly & Jeffrey, and we express our sympathy especially to them for the sudden death of their mother. Shirley lived her faith both in and out of our parish community as she was a Eucharistic Minister here and she helped served food at St. Augustine. I always appreciated her smile and her optimistic way of seeing things. She served others with joy. Her daughter spoke lovingly of her mother's love & faith at the funeral & as always, I extended to them our sympathy & the support of our prayers & faith. May she too rest in God's peace.

This Tuesday is the feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 8:30am (with the school children) & at 7pm. Wednesday is the feast of All Souls when we pray during the 8:30am Mass for all our loved ones who have died.

In 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.



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@leothgreat.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 44109)
- 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.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022







Slovenska Viliya Slovak Christmas Eve Supper Sunday, December 4, 2022

12:00p.m. Mass with dinner to follow-Abbey Church & Benedictine H.S. Tickets to this event are advance sales only

—Tickets WILL NOT be available at the door! \$25 for full meal

Please send check or money order along with a self-addressed envelope made out to:

Saint Andrew Abbey Viliya 10510 Buckeye Road, Cleveland, OH 44104

Your tickets will be mailed out to you. Ticket orders must be received by Tuesday, November 22, 2022

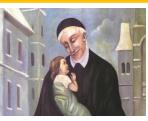
For more information, please call 216–721–5300 ext. 100 (Monday through Friday 8 AM until 3 PM)

Ralph Szubski, Accordian Man; Slovak Raffle, Slovak Christmas

Cards and Oplatky available for purchase.

SVDP OUTREACH THANKS YOU!

Thank you for your donation to the Back to School Drive and Blanket Sunday! We received overwhelming



donations that were put towards each of those collections. With your help, we were able to donate \$748.00 to St. Leo's School to purchase needed school supplies for students of our parish school. We also donated \$1,145.00 to the SVDP Blanket Sunday Appeal to purchase essential bedding and other items for the winter months in our own metropolitan areas. A sincere thank you to all of our parishioners who assisted with their donations and prayers!

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 and mark it "SVDP Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection baskets or take it to the rectory. We appreciate your helping us make their Thanksgiving dinner more complete.

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.

Please consider contributing to this special emergency collection during the extra collection at this weekend's Masses on October 29th/30th.

The Great Sweepstakes

October 24, 2022

Jim Knize

Cost: \$30

The last \$100 drawings will take place
October 31st and November 7th!
The St. Leo Feast Day Super Drawing
will be November 10, 2022 for \$1,000.00!

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

In Loving Memory Of
JACQUELINE M. NAGY



Holy Cross Cemetery Section 29 Lot 3611 Grave 1

God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around her and whispered, "Come home with Me". With tearful eyes we watched her suffer and saw her fade away. Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, a determined spirit was at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.



Hopko Funeral Home 6020 Broadview Rd. Parma,Oh. (216) 661-0033

In Loving Memory of MILDRED ANCIN

Born: August 6, 1924
Entered Into Rest: October 18, 2022
Services: Monday, October 24, 2022
St. Leo the Great Church
Cleveland, Ohio

Entombment: Holy Cross Cemetery Garden of the Apostles Mausoleum Section 28-B Elevation 503 Crypt 25-D

HER JOURNEY

Don't think of her as gone away, her journey's just begun, life holds so many facets this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting from the sorrow and the tears in a place of warmth and comfort, where there are no days and years. Think how she must be wishing that we could know today how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.

And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched, for nothing loved is ever lost, and she was loved so much.

RIPEPI FUNERAL HOME Pearl Road at Snow Road IN LOVING MEMORY SHIRLEY LAZAR

BORN August 5, 1947 ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST October 19, 2022

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 10:00 A.M.
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
INTERMENT Holy Cross Cemetery
section: 19 lot: 117

After Glow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun,
of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

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