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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019

St. Leo the Great Church
1969 - 2019



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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 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

Stay awake! With so many things competing for our attention and so many details to attend to, it is very easy to fall into a slumber. We can find ourselves simply going through the motions of life and losing a sense of purpose and direction. Busy with many things, we lose touch with the things of God, especially the gentle stirrings of His presence. Advent calls us to the challenge of living a wakeful life. Awake from the sleep that life's demands can put on us, and allow God's word to transform our hearts. Being ready for the coming of the Lord is life's priority for the Christian. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, December 6th



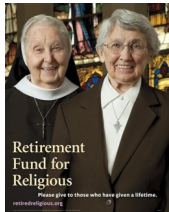
Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 8:30am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 5:00pm. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere. May you find peace during this time.

HEALING MASS



Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Healing Mass** at Holy Family Church, 7367 York Rd., Parma, 44130, on **Friday, December 13th**. Praise and Worship will begin at 7:00pm and the liturgy will start at 7:30pm. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend or family member. This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

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GIVE IN THANKSGIVING "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week we will be collecting for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In Memory Of
Irene Karbowski

May 24, 1929
November 11, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial

10:00am Friday, Nov 15, 2019
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
Fr. James Schmitz

Interment

Brooklyn Heights Cemetery

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is gone. 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.

Yurch Funeral Home



In Memory of
Jack Manning

Jack passed away peacefully after a short battle with cancer on Sunday, November 10th. A Mass to celebrate Jack's life was held at St. Joseph's Church in Canton on Thursday, November 14th. He will be missed here at St. Leo the Great.

May he rest in peace.

HELP THE HOMELESS



Malachi Center at West 25th St. and Detroit Ave. provides many services to help homeless men and women throughout the year. At Christmas, the Center distributes duffle bags at a breakfast for the homeless.

The 18-inch duffle bags are filled with personal items such as heavy socks, hats, gloves, scarves, soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, lotion, snacks, hand and foot warmers, extra large and larger sweatshirts, and many other similar items.

If you would like to donate bags and/or other items, please bring your donation to the rectory by Monday, December 9th. Items should be tagged "Help the Homeless."

Your overwhelming generosity last year to this cause was heartwarming. Let's do it again this year. Thank you so much.

Questions? Call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO



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 Kobal, Jeanne Karasek, George Aloschen, Herb Mayville, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Walter Milewski & Dorothy Forister.



Monday, December 2nd - Advent Weekday
7:30am +Family & Friends (Dina Family)

Tuesday, December 3rd - St. Francis Xavier
7:30am +Jim Hocevar (Family)

Wednesday, December 4th - St. John Damascene
7:30am +Martin Fontaine (Miriam Fontaine)

Thursday, December 5th - Advent Weekday
7:30am Communion Service

Friday, December 6th- St. Nicholas
8:30am +Robert Funta (Laura Zydiak)
9:00am to 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, December 7th - St. Ambrose
4:00pm +Frances Szymanski (Family)

Sunday, December 8th- Second Sunday of Advent
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Deceased Family Members of Raymond & Elizabeth (Family)



Oplatki is now available in the rectory office for a donation of \$2.00 while supplies last. One per family please.



Our NEW Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing will start January 1, 2020.

We are now selling tickets. Forms are available at the Rectory Office or at the Information Desk in the back of the Church.

The drawing will go from January 1, 2020 thru November 10, 2020 (Feast of St. Leo). There will be (44) \$100 Weekly Drawings, (5) \$200 Special Drawings and (1) \$1,000 Super Drawing on the Feast of St. Leo on November 10, 2020.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet Isaiah dreamed of a day when Jerusalem (sometimes called Zion) would be the center of the world, and all people would come there to receive instructions from God. In today's reading, Isaiah presents a vision of peace and prosperity for the world.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Behind everything Paul wrote was his strong belief that the hour of Christ's return in glory was near at hand. In this passage, Paul uses the image of darkness and light to describe how Christians ought to live as they await that coming.

Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b,4cd-5,6-7,8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 & 8-9. 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7: 21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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

**Christian Torres Esparza
Congregation of St. Joseph
IV Theology, Saint Mary**



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



Sunday, November 17th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 6,228.42
WeShare (online)	1,025.00
Total	\$ 7,253.42

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” (Mt 24:42)

WE WELCOME

ZAIDEN ANDREW HRUBY
as he is baptized this weekend.



May the blessings you received from God guide you throughout your life!

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Dear Parishioners,

We are saddened by the death of Bob Zarko, a longtime parishioner of St. Leo the Great along with his wife Rose. Bob has had trouble breathing the last few months but his death came about shortly after he suffered a heart attack last weekend. Bob and Rose were regulars at the 4pm Mass on Saturday as well as at daily Mass in our chapel. Both have been active members in St. Leo's Seniors as well. Bob was often seen with a smile on his face and a good sense of humor. He and Rose have been married over 50 years and were very dedicated to each other and to their family. We extend our sympathy to Rose and her family and assure them of our prayers & support. Bob's funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, November 23rd. May he and the faithful departed of our parish Rest In Peace.

Congratulations to the parents of Zaiden Hruby who is being baptized this Sunday. May they rejoice in the gift that God has given to them.

I want to thank our Office Manager, Mary Lou Hauck, for doing such a great job with our bulletin every week. She really designs the pages in such a way that they're easy to read and highlights information that is especially important. I wanted to draw your attention especially to the little "blurb" that is included every week which gives a very brief synopsis of the Scriptures readings that we will hear for Mass that particular weekend. It's a great way to prepare yourself to hear those readings with attention to the main message that is being conveyed. Please also note the names of the people listed every weekend for whom prayers are requested. You can pause for a quick moment when looking at them & prayerfully commend them to God for healing. Finally, each Mass has an intention that is offered as the Mass is being prayed. So for example, we could be praying in a special way for a person who is either living or deceased (those who are deceased have a + in front of their name). While we pray for everyone, again living & deceased, during every Mass, we also remember individuals for whom the Mass is being offered. Finally, you will see listed in today's bulletin a number of opportunities to help people during the season of Advent. For example you'll see information for helping the homeless as well as our annual Adopt a Child program. These are great ways to prepare for the coming of Christ!

Now that our Thanksgiving dinners have been enjoyed, we mark the beginning of a new liturgical year as we begin this weekend the holy season of Advent. This time marks our preparation for both the second coming of Christ at the end of time as well as his first coming to us in the little town of Bethlehem. This year the 4 week season of Advent will be a bit cut short as Christmas is only 3 ½ weeks away. So let us make good use of this time of preparation by trying to focus on the eternal significance of the events we are anticipating.

Here's something I read recently and was reminded of on Thanksgiving: "I feel sorry for people who don't have dogs. I hear they have to pick up their own food if they drop it on the floor."

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, December 2nd

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, December 3rd

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, December 4th

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 BBall Lux

Thursday, December 5th

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, December 6th

9:00am to 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
 3:00pm 3rd Gr Boys BB Practice Lux
 4:30pm 5th Gr Girls BB Practice Lux
 6:00pm 8th Gr Boys BB Practice Lux
 7:30pm Recovery International Basement

Saturday, December 7th

7:30am CYO Site Centers Lux
 2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions Church
 3:00pm Grapevine Basement

Sunday, December 8th

11:00am to 1:30pm Lunch with Santa Caf. & Gym
 11:00am Couples for Christ Great

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development!

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on "How to Give" on the left.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS



The Little Blue Books for the Advent and Christmas Season are available at the tables by the doors of the church. Please take one home with you.

ST. LEO'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS CARDS



Reminder to our Members that our Christmas card exchange box will be in the vestibule of the church before and after the Masses this weekend **Nov. 30th/Dec.1st**. Please drop your cards in the exchange box. This will permit us to presort and arrange the cards for distribution at the **Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 4th**. Please keep them in alphabetical order with a rubber band around them. Thank You.

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ADOPT-A-CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS



Many names are still available for St. Leo's Adopt-A-Child for Christmas Program. Please call so each child will receive a gift.

If you wish to purchase a gift for a needy child, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247 or Judi Westerburg at 216-642-0134.

GIFTS ARE TO BE WRAPPED AND DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER FROM 3:00–7:00PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.

If you cannot drop off your gifts at this time, you may leave them at the rectory anytime before December 13th.

Monetary contributions may be placed in the collection basket. Please mark "Adopt-A-Child" on check payable to St. Leo Parish.

This year we are again very fortunate to have The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Jr. Branch 014, as a sponsor of Adopt a Child. They will donate up to \$600 in matching funds. We are most grateful for their generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY



Let your heart and your means dictate what to share. Your contributions will enable the St. Vincent De Paul Outreach Organization to deliver your Christmas message of good cheer to our needy neighbors. The Poor Boxes can be seen as the "bread boxes" of the poor.

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION



We would like to THANK YOU for your overwhelming donations of money that we used towards the purchase of gift cards and other Thanksgiving food for our clients. Your kindness to those who might not have had a turkey and other Thanksgiving food is very much appreciated. Thank you again!

CONGRATULATIONS...

To those who made the Honor Roll from the following High Schools:

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

Tyler Chambers	Jillian Kalic
Connor DiSiena	Lauren Osborne
Madalyn Eder	Giacomo Rolando
Madeline Gercak	

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Shane N. Macalla	Joshua T. Thomas
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BULLETIN ARTICLES

Due to the upcoming holidays, please have all bulletin articles in two weeks in advance of the publish date. Articles can be dropped off at the rectory office or emailed to mlhauck@leothegreat.org. Thank you.



2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2020 Mass Intention Book is open. Please stop by the Parish Office and get your intentions.



Have YOU been purchasing your...

Gift Cards



THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

Are you planning on using gift cards for your shopping needs? If so, you can place your order in early to assure we have your favorite cards on hand.

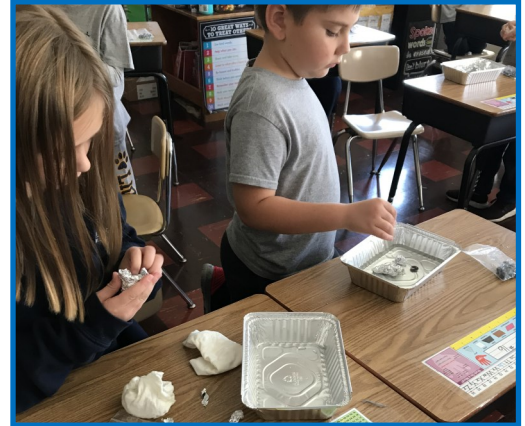
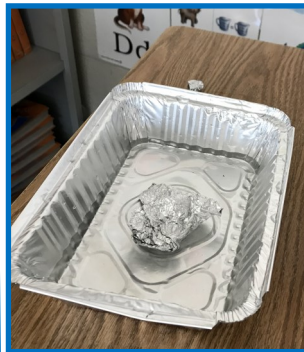
Supplies may be limited as we try to keep our inventory to a minimum. Cards can be ordered and received in a couple of days.

PLEASE STOP BY OUR RECTORY OFFICE AND PURCHASE SOME TODAY!

St. Leo the Great School Newsletter


Church Bulletin Edition

Mrs. Alicia Grosels' 2nd Grade students were learning about buoyancy. Their instructions were to create a boat out of foil that would hold the weight of 10 marbles... most succeeded!



Mrs. Rachel Lammers' 1st grade students were learning about the water cycle. They did an experiment to see how many rain drops (food coloring) a cloud (shaving cream) could hold before it had to rain (precipitation). Any guesses as to how many?? *Answer is 27 drops.*



Twelve of our Eighth-Grade students are participating in **OMA (Opening Minds through the Arts)** with Broadview MultiCare.  The program is funded by a grant to use art as a release of cognitive barriers for patients with dementia. The program will last for six weeks.



DECEMBER 1, 2019—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



LUNCH WITH SANTA

Experience the Magic of the Holiday Season through the eyes of your children! Join us Sunday, December 8th at St. Leo the Great School 11:00am to 1:30pm for Lunch with Santa A \$5.00 per child cost includes a pizza lunch and crafts. Other adults can enjoy a lunch for \$3.00. Bring your camera for a special moment with Santa and visit the Pixie Shop where your child can shop for gifts for family and friends and enter a raffle to win gift baskets. Please stop by the School or Rectory Office and fill out the form to reserve your spot by tomorrow, December 2nd. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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 leothegreat.org.

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Monday, December 2, 2019, at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave. Cleveland. **The concert is free and open to all. Please come early!**

BUS TRIP—DICKENS CHRISTMAS

Cambridge, Ohio

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Report: 8:30am Depart: 9:00am

Guided Tour w/story of Dickens Victorian Village, Tea with the Queen at Cambridge Country Club (lunch included), National Museum of Cambridge Glass, Kennedy's Bakery, Dickens Courthouse Light Show.



Cost: \$100 per person

Return: Approx. 9:30pm

Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505

for more information or
to book your trip.

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Now is a great time to GIVE BLOOD! The blood drive will be held this Sunday, December 1st between 7:30 am and 1:30 pm. The Vitalant Blood Drive will be in the Marian Lounge.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO—If you crochet and want to make bed rolls for the homeless join us Dec. 3rd at 7pm in the School Meeting Room for an informational meeting. For more information contact Gail at gte1015@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS MORE - Our Communal Penance Service will be held this Sunday, December 1st at 1pm. here at St. Thomas More.



