



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 11, 2016

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Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12NOON

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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Facebook—leothegreatorg 

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PLEASE REMEMBER...Margaret Zisk, Sarah Grier, Edward P. Gorczyca, Carol Sladewski, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Stella Sugalski, Robert Holshue, Donna Mlady, Mike Manzo, Cheri Minch, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Carol Frisco, Dorothy Forister, Ann Szpansky, Larry Kuznik, Rosemarie Hamski, Jo Hoffman, Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Dianne Soler, Muffie Bone, Theresa Truxall, Gary LaBuda, Mary Ras, Janene Catanese, Denise Rooks, Bernice Kilcoyne, Jeanette Klaehn, Donna Robertson, Theresa Kowal, Trudy Miller, Donald Kotarsky, Dave Zonneville, Nancy Miller, Larry Carrino, Ruth Frohlich, Carol Phillips & Ashley Dayle.



December 12th to December 18th

Monday, December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:30 a.m. Kyra Keenagen (Jeanne Karasek)

Tuesday, December 13th: St. Lucy
7:30 a.m. +Rich Bunosky (Jim & Gerry Tisch)

Wednesday, December 14th: St. John of the Cross
7:30 a.m. +Mary Pasela (Husband)

Thursday, December 15th: Advent Weekday
7:30 a.m. +Frances & Joseph Panik (Family)

Friday, December 16th: Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. +Bob Sunyak (Mary Ann Corlett)

Saturday, December 17th: Late Advent Weekday
4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Siekaniec Family (Carol Siekaniec) - Seniors will be present at this Mass.

Sunday, December 18th: Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. +Mr. & Mrs. Michael Karasek (Jeanne Karasek, daughter)
10:00 a.m. +Loretta Weber (James & Gerry Tisch)
12:00 p.m. Fr. James Vesely—Anniversary of Ordination



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES
Congratulations to:
MADLINE HARPER
\$100.00 December 5th Winner

Don't forget to sign up for our **NEW Great Sweepstakes**. Forms are available at the Information Desk in Church, Rectory Office, or on the last page of this bulletin.

Tickets make great Christmas gifts!



First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

TV coverage of the events in the Middle East has familiarized us with the empty expanse of arid desert described in today's reading. Therefore, we can appreciate the unbelievable transformation which Isaiah promises. The prophet says that the desert will become a lush garden, as God's chosen people return singing and dancing from their 70-year exile in Babylon.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed to a group of Christians who were disappointed that Jesus had not yet returned in glory. Using an agricultural image, the author encourages them to keep their hope alive as they face the day-to-day trials of life.

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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

Joseph Menkhaus
St. Monica, Garfield Heights
Senior, Borromeo



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



PARISH SUPPORT
Sunday, December 4th, 2016

Sunday.....\$9,122.50
Assessments.....\$581.00
Envelopes used.....359

Thank you for your continued support.



Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you. (Is 35:4)



Dear Parishioners,

On Friday, December 3rd, a funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Leo's for Mike Fasciano who had been a teacher in our parish school for 9 years and a principal here for 17 years. He was well known by several of our current teachers. Mike had been battling cancer for the last few years and was principal at All Saints School which is on the campus of the old high school seminary in Wickliffe (though it is the parish school of St. John Vianney in Mentor). There were many people in attendance at his funeral and several priests concelebrated. We offer our sympathies to his wife Cheri and their two sons, Ben & Evan. May he rest in God's peace.

Just a reminder that you can find the picture (if available) and obituary of those whose funerals are celebrated in our church on our website. You can also request that such funeral information be sent to you automatically via email.

Recently the Vatican issued a new instruction which clarifies the practice of cremation in the Catholic Church. It is entitled, "To Rise With Christ." It is not infrequent when people ask about the teaching of the Church regarding cremation as it has become increasingly popular. Here is a brief summary:

- The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited.
- When cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place.
- The conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. The ashes may not be divided among various family members.
- It is not permitted to scatter the ashes in the air, on land or at sea.
- It is not permitted to preserve the ashes in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.

The purpose of this teaching is to remind us of our ancient belief as Catholics in the sacredness of the body. There was a time in history when a heresy (false teaching) held that the body is evil and so should be destroyed. But we hold that God created all things good, and the body which even Jesus took on when he was born among us is sacred and good. Not only that, but God raised the buried body of Jesus in the resurrection and scripture promises that we too will be raised, body and soul, on the last day. We celebrate this truth especially in the feast of the Assumption of Mary. So we show respect for our own body and those of our loved ones as we await the day of resurrection.

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO

December 12th to December 18th



Monday, December 12th

- 3:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys basketball practice Lux
- 4:00 p.m. 8th gr. boys basketball practice Lux
- 5:30 p.m. 4th gr. girls basketball practice Lux
- 6:30 p.m. ARISE Closing Dinner Great
- 6:45 p.m. PSR School
- 6:45 p.m. Girl Scouts #71821 Francis

Tuesday, December 13th

- 3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys basketball practice Lux
- 4:15 p.m. 3rd gr. boys basketball practice Lux
- 5:30 p.m. 6th gr. boys basketball practice Lux
- 6:30 p.m. SVDP Francis
- 7:00 p.m. School Christmas Concert Church
- 7:00 p.m. 7th gr. boys basketball practice Lux

Wednesday, December 14th

- 8:30 a.m. School Christmas Concert Church
- 11:30 a.m. Seniors Christmas Party Stancato's
- 4:00 p.m. 4th gr. girls basketball practice Lux
- 5:30 p.m. 8th gr. boys basketball practice Lux
- 5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts-Parent Meeting Great
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #71720 Francis
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice Church

Thursday, December 15th

- 8:30 a.m. School Advent Prayer Service Church
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Group Francis
- 3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys basketball practice Lux
- 4:15 p.m. 3rd gr. boys basketball practice Lux
- 5:30 p.m. 6th gr. boys basketball practice Lux

Friday, December 16th

- 4:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys basketball practice Lux
- 7:00 p.m. 7th gr. boys basketball practice Lux
- 7:30 p.m. Recovery International Francis

Saturday, December 17th

- 7:30 a.m. CYO Basketball Site Center Lux
- 2:45 p.m. Confessions Church
- 3:00 p.m. Grapevine Great

Sunday, December 18th

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation/RCIA Great
- 11:30 a.m. CYO Basketball Site Center Lux
- 2:00 p.m. Teens Encounter Christ Parish Center

2017 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2017 Mass Intention Book is open. Each parishioner household may have 4 Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.



Oplatki
Christmas
wafers

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

ST. LEO THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWS



Pick 40 Fundraiser
Sale Begins November 1st—Sale Ends December 14th
First Drawing—January 3, 2017

The Annual Pick 40 fundraiser is HERE! This is the only major fundraiser for the St. Leo School Community. The Parent Teacher Community (PTC) relies on this fundraiser to help offset the costs of technology, field trips, graduation and much more.

How does the Pick 40 Drawing Work?

There are 40 drawings. (36) drawings are \$100 winners and (4) \$500 winners. Each \$5.00 ticket is put in for EVERY DRAWING! When you win, your ticket goes back in the drum. Winners are called daily and checks are mailed or can be picked up. There is a \$50 seller prize for the \$500 winner drawings.

Email ebreitmeyer@leothegreat.org or Call 216-661-2120 for tickets!
Tickets can also be purchased at the Rectory Office.

Last Chance to get your tickets! Sale Ends this Wednesday, December 14th.

GIFT CARD CERTIFICATES



The Gift Card Program is an excellent, easy and convenient way to help support your Parish. There is great potential in this program. Purchase cards for all of your needs; everyday purchases, travel, and **gift giving for the holidays!** 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. We strongly encourage everyone to participate. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

REMEMBRANCE TREES



Ornaments in remembrance of loved ones will be available before and after all of the Masses the weekends of December 10th & 11th and 17th & 18th. Names of loved ones can be written on the ornaments and hung on the trees in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The ornaments can be taken home at the conclusion of the Christmas season.

BULLETIN ARTICLES



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

ST. LEO THE GREAT SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY



Plan on joining us for our Christmas Party **THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14th at 11:30 a.m.**

This year it will be held at Stancato's Italian Restaurant, 7380 State Road. There will be a 50/50 raffle, entertainment and lots of fun. Hope to see you there!

ST. LEO'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS CARDS



Members are requested to bring their Christmas cards to Church this Saturday, December 10th, or Sunday, December 11th. Drop them in the exchange box in the vestibule of the Church before or after the Masses. This will permit us to

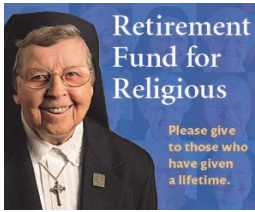
presort and arrange the cards for distribution at the Christmas party on December 14th. Please keep them in alphabetical order with a rubber band around them.

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!



Online Giving is now available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. Any questions or need help, please call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

**AGING RELIGIOUS
NEED YOUR HELP**



Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

HISTORIC ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH



Join us for 'A Winter's Night' piano concert **TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 11th at 3:00 p.m.** (Doors open

2:00 p.m.) Join pianist Ryan C. Neal with arrangements by Joseph M. Martin as he performs Christmas favorites. Come enjoy this lively concert in this spiritual setting! The concert is free but there will be a freewill collection to benefit St. Stephen Church. We are located at 1930 West 54th St. Cleveland, 44102 Afterwards we will have a tour by Historian Tim Barrett. Please plan on joining us for an afternoon of entertainment!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow.
-St. Vincent de Paul



To “live and let live” is all right in its own way, but to “live and HELP LIVE” is much better. You can help others live by sharing your goods and your prayers with those in need through your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization. Next weekend, December 17th and 18th, is our monthly food collection. Our cupboard is in need of CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, RICE, MACARONI AND CHEESE, CANNED FRUIT, PANCAKE MIX AND SYRUP, PUMP SOAP, CAKE MIX, BOXED COOKIE MIX, CRACKERS AND LAUNDRY SOAP.



PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

GREAT ROOM FOR RENT

The Great Room in our Parish Community Center is available to **rent for special events, parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.** For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our website at leothegreat.org. There you will find information, prices, and forms.

INFORMATION DESK



For the convenience of our parishioners, we are bringing the rectory office to you after the weekend Masses. The information desk is located in the vestibule.

Listed are some of the things that are available:

- sponsor certificate pickup
- popular gift cards
- new parishioner registration forms
- Mass intentions
- Parish Community Center rental forms
- alumni association forms
- great sweepstakes tickets
- help with our website & mobile app
- choir and handbell choir sign-ups

Please feel free to stop by after Mass.

PLEASE NOTE OUR REVISED MASS SCHEDULE TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2017:

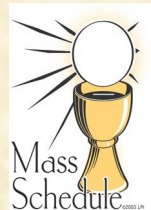
Saturday Vigil
4:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Monday through Wednesday
7:30 a.m.

(there will be a 7:30 Mass on Thursday according to Fr. Vesely's availability).

Friday
8:30 a.m.



**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**



Today is Gaudete Sunday! Gaudete means "rejoice!" Our Scriptures provide us with wonderful images of healing, restoration, and justice. St. James reminds us to be patient as the coming of the Lord is at hand. But it is the prophet Isaiah who provides the encouragement we so desperately need. Our world and our country are in need of peace. We long for God's justice, which does not bring retribution but equity. Isaiah shows us that if we walk with God all of these things can be ours, not only in the future but now.

**RECTORY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S
OFFICE HOURS**

The Rectory Office will be closed:



**Saturday, Christmas Eve
Sunday, Christmas Day
Monday, December 26th
Tuesday, December 27th.**

We will reopen at 9:00 a.m. Wed., December 28th.

**New Year's Eve
New Year's Day**

Monday, January 2nd

We will be reopen at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3rd.

ADOPT-A-CHILD

Please drop off all Adopt-a-Child for Christmas gifts at the Parish Community Center this weekend, Saturday, December 10, 3-7 p.m. All gifts must be in by 7 p.m. Saturday.

If you wish to help deliver gifts Sunday morning, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216 351 6247.



Monetary contributions may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Rectory. Please mark "Adopt-a-Child" on the envelope and make the check payable to St. Leo Parish.

**Thank you for your
continued generosity.**

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th: 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. (Vigil Masses)

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th:
10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31st: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st:
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Individual confession each Saturday during Advent from 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, December 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

No Confessions on Saturday, December 24th

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



In the apparition when Mary met and spoke with Juan Diego and later imprinted her miraculous image on his cloak (the tilma) we are reminded that Mary wants to associate herself with all of us in our daily lives. The beautiful and scientifically inexplicable imprint of Mary on the tilma depicts a woman

dressed in the traditional garb of Juan Diego's people. It is as if Mary were saying, "I am one of you." She was a simple girl with a profound faith. And look how that faith changed the course of human history!



ST. LEO THE GREAT
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GREAT SWEEPSTAKES
TICKETS MAKE GREAT
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The Great Sweepstakes

\$30 per ticket for a full years participation.

You can W\$N Multiple Times November 14, 2016 thru November 10, 2017

DRAWING DATES—\$100

2016

November 14, 21 & 28
December 5, 12, 19 & 26

2017

January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
February 6, 13, & 27
March 6, 13, 20 & 27
April 3, 10, 17 & 24



2017 (con't)

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
June 5, 12, 19 & 26
July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
August 7, 14, 21 & 28
September 4, 11, 18 & 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
November 6

Special Drawings

DRAWING DATES—\$200

New Years Day 2017
President's Day 2017
Mother's Day 2017



Father's Day 2017
4th of July 2017

SUPER Drawings

DRAWING DATES—\$1000

Christmas Day 2016
Easter Sunday 2017



St. Leo's Feast Day 2017



ST. LEO THE GREAT
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The Great Sweepstakes

Please Print

NAME: _____

CITY/STATE & ZIP _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE & EMAIL _____

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