



# ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

February 23, 2020

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### SCHOOL HOURS:

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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A S H W E D N E S D A Y

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
8:30AM & 7:00PM

**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH ASHES**  
12Noon

*Pray*

FAST AND GIVE ALMS

## Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

### AN EVENING OF CONFESSION

The sacrament of reconciliation offers to us the healing grace of God in restored relationships: not only our individual relationships with friends & family, but our relationship with God and with the Catholic Church. All are asked to join us for “An Evening of Confession”, Wednesday, March 11, 2020, from 5pm to 8pm. We particularly invite anyone who may have wandered from the Catholic Church to come home this Lent, through sacramental reconciliation. For more information, go to [welcomecatholics.com](http://welcomecatholics.com)

**PLEASE REMEMBER GENEVIEVE & LARRY IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

In Memory Of

**Genevieve Plona**  
June 21, 1929  
February 7, 2020

Funeral Mass, February 12, 10:00 AM  
St. Bridget of Kildare Parish  
Interment, Holy Cross Cemetery  
Section 41 Lot 2401 Grave 1

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master; grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying we are born to eternal life.

**ZABOR FUNERAL HOME**  
5680 Pearl Rd.  
Parma, Ohio  
884-5035

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Larry E. Clancy, Sr.**

July 10, 1940  
February 8, 2020

FUNERAL MASS  
February 14, 2020  
Our Lady of Angels Church

INTERMENT  
Holy Cross Cemetery  
SECTION 9 LOT 1038 GRAVE 2

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and,  
until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

*Chambers Funeral Homes*

## FORGIVEN

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION

*A Study for the Whole Parish to Create a Lent to Remember!*

We all experience sin, guilt, failure and disappointment. We can't escape them, and we can't run away from those emotions. There is an answer. It's through the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we can experience the intimacy of God's mercy. Come and join us for a series of videos in the Parish Center on March 15, 22 and 29 after the 8:00 am Mass. The series will include a video followed by a brief discussion. The topics are: **Where Are You?—March 15, An Encounter With Mercy—March 22 and The Rite Explained—March 29.** There's no need to register, just join us!

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorcyka, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn “Joe” Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Marge Menge, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Sharon Kopal, George Aloschen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Dorothy Forister, Don Donelon & Larry Kuznik.

*When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.” (Mt 6:17-18)*



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

CYNTHIA LOWTHER  
February 17, 2020

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or at the Rectory Office.

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

**Matthew Grasson**  
SS. Cosmas & Damian  
Twinsburg  
Year 3—Diaconate Program



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

Parish Support

Sunday, February 9th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 6,531.36
WeShare(online).....	\$ 990.00
Total.....	\$ 7,521.36

Sunday, February 16th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 8,871.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 1,115.00
Total.....	\$ 9,986.00

THANK YOU



Monday, February 24th - Weekday

7:30am Jeannie Brikowski - Health & Blessings (Rick Brikowski, Son)

Tuesday, February 25th - Weekday

7:30am +Margaret Neff (Neff Family)

Wednesday, February 26th -

8:30am Eneida Ramos

12Noon Liturgy of the Word

With Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm People of the Parish

Thursday, February 27th Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30am Communion Service

Friday, February 28th - Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:30am +Adeline Krakora (Joe & Joan Krakora)

Saturday, February 29th— Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:00pm +Helen Inez & Alan Franko

(Harriet & Wilma Franko)

Sunday, March 1st— First Sunday of Lent

8:00am +Jaholnycky Family (Dina Family)

11:00am +Edward Verlie (Family Friend)

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

We are reading today from the third book of the Bible, Leviticus, which is a collection of Jewish laws. Today's passage discusses how to treat your neighbor. For Old Testament people, a neighbor was a fellow Israelite. (When we listen to today's *Gospel*, we will hear Jesus take this a step further.)

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 3:16-23

In this reading, Paul continues to address the problem of factions in Corinth. One group followed Apollos, an eloquent preacher who came there after Paul had left. Another group was loyal to Kephos (which is the Aramaic name for Peter). Paul uses an unusual image to explain why such factions don't belong in a Christian community.

Readings for the week of February 23, 2020

**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

**Monday:** Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** J1 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and /Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

DONUT SUNDAY



Please join us for donuts and coffee this Sunday, February 23rd after the 8:00am and 11:00am Masses.

**ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO**

Dear Parishioners,

William Megesi was 100 years old and his family had a wonderful birthday party for him back in September to celebrate his centennial life. But we celebrated his entrance into eternal life this past Wednesday and remembered how he served his country and his neighbor. Bill was a veteran during the Second World War & while in the Navy, was on a destroyer that was hit by a torpedo. It's amazing that his life was spared. He was a religious man who attended Mass regularly until he could no longer do so at the age of 98. As a parishioner of St. Leo's since 1964, he was a faithful member of the Church. May he who put himself into God's hands, now find an eternal dwelling place in God's kingdom.

Our parish welcomes Abbot Gary Hoover this weekend as he celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for several of our eighth grade students during the 4pm Mass on Saturday. I am deeply grateful to all those who were responsible for the confirmandi's preparation for this sacrament and pray that the newly-confirmed will live out their Catholic faith as they grow in their personal relationship with Jesus who bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit on them.

This week we begin the Lenten Time of the year with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am with the school community (all are welcome to this Mass) as well as at 7pm. We will also have a brief service (not Mass) at Noon for those who cannot attend in the morning or evening. Ashes will be distributed as a sign of our repentance as we remember our baptism when the priest first made the sign of the cross on our foreheads, along with our parents & godparents.

There are two days of fasting in the entire church year... Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. While we abstain from eating meat (called "abstinence") on each Friday of Lent, we fast only on these two days, which means that we have only 2-3 small meals with no eating in-between (and of course no meat). Our hunger during this very short fasting time is meant to remind us of our hunger for God. We recall that Jesus himself fasted (a much more severe withdrawal from food) for 40 days in the desert.

Our abstaining from meat is admittedly not much of a sacrifice at a time in history when we have seafood meals and restaurants so readily available to us but the act of not eating meat is not meant so much to be a sacrifice but a conscious reminder of extending charity to others. We are able to do this when we are present to each other at community meals such as our Fish Fry's, which begin this Friday in Lux Hall. Details are in this bulletin.

Don't forget that on Fridays of Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross at 7pm so please join us in the church for a few minutes after you have enjoyed your meal in Lux Hall. Deacon Pat and I will again lead these times of prayer, using various forms of this reflection on Christ's suffering & death. I am delighted that we were able to arrange for lights to be added this week which will shine over our beautiful mosaic images which make up our Stations which previously just blended into the wall. It took some time & creative effort to get this done but I believe we'll be very happy with the results.

*Jr. James Schmitz*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO THE GREAT**



**Monday, February 24th**

- 4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice Lux
- 5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux
- 6:45pm PSR Class School
- 7:00pm Torres Open Gym Lux

**Tuesday, February 25th**

- 7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux
- 7:00pm AA Group Basement
- 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting Rectory

**Wednesday, February 26th-Ash Wednesday**

- 3:00pm 3rd Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux
- 4:30pm 5th Gr. Girls BB Practice Lux
- 6:30pm High School Boys BB Practice Lux
- 8:00pm Choir Practice Church

**Thursday, February 27th**

- 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, February 28th**

- 4:30pm to 7:00pm FISH DINNERS Lux
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross Church
- 7:30pm Recovery International Basement

**Saturday, February 29th**

- 2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions Church
- 3:00pm Grapevine Basement

**Sunday, March 1st**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Please plan on joining us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the Church.

**SAVE THE DATE—TRAPPER JACK**



Trapper Jack is returning once again this Lent. Join us on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00pm in the church to hear what Trapper has to say about *Mary the Messenger!* The presentation will be approximately 50 minutes long and will be open for Questions and Answers afterwards.

**NEW ADDRESS FOR SR. GLORIA**

**Sr. Gloria Olori**  
**St. Christopher Presbytery**  
 Lees Rd  
 Ashton-Under-Lyne  
 OL68DA



## Have a Heart Lend a Hand

During the Lenten season, St. Leo's is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program. Beginning Ash Wednesday and during Lent, baskets of hearts will be at all church entrances. Please take a heart (or two) and purchase the item requested on it for the organization listed.

You can drop off your donation in the school cafeteria on **Saturday, April 4, from 3:30-5 p.m.** and **Sunday, April 5, from 9 a.m.-Noon.**

The following organizations will be the recipients of your generosity:

- ♥ Birthright
- ♥ Broadview Multi Care
- ♥ Catholic Charities Refugee Families
- ♥ Holy Family Hospice
- ♥ Joseph House of Cleveland
- ♥ Malachi BackDoor Ministry
- ♥ Malachi House
- ♥ Parma Care Center
- ♥ Providence House
- ♥ St. Colman Parish
- ♥ St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach
- ♥ West Side Catholic Center

If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216/351-6247.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"I was hungry and you fed me." THANK YOU for your generous donations of food. Without you, the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization simply could not exist. Your help makes it possible for us to help others. Thank you!

### PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

**GREAT ROOM FOR RENT**

The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center, is available to rent.

For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our parish website at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org).



Join us for the fish dinners this year. Every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday), fish dinners will be served in Lux Hall between 4:30 and 7:00pm. Take out will be available as well. If anyone is interested in volunteering—setting up, preparing the food, serving the food, washing dishes, cleaning up—please call the rectory or send an email to [nzola@leothegreat.org](mailto:nzola@leothegreat.org). If you can spare some time one or more of those Fridays, it would be appreciated. Thank you!

## St. Leo Fish Dinners Present:

We know that everyone has enjoyed our special lobster dinners.

Due to an unexpected and drastic price hike, we will be offering the **LOBSTER DINNERS** only one time this season -- **MARCH 27TH.**

Please look for additional information in the bulletin.

Thank you!



## St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent

February 28th - April 3rd

Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

### Dinners - \$8.00

- Baked Tilapia Almondine Dinner
- Baked Seasoned Cod Dinner
- Battered Fried Fish Dinner
- Breaded Shrimp Dinner
- Pierogi Dinner

### Combo Meal - \$10.00

- 1 baked or 2 fried fish with 3 pierogies

**Special! Empanadas**

**Special! Salmon Patty Dinners**

**Special! Fish Taco Platters**

Dinners and Combo Meal include choice of baked potato or fries, coleslaw or applesauce, roll & butter

### Fish Sandwich - \$6.00

- fried fish with cheese on a Kaiser roll served with fries and coleslaw

### Kids Meal - \$4.00

- choice of: fish/pizza/mac & cheese/pierogi with fries and drink (age 10 & under please)

### A la carte menu

Baked potato	\$2.00	French fries	\$2.00
Cheese pizza	\$2.00	Pierogies (3)	\$3.50
Mac & cheese	\$2.50	Cabbage & noodles	\$3.00
Side of fish	\$5.00	Soup of the day	\$2.00
(2 fried or 1 baked)		Dessert & Beverages Available	

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Heavenly Father, watch over our child and grant that she may be restored to that perfect health which is yours alone to give;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

Please join our school in our prayers for our 1st Grader, Genesis who is fighting cancer.

Our 1st graders and their parents have been generous in providing books, crafts and goodies to make gift baskets to take to Genesis in the hospital.

We pray for Genesis and her family to remain strong and faithful during this difficult time.



**WERE YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN MARRIED AT ST. LEO?**



If you or your children were married at St. Leo's, you could become part of history. These were important events in your life and they were important events in the life of St. Leo the Great Parish, and the St. Leo archives would like to use any photos of the marriage ceremony for display in the church vestibule. Any photos used will be scanned and copied, and the originals returned to the owner. We will consider any and all photos no matter how old (or new). If you are interested in lending your wedding photos, please contact John Sabol at 216-351-6247. And if you're not familiar with the archives display in the church, you're welcome to learn about St. Leo's history by stopping in the vestibule after Mass.

**Bringing America Back to Life Convention** 2020 Bringing America Back to Life Convention will be held on March 6th & 7th at the Embassy Suites, Independence, Ohio The Convention is the premier diocesan-wide pro-life event. To discover more about this must-see event, and to register, visit [www.bringamericabacktolife.org](http://www.bringamericabacktolife.org) or call 440-281-1502.



**MONSTER TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!**

Please join us for a Monster's Hockey Game this Friday 2/28 at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 (normally \$27 for these excellent, lower bowl seats). The evening includes discounted food (\$3 beer, \$2 hot dogs and \$1 pop) and a giveaway for the first 10,000 fans. This is a great family friendly event. Proceeds help support the 7th grade trip to Washington DC next year and we still have many tickets left to sell! Please call or email Amber Gibbs for tickets at 216-401-0407 or [amber\\_c\\_gibbs@yahoo.com](mailto:amber_c_gibbs@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**ROARING 20'S**

**ST. LEO THE GREAT ATHLETICS WOMEN'S REVERSE RAFFLE**  
Saturday, April 25, 2020

**\*\*GRAND PRIZE \$3,000.00\*\***

- ◇ Doors Open at 5:30pm
- ◇ Dinner at 6:30pm
- ◇ Dinner-Open Bar-Sideboards and More!
- ◇ \$50.00 ticket \*21 and Over\*
- ◇

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY**

\*\*\*Tickets purchased by MARCH 1st will be entered into an EARLY BIRD DRAWING\*\*\*

**CLUSTER CORNER**

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE**—Ladies Lenten Day of Reflection this Saturday, February 29th. The day begins in the Marian Lounge at 9:00am and ends around 2:00pm. There is no charge to attend, but please call the parish office to sign up.

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**—Lenten Retreat with Fr. Ryan. "I Will Give You A New Heart" Sunday, March 1st at 6:45pm, Monday, March 2nd at 7:30pm and Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:30pm.

**ST. THOMAS MORE**—Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for world peace.



