



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

February 9, 2020

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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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Confirmation CELEBRATION



Abbot Gary Hoover, O.S.B. will confirm 16 students from our parish at the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday,

February 22nd. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they take this step along their journey in faith.



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.

REGISTER WITH US

Have you moved into the area recently, or have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, at the rectory office, or call 216-661-1006.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Before the arrival of GPS and other technological advances, folks relied on a compass to assist them with directions. If set and used properly, people who would otherwise be lost could find their way. What properly sets our God compass? We know that we require God in order to find our way through life, but we need to be in proper relationship with God before this can effectively happen. God certainly does not need to be placated, but some things open Him up to us more than others. Isaiah gives us a clue today. Share your bread with the hungry ... clothe the naked ... remove oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech ... satisfy the afflicted. When we do this, we will not only be on proper course and in right relationship with God, but will be the salt and light Jesus asks us to be.

World Day of the Sick

FEBRUARY 11

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WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In Loving Memory Of

Betty Ann Maulorico

Born

January 30, 1937

Entered Into Rest

January 24, 2020

Final Resting Place

Brooklyn Hts Cemetery

Garden of Remembrance

Lot 292 Grave 4



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.



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ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

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 Kobal, George Aloschen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Dorothy Forister & Don Donelon.



Monday, February 10th - St. Scholastica
7:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, February 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes
7:30am Communion Service

Wednesday, February 12th - Weekday
7:30am Communion Service

Thursday, February 13th - Weekday
7:30am Communion Service

Friday, February 14th - SS. Cyril & Methodius
8:30am +Harry & Louise Wheeler (Family)

Saturday, February 15th- Weekday
4:00pm Seniors

Sunday, February 16th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am +Michael Ciereszewski (Mom)
11:00am People of the Parish

*If you bestow your bread on the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted;
then light shall rise for you in the darkness. (Is 58:10)*



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

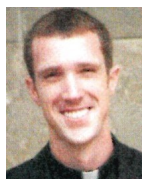
SHARON SKORA

February 3, 2020—\$100.00 winner

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.

Jack McLinden, SJ
Society of Jesus
III Philosophy



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

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

The Jewish people had just returned from exile in Babylon. They were poor. The prophet in today's reading reminds them of the religious practice that pleases God most of all, and he encourages them to share the little they have with one another.

Second Reading: Corinthians 2:1-5

In this reading, Paul continues to address the problem of factions in Corinth. One group followed a Christian named Apollos, an eloquent preacher who came there after Paul and left. Some criticized Paul because his oratory didn't compare with that of Apollos. In today's passage, Paul defends his preaching style.

Readings for the week of February 9, 2020

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 /1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

Parish Support

Sunday, February 2nd

Basket Collection.....	\$ 8,447.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 920.00
Total.....	\$ 9,367.00
Capital Improvements (January, 2020)....	\$ 1,883.00
Catholic University.....	\$ 356.00
Latin America.....	\$ 467.00

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed on **Monday, February 17th**, in observance of President's Day .

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

On January 27th we celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Betty Ann Maulorico. She, along with her husband Ben of 61 years, had served as an Eucharistic Minister in our parish. Betty Ann was devout in her Catholic Faith which she passed on to her 3 children (she and Ben also had 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild). Her son Ben offered some beautiful Words of Remembrance for her at the Funeral Mass. May she receive now her reward in God's kingdom.

It takes several weeks before we know the final results of the Parish Festival in October as all the bills have to be received and paid but I can now tell you that our final profit was \$26,887.81, which is quite an increase from years past so my sincere thank you to all who worked the festival in any way, especially to those on the planning team, and to all who participated. It's not only a wonderful financial boost but even more importantly it contributes to our togetherness as a community as we welcome those in our neighborhood to experience our parish.

I'm grateful to Fr. Vesely who will be celebrating the 4pm Mass this weekend & as always to Fr. O'Grady who will be assisted by Deacon Berigan at the 8am & 11am Masses this weekend. I will be away at my sister's home in Florida and will also have the opportunity to visit with some friends who live in Fort Myers. While I'm there I will be mindful that it has been one year (on February 11th) since my surgery and I trust that my blood work will still show me to be cancer free when I see my urologist next month. I also continue to be mindful of your prayerful support during that time & I ask the Lord to allow that experience to help me to be a better support for others in the parish who are suffering from any illness, especially from cancer. In fact this past week on February 4th, I was reminded of World Cancer Day which seeks to bring a greater awareness and education to people for the sake of preventable cancer deaths. I still have mementoes given to me at that time from parishioners which remind me of that illness...a statue and a coin of St. Peregrine, patron of cancer patients, a prayer blanket from Padua Franciscan High School, a lap afghan (which my grandmother used to make) and many cards that were sent pledging prayers. All of these serve to remind me of your gracious support and also of my need now to do the same for others. St. Peregrine was scheduled to have his leg amputated because of a cancerous growth. The night before the surgery, he prayed for healing, received a vision of Christ coming down from the cross to touch his leg and was completely healed. A victim of cancer himself, St. Peregrine not only had to accept the reality of his illness, but also the instantaneous healing of that disease through the intercession of Christ. For this reason, he is invoked for medical breakthroughs as well as for those suffering from cancer and other incurable diseases. His feast day is May 4th. St. Peregrine, pray for us.

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO THE GREAT



Monday, February 10th

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

Tuesday, February 11th

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, February 12th

9:30am Catechetical Formation Basement
11:00am Seniors Great
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 BB Practice Lux

Thursday, February 13th

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
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Basement

Friday, February 14th—NO SCHOOL

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, February 15th

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

Sunday, February 16th

12:00pm Missionary Families of Christ Great
1:00pm Bitty Basketball Lux

ONLINE GIVING



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

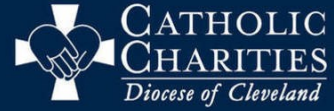


ST LEO'S SENIORS

This Wednesday, February 12th St. Leo's Seniors will meet at 11:00am in the Parish Center for our Valentine's Day Party. We will be having some Pizza for lunch and enjoying our luck at Bingo! Please wear RED. Come and have a great time with us!

#FacesofHope

THOUGH WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.



2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the “least among us.” Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Perez requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

Faces of Hope. Your support of the 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 410,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. On behalf of the poor and needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2020Appeal. To make a donation today, text CCHOPE to 41444 or visit CatholicCommunity.org/Donate.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

GREAT ROOM FOR RENT

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.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



The Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support our Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at leothegreat.org.

Gift Cards can be used for your holiday shopping, everyday purchases, gifts, or as a simple thank you.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food and staple collection is next weekend, February 15th & 16th.

Items that we are most in need of are MIXED VEGETABLES, CANNED CARROTS, ASSORTED CANNED BEANS, CANNED PASTAS, SCALLOPED POTATOES, CEREAL, GRAVY PACKETS, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP, SKILLET DINNERS, RICE & NOODLE SIDES, CANNED FRUIT, SALAD DRESSINGS & MAYONNAISE, CRACKERS, KLEENEX, PAPER TOWELS AND DISHWASHING SOAP. Because of you we are able to ensure others do not go without. Thank you very much for your donations.

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.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES

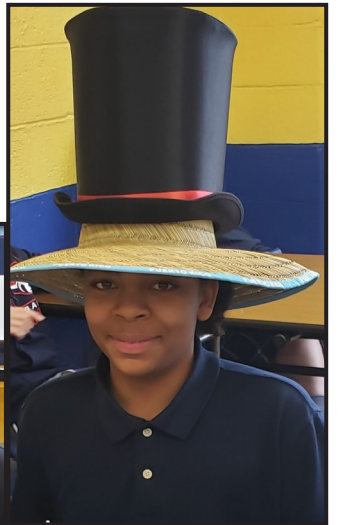


Once again our parish is participating in the Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser. We are doing this fundraiser at this time of the year to coincide with the Roe vs. Wade Ruling. Baby bottles are available at the entrances of the church. Please take the baby bottles home, fill them with your loose change, and return them to the church **next weekend, February 15th/16th**. (If you prefer, checks should be made payable to *Womankind*.) The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and support services to pregnant women in need. For more information about Womankind, check out their website at www.womankindcleveland.com. Thank you.

Catholic Schools Week

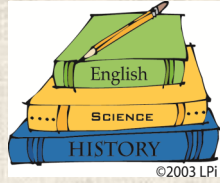
Catholic Schools Week started off Monday with a Special Person Breakfast! Students had an opportunity to invite that Special Person (s) in their life to spend the morning with. They enjoyed breakfast together, shopped the Book Fair and visited with their teachers and classmates.

On Wednesday, Parents and Students gathered in Lux Hall to watch the 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Team play against Faculty and Parents! The Cheers could be heard throughout Old Brooklyn! Unfortunately, due to illness, we needed to reschedule the Family Taco Dinner night and the 8th Grade/Faculty Basketball game. These have been rescheduled and pictures will follow next week!



Crazy Hat Day!

CONGRATULATIONS...
to those who made
the Honor Roll from the
following High Schools:



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

- Connor DiSiena
- Jillian Kalic
- Lauren Osborne
- Giacomo Rolando
- Gabrielle Roth

ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL

- Juan Alonso III
- Roberto Espinosa Jr
- Tristan Holleran
- Alexander Nodge
- John Novak
- Joseph Novak
- Justin Ortega
- Logan Schuessler
- Seth Schultz
- Christopher Tipton

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

From March 6th to April 14th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7am to 7pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm -12000 Shaker Boulevard, or Planned Parenthood - 25350 Rockside Rd., Bedford Hts. Plan to join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Columbkille Church on March 5 at 7pm with Bishop Nelson Perez as the Keynote Speaker. Contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com. or 216-245-9744 for information.

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Growing through trials and sufferings—Join us February 18th at 6:30pm as we learn to deepen our spiritual lives in the midst of life’s sufferings in a talk given by Fr. Jacques Philippe.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO—Ladies Guild Day of Recollection, Monday, February 17th with guest speaker, Fr. Lou Thomas. The day will start at 9:00am and conclude after Benediction at 2:30pm. His topic is “Everything you always wanted to know about the Catholic church and more!!” For more information call Pam Bennett at 440-773-3291.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Our 14th Annual Mardi Gras will be held on Saturday, February 22nd from 5:30pm-Midnight. Tickets are \$25 and available in STM rectory.



Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Charismatic Mass on Friday, February 21st, 7:00 p.m.**, at Our Lady of Angels Parish, 3644 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland 44111. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after mass. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend to joyfully sing and praise God!

