



**ST. LEO THE GREAT**  
PARISH & SCHOOL

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 1, 2020

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Pastor  
**Father James J. Vesely**  
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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.



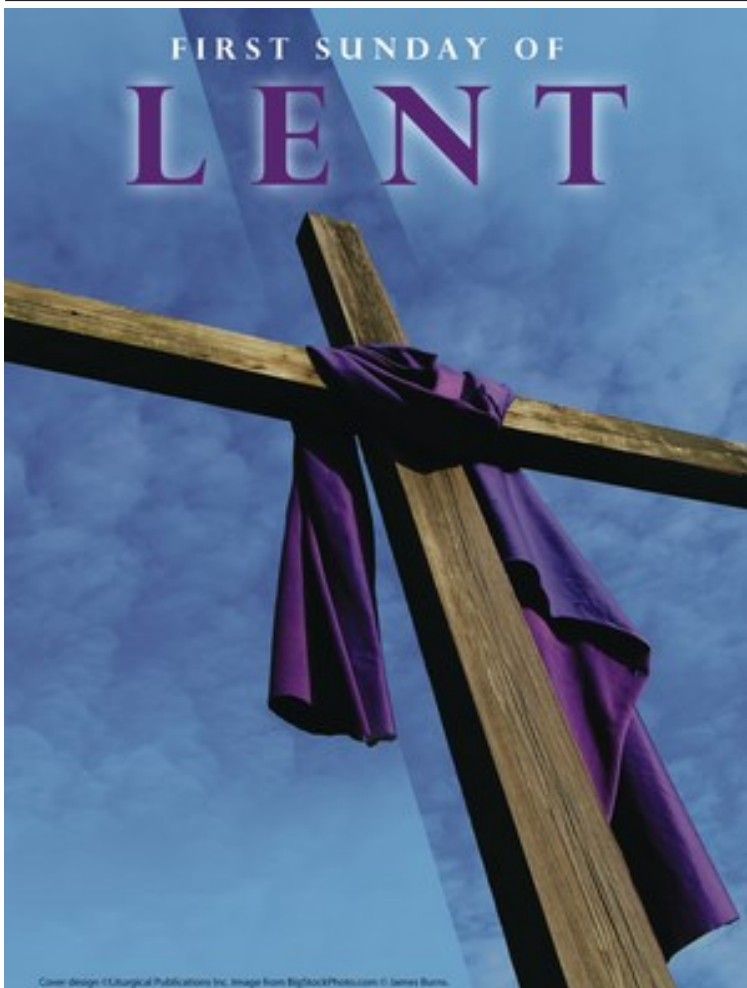
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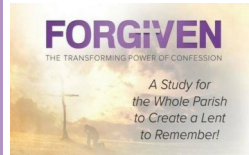


**AN EVENING OF CONFESSION**



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 [welcometocatholics.com](http://welcometocatholics.com)

**FORGIVEN-VIDEO SERIES**



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 & The Rite Explained—March 29.** There's no need to register, just join us!



**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

*In Loving Memory Of*

**WILLIAM F. MEGESI**

*Born*  
September 27, 1919

*Entered Into Rest*  
February 12, 2020

*Funeral Mass*  
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
at 10:00 A.M.

*Interment*  
Holy Cross Cemetery  
Section 35 Lot 2811 Grave 2

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. May the choir of angels welcome you. Where Lazarus is poor no longer, may you have eternal rest. Amen.

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5660 Ridge Rd., Parma, OH (440) 884-9100



IN LOVING MEMORY

**William  
"Bill"  
Gleason**

*March 12, 1956 -  
February 16, 2020*

**Come to me,  
all of you  
who are tired  
of carrying your  
heavy loads, and I  
will give you rest.  
Matthew 11:28**

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*In Loving Memory of*

**Margaret M. Menge**  
(nee Boehnlein)

*Born* October 26, 1949  
*Entered into Eternal Life*  
February 18, 2020

*Interment* Holy Cross Cemetery  
Section 40 Lot 7647 Grave 1

*Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou  
among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of death.*

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

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

TOM & MARY JO BLADOS  
February 24, 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.

Dr. Matthew Hummerickhouse  
Diocese of Youngstown  
IV Theology, Saint Mary



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

Parish Support

Sunday, February 23rd

Basket Collection.....	\$ 5,806.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 620.00
Total.....	\$ 6,426.00

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

- Monday, March 2nd - Lenten Weekday**  
7:30am +Charles Bastian (Deacon Pat & Joan)
- Tuesday, March 3rd - St. Katharine Drexel**  
7:30am +Jesse Roa (Pauloski Family)
- Wednesday, March 4th - St. Casimir**  
7:30am Pat Chopka (Chopka Family)
- Thursday, March 5th - Lenten**  
7:30am Communion Service
- Friday, March 6th - Lenten Weekday**  
8:30am +Edward Stupic (Sara Stupic)
- Saturday, March 7th - SS Perpetua & Felicity**  
4:00pm +Dorothy Prioletti (Pepera Family)
- Sunday, March 8th - Second Sunday of Lent**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am +Mary Lou Venditti (Armand & David Venditti)

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The account of the sin of Adam and Eve is a classic example of how everyone sins. The author recognized that there is a standard pattern: We toy with temptation...we fall...then we make excuses.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

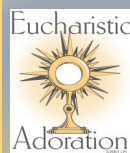
Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. His purpose in this passage is not to teach about original sin, but to contrast Adam and Christ. From Adam we inherited a strong pull toward sin. From Christ (the "new Adam") we received a gift that is incomparably stronger: Divine grace.

Readings for the week of March 1, 2020

- Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 /Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 /2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, March 6th



Please come for a little while this Friday, March 6th, and visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration! This devotion is held every First Friday of the month at St. Leo's, from 9:00am until 5:00pm in the chapel area of the church.

## ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

William Gleason was a man who was loved to tell people that he was a grandpa. The 4 grandchildren liked to play at his house & he would spoil them with treats. We had a funeral service in our chapel for Bill on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> where there were many who came to pray for him. We extend our sympathy to his wife Judy and to their children, Devon & Shane. As a hard working man who had a great sense of humor, he will be missed but not forgotten. May he rest in peace.

Marge Menge had suffered from cancer for almost 2 years. I anointed her when she had surgery in August of 2018 and most recently on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, the day before she died. She is honored by her husband of 49 years and by her 4 children & 8 grandchildren. Marge had a devotion to Mary & prayed the rosary often. She attended Mass faithfully or watched it at home when she was too ill to be with us in church. I will remember her as a person of faith who loved her family deeply. Her funeral Mass was last Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Mary, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Congratulations to Michael Tierney who has responded to the gift of faith and so will be Confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time at the 4pm Mass this weekend. May he continue to let the grace of God make him holy as a disciple and friend of Christ.

Thanks to John & Jeanne Sabol who have changed the display in the church vestibule to show visits from former bishops of Cleveland to St. Leo's...from Archbishop Hoban to Bishop Lyke, Bishop Pilla and Bishop Perez. We are looking for photos of weddings that have taken place in our church (the old or the new) over the years so if you can share those with us, we will scan them & then return the originals to you.

My trip to the Holy Land is now official as you will see from the large posters that can be seen in the church. It will be for 10 days and 8 nights from May 11<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. That's just a bit over a year from now so you can save up! The cost is very reasonable: \$3400 which includes airfare, 5 star hotels, 2 meals a day (breakfast & dinner), fees to all the sites we will visit in air-conditioned motor coaches, and all gratuities. Someone from Trinity Tour Travels (they were born in Bethlehem) will be here this month to answer any questions you may have about the tour and give you more information about it. I'll announce that date as soon as it is scheduled. I am very excited about this pilgrimage as I have never been to the Holy Land and I've heard so much about it over the years. So please let me know if you are interested (no commitment necessary at this time) so I can put you on a list for the sake of communication. You can also call the rectory office to let them know. I'll put some information about it on our website as well.

I am happy to say that almost all of our graduating eighth graders will be attending a Catholic high school next year. We are proud of all of them and again congratulate those who were confirmed last Saturday.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO THE GREAT



#### Monday, March 2nd

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, March 3rd

7:00pm AA Group	Basement
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#### Wednesday, March 4th

9:30am Catechetical Formation	Great Church
6:30pm Choir Practice	Church
6:30pm First Communion Parent Mtg.	Cafeteria

#### Thursday, March 5th

1:00pm Women's Knitting Group	Conference
4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux

#### Friday, March 6th

9:00am to 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:30pm to 7:00pm FISH DINNERS	Lux
7:00pm Stations of the Cross	Church
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement

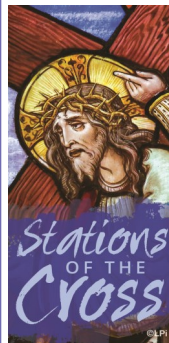
#### Saturday, March 7th

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

#### Sunday, March 8th

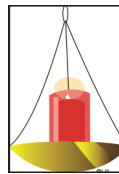
12:00pm Missionary Families of Christ	Great
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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please plan on joining us for Stations of the Cross every **Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the Church**. Fr. Jim or Deacon Pat will be leading them this year. They will include some music as we want more people to take advantage of this wonderful prayer opportunity which helps us to unite our sufferings to those of Christ. Please consider experiencing this unique prayer that has such a long tradition in our church.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



March 1st to March 14th

**In Loving Memory of  
Michael Ciereszewski**

Sylvia Ciereszewski



### 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.

# 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



**GOING IN PEACE!...** After the recessional hymn reach into your pocket or purse for a contribution to assist those in need and place it in the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization Poor Boxes. Your contribution will be used to help bring peace to a neighbor in need "Lent is a special time for almsgiving." Thank You!

## PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER



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).

## BOY SCOUT CLOTHING DRIVE



Boy Scout Troop 24 will be holding a Clothing Drive here at St. Leo the Great. They will accept all types of gently used clothing, blankets, bedding, towels, stuffed animals, etc. Any questions, please contact Mike Robinson 216-409-3733. Please drop off your donations at the Rectory Office during office hours. The deadline for drop offs is Thursday, April 2nd. Thank you!

## DISPOSAL OF PALM



Each year palms are blessed on Palm Sunday and then taken home. What should be done with the old palms from last year? Since the palms are blessed, they are considered sacramentals and should not be thrown away. The correct disposal of palms is to bury them or burn them in an outside fire.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, April 5th—PALM SUNDAY



Our 47th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in Lux Hall from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Palm Sunday, April 5th. **Our Feature Item is Banana read French Toast (\$8.00).** Our regular Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon, juice, and coffee. The pancakes are all you can eat! Cost for regular pancake breakfast for adults is \$7 and children are \$5. Continue the tradition or start a new one, bring your family after Mass.

## 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](http://leothegreat.org). Gift Cards can be used for your everyday purchases, gifts, or as a simple thank you. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO





## 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	

St. Leo the Great Church - Lux Hall  
4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland



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!

# 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**—"An Evening With Mother Angelica" on Saturday, March 21st will provide a multimedia presentation of the life of Mother Angelica, the holy founder of EWTN and is presented by Joan Kuczek at 5:30 pm in the Parish Center Upper Hall.

**ST. CHARLES BORROME0**—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.



