



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

March 13, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 8:30AM

Thursday - Communion Service ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, or anytime by request or appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses 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.

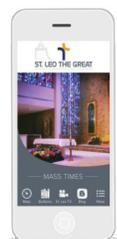
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MARCH 13, 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent

March 4th to April 8th

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

Dinners - \$9.00 choice of:

- Baked Tilapia Almondine
- Baked Seasoned Cod
- Battered Fried Fish
- Breaded Shrimp
- Pierogies

Includes:

Choice of baked potato or fries, coleslaw or applesauce, roll and butter

\$11.00 Combo Meal-add 3 pierogies

Weekly Specials - Fish Tacos, Seafood Empanadas, Salmon Patty Dinner

Fish Sandwich - \$7.00

fried fish with cheese on a hoagie roll served with fries and coleslaw

Kids Meal - \$4.50

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

A la carte menu

Baked potato	\$2.50	French fries	\$2.50
Cheese pizza	\$2.00	Pierogies (3)	\$4.00
Mac & cheese	\$3.00	Cabbage & noodles	\$3.50
Side of fish	\$5.50	Soup of the day	\$2.50
(2 fried or 1 baked)		Dessert Available	

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



SCRIPTURAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCRIPTURE STUDY

We will be offering a Scripture Study based on St. Pope John Paul II Scriptural Stations of the Cross. We will discuss the Scriptural text of each of the Fourteen Stations. The study will take place in the Parish Center on March 29, 30 and 31 at 2:00 PM each day. We hope to see you there. We will then pray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3:00 PM. We hope to see you there! BRING YOUR BIBLE!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please plan on joining us for Stations of the Cross every **Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church**. Fr. Jim or Deacon Pat will be leading the Stations of the Cross. Music will be included as we want more people to take advantage of this wonderful prayer opportunity. This 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.



Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, March 27th from 8-Noon. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. Walk ins will not be accepted. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

RCIA



Congratulations to Kristi Burkhart who was accepted into the Order of Catechumens (those not yet baptized) on Sunday, March 6. Congratulations to the candidates (those who are baptized) —Jonathan Goodfellow, Nichole Kirk and Amelia Morchak. Please pray for them as they continue their preparation to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Harriet Franko, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze & Joe Barr.

MASST INTENTIONS

- Monday, March 14th—Lenten Weekday
8:30am Soul of Emanuel Delacerna, +Rolando Samulda, +Larry Pallasigue (Ruth Delacerna)
Tuesday, March 15th—Lenten Weekday
8:30am Communion Service (Eva)
Wednesday, March 16th—Lenten Weekday
8:30am Helen, Marty, Rudy and Mark (Joan & Joe Krakora)
Thursday March 17th—Lenten Weekday
8:30am Communion Service
Friday March 18th—Lenten Weekday
8:30am +Elizabeth "Bette" Novak (Nancy Hudak)
Saturday, March 19th — Saint Joseph, Spouce fo the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 +George Santana (Rila Santana)
Sunday, March 20th— Third Sunday of Lent
8:00am Giovanni & Irma Zappitelli, 69th Anniversary (John Zappitelli)
11:00am People of the Parish

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



Christopher Cotone
St. John Bosco, Parma Heights
II Theology, Saint Mary

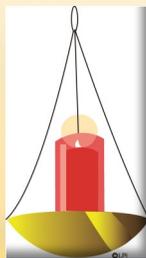
Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

This passage recounts the making of a covenant between God and Abraham. Ancient Near-Eastern people often established a covenant by cutting animals in half and setting the halves opposite each other. The participants then walked in the blood flowing between the halves, thereby establishing a blood relationship. But the covenant we will hear about today involves God, who will participate in a more dramatic way.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

The ancient city of Philippi was located in what is today northeastern Greece. Paul's community of converts at Philippi was especially dear to him. In this section of his letter to them, Paul is upset—but not with them. He has heard that false teachers have come to the community, teaching that Jewish food laws and the rite of circumcision applied even to Christians.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

March 13 to March 27

IN LOVING MEMORY
To my husband Thomas Kinder,
with love from his wife Johanna.

Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022 COLLECTION WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

I made a slight mistake (happened once before back in 1973) when in last week's bulletin I wrote that the Memorial Mass for Rose Pelley would be on June 23rd but it will actually be on Saturday, June 25th at 10am. I'll remind you of that again when we are in the month of June.

Thanks to all who came last week to our first dine-in Fish Fry since COVID started. Many people enjoyed a delicious sit-down meal again with family, friends and fellow parishioners. I'm deeply grateful to all the parishioners who continue to volunteer at these events. We do this not so much as a fund-raiser (although it certainly is that) but mostly as an opportunity for us to build up the community of St. Leo's. We also enjoy having visitors come from all over to enjoy the food and the opportunity to see our parish. So thanks to all. I look forward each week to good food and good company.

A good suggestion was made to have those going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May to gather together for one of our Fish Fry's so that we can meet and get to know each other a little bit before the trip. So I'd like to suggest we do that on April 1st (and that's not an April Fools joke). Again I'll put a reminder here in the bulletin but please plan on joining us for this informal gathering.

A few years ago, the Diocese of Cleveland had an "Evening of Confessions" during Lent. On the same evening, every parish in the Diocese was open for 3 hours (5-8pm) for people to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was so "successful" (as in many people came to confession) that we started doing it every year. So that evening will take place this Wednesday, March 16th. Along with every other parish, our church will be open from 5pm until 8pm (please use the doors closest to the chapel area of the church by using the rectory office parking lot) and I will be available for confessions during this time. We are trying to get another priest to help, but that is quite a challenge since most full-time priests will already be hearing confessions in their own parish. We will have materials available to help you make an "examination of conscience" and you will be invited to wait your turn in the chapel area. We are especially hoping that this invitation will be accepted by those who may have been away from the Sacrament for a long time, even several years. Those are the people we rejoice in the most for as Jesus said, "There is greater joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over 99 righteous people who have no need to repent." I have posted a YouTube video about the Sacrament on our website (leothegreat.org) which is creatively done by a young Franciscan priest named Father Casey Cole, who is known for several other YouTube videos which help people better understand the Catholic Faith. I hope you will find it both entertaining but also helpful in getting a priest's perspective on the meaning (and practice) of this wonderful sacramental encounter with the mercy of God. I will be hearing many confessions during Lent at other parishes and Catholic high schools such as Padua and St. Ignatius, and at the Damascus Catholic Mission Camp near Columbus. Pray that we priests, sinners in need of repentance and confessions ourselves, may be worthy ministers of God's forgiveness and reconciliation to others. A reminder too that confessions are heard every Saturday from 3-3:30pm and on Sunday mornings from 10-10:30am.

Please pray for our catechumen (non-baptized person) and candidates (baptized but preparing for the other sacraments of initiation) who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil. May they receive God's many blessings during this sacred time.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be April 6, May 4, and June 1, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or email her at jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)
- 2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.



- 3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website www.leothegreat.org to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

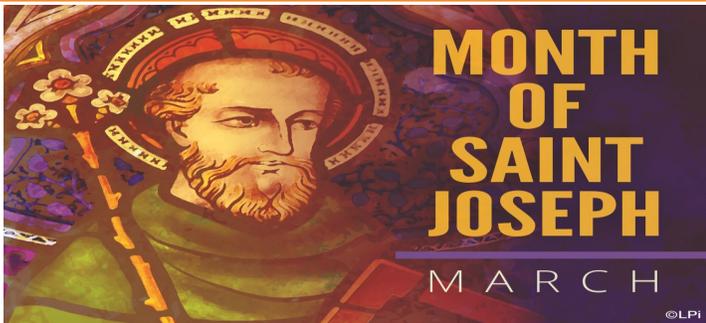
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 13, 2022-2nd Sunday of Lent

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.



Congratulations to our 2022 Confirmation Class!



BUS TRIPS

RIVERS CASINO - Monday, April 25 -
\$48.00 per person

Bonus: \$20 free slot play & \$5 food credit
Deadline for reservations and payment - March 25.

HARTVILLE - Friday, May 27 - \$75.00 per person
Lunch at Hartville Kitchen - Included
Shop/browse - Hartville Flea Market
Downtown Hartville
Harry London Chocolates

NAUTICA QUEEN Wednesday, June 9 -
\$70.00 per person
Lunch Cruise - included
Shop/browse - West Side Market

**SAVE THE DATE: SENECA NIAGARA
AND SENECA ALLEGANY**
Monday, July 11 (overnight stay) and
Tuesday, July 12



Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123



St. Vincent de Paul

GO 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. You can also place your contribution in an envelope and mark it "SVDP" and take it to the rectory. We thank you very much.

EASTER DISTRIBUTION... This year the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will be giving our families a gift card to purchase their Easter Ham and additional items to help make their Easter dinner more complete. Please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVDP EASTER" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office. We thank you very much for helping us make their Easter dinner more complete. Thank you!



During Lent St. Leo's is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program. Twelve area organizations will be recipients of your generosity.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2, and during Lent, baskets of hearts will be at all church entrances. Please take a heart or two and purchase the items requested for the organization listed. Or you can purchase items from the list below.

You may bring your donations to the church (bins by doors) or rectory by Friday, April 8 or to the St. Leo School cafeteria on Saturday, April 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. Please remember to attach the heart or a tag with the organization name to your donated items.

Rectory hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; Saturday, noon–5:30; or Sunday, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

♥ **Birthright**

Gift Cards for Target, Walmart, Marc's, Kohls
Diapers—Size 4,5,6

♥ **Broadview Multi-Care**

Adult Coloring Books
Large-Print Word-Search Books
Colored Pencils, Markers
Playing Cards
Nail Polish
Body Wash
Men's Crew Socks
Men's Extra Large Undershirts
Chess/Checkers Set

♥ **Catholic Charities
Refugee Families**

Twin-Size Sheets/Blankets
Full-Size Sheets/Blankets
Bed Pillows
Pillow Cases

♥ **Holy Family Hospice**

Paper Towels
Napkins
Kleenex
Bleach
Lestoil
Disinfectant Wipes
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
Body Wash

♥ **Joseph House of Cleveland**

Bath Towels
Washcloths
Diapers—4T/5T
Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper

♥ **Malachi House**

Postage Stamps
Gift Cards: Walmart, Target,
Giant Eagle, Save-a-Lot, Home
Depot, GFS, Dave's, Amazon

♥ **Mt. Alverna**

Large Pop-It Fidget Toys
Cake/Cookie/Muffin Mixes
Frosting, Sprinkles
Sugar-Free Candy
Cans Diet Pop
New Small Stuffed Animals
Big-Piece Puzzles 25 Pieces or Less
Nail Polish/Remover
Cotton Balls, Emery Boards

♥ **Parma Care Center**

Diet Cans of Coke/Pepsi
Large-Print Word Search Books
Washable Markers/Colored Pencils
Men's Aftershave, Razors
Men's/Women's Body Wash
Women's Hair Accessories
Watercolor/Acrylic Paints, Brushes

♥ **Providence House**

Applesauce
Canned fruits: Peaches, Pears,
Fruit Cocktail
Cookies, Graham Crackers
Diapers, Sizes 5, 6
Clorox Wipes
Paper Towels
Liquid Hand Soap
Baby Wash/Shampoo
Gift Cards: Target, Walmart
Paper Cups/Plates

♥ **St. Colman Parish**

Shampoo
Deodorant
Bar Soap
Razors
Toilet Paper—4-8 Roll Pkg.
Laundry/Dish Detergent
Sturdy Reuseable Shopping Bags
(from Marc's)
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

♥ **St. Leo/St. Vincent
dePaul Outreach**

Bar Soap
Boxed Scalloped Potatoes/
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Canned Tuna
Dish Detergent
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Canned Pasta
Skillet Dinners
Cereal
Baked Beans
Spaghetti Sauce
Rice and Noodle Side Dishes

♥ **West Side
Catholic Center**

Deodorant
Bar Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
New Men's Shoes
New Children's Shoes
New Socks—Men, Women, Children

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

**RAFFLE
WINNER**



March 7, 2022

Jeanne Sabol

**St. Leo the Great School Now Enrolling
for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Cleveland Scholarships Available!

Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leotheadgreat.org
or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at
dburns@leotheadgreat.org for more information.



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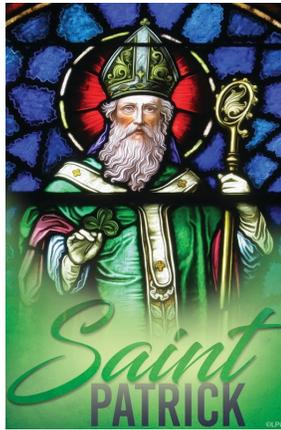
**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness**

I want to talk about being hangry. I'll give you a quick description of hangriness, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. Hangriness is when you're so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes.

We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving **for**.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is “occupied with earthly things” — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar.



St. Patrick | March 17

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.



