



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2020

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Retired

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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.



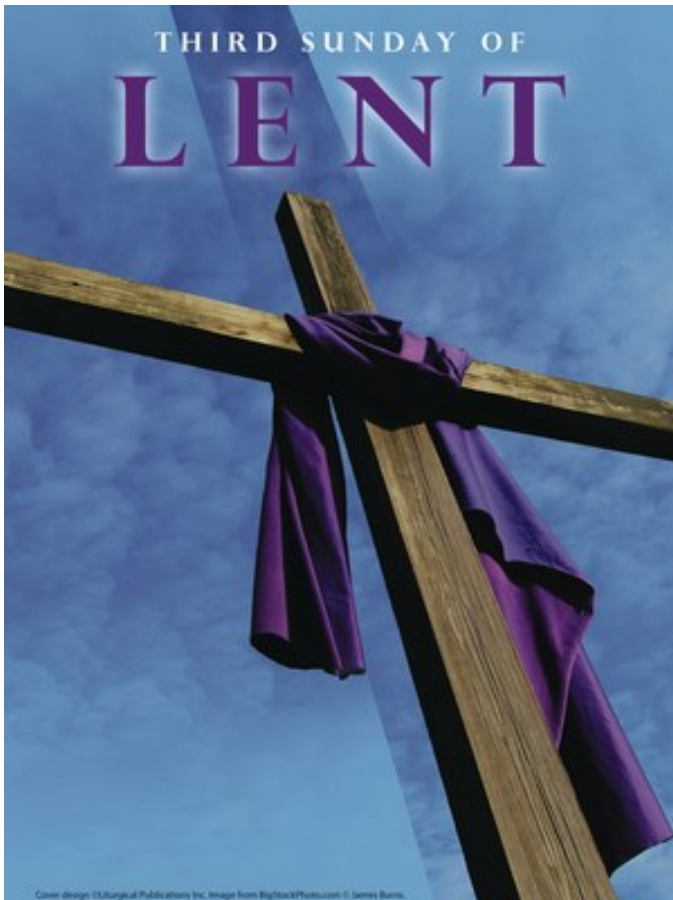
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FORGIVEN-VIDEO SERIES

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 8:00am 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!

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. 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER GIOVANNI IN YOUR PRAYERS.

In Loving Memory Of
Giovanni Rolando
July 12, 1931 – March 3, 2020
Entombment Holy Cross Cemetery
St. Jude Mausoleum
Elevation 201 Crypt 216A

If Tears Could Build A Stairwell
If tears could build a stairwell and memories were a lane, I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. No farewell words were spoken, no time to say good-bye... You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why. My heart still aches in sadness and secret tears still flow, What it means to lose you no one will ever know.

Fortuna FUNERAL HOME
7076 Brecksville Rd Independence, OH 44131

Have a Heart Lend a Hand

During Lent, St. Leo's is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program to benefit 12 charities. Baskets of hearts are placed at all the church entrances. Please take a heart (or two) and purchase the item requested on it for the organization listed. **Items can be dropped off in the school cafeteria during mass times Palm Sunday weekend, April 4/5.** If you are unable to purchase anything, please take a heart and keep that organization in your Lenten prayers.

MARY THE MESSENGER! 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.

HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

Next week's special collection is for The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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, Larry Kuznik & Trudy Miller.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Monday, March 16th - Lenten Weekday
7:30am +John & Bernice Kozlowski (Family)

Tuesday, March 17th - St. Patrick
7:30am +Strauss/Sladewski Families (Lou)

Wednesday, March 18th - St. Cyril of Jerusalem
7:30am +Wanda Leciejewski (Family)

Thursday, March 19th - St. Joseph
7:30am Communion Service

Friday, March 20th - Lenten Weekday
8:30am +August Bublavy (Children)

Saturday, March 21st - Lenten Weekday
4:00pm Seniors

Sunday, March 22nd– Third Sunday of Lent
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Dan, Frank & Hattie Stankiewicz and Nick & Betty Chiapetta (Marie Stankiewicz)



JESUS GIVES US PURPOSE & MEANING

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites’ escape from Egypt and their wanderings in the wilderness. Their trials during that time, the way they faced them and the way God responded, provided future generations with food for thought whenever they faced difficulties.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

In writing to the Romans, Paul is dealing with a community he had not yet visited. Many Roman Christians were converts from Judaism who believed they would be saved by how they lived out the Jewish Law. Paul stresses here, as he does frequently in his writings, that Christians are saved not by the law, but by faith—faith in what Jesus accomplished by his dying and rising.

Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 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

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
(Ps 95)

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!



EDDA KORDICK
March 9, 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.

Deacon Jesus Ramirez
Congregation of St. Joseph
V Theology, Saint Mary



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

Parish Support

Sunday, March 8th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 7,124.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 970.00
Total.....	\$ 8,094.00

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

Since the common wisdom regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) issue had been the normal precautions for the common flu (washing hands often, avoid touching face, etc.), I have not written about it here until now. However having just received a letter from the Diocese regarding the latest news and liturgical guidelines, I will outline that information here.

First, we are instructed that all priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are to wash their hands with soap and water prior to the celebration of Mass. A hand sanitizer may be used prior to the distribution of Holy Communion (this is our common practice anyway here at St. Leo's). All Communion ministers should again wash their hands after the distribution of Holy Communion (you may use the restrooms in the vestibule of the church to do this or the one in the sacristy or the sacristy/server's room sink).

The distribution of the Precious Blood to liturgical ministers and the faithful is to be suspended. As Catholics, our faith informs us that the whole Christ, that is his Body and Blood, is present when only the host is received. So we will not offer the cup at Mass until further notice from the Diocese that it is permissible to do that.

The invitation to the Sign of Peace, although a regular part of our liturgical practice, is always an option. Therefore at that point in the Mass, after the priest says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always," and you respond, "And with your spirit," the priest will simply invite you to turn and simply gesture the sign of peace to those around you, which means that you can just offer a wave of your hand or a bow of your head to those around you. I would also advise that you do not hold hands during the Our Father if that is your custom or shake hands when you greet people before or after Mass. That may be a hard habit to break but we can adjust if we are conscientious.

Finally, we are instructed to empty our holy water fonts and baptismal fonts (after we just got ours fixed!) so you will notice that these will be drained.

And of course we will be offering a weekly intention for the prevention of the virus and for those affected during the "Universal Prayer" or the petitions after the Apostles Creed (which we use during Lent & Easter).

A small reminder that there will be a video shown in the Parish Community Center after the 8am Mass this Sunday and next. See the bulletin or Deacon Pat or Joan Berigan for more information.

As previously announced, we will be offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the homily time at the 4pm Mass this weekend. We offered it during the 11am Mass last Sunday & will do the same at the 8am Mass next week. Of course you are encouraged to ask me for that at any time you feel a need for it.

Our Fish Fry's are going great so far. Remember to join us (we take credit cards now too!). And don't forget about our Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm. No credit card needed.

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO THE GREAT



Monday, March 16th

5:45pm Election Day Set Up Great
6:45pm PSR Class School
7:00pm Torres Open Gym Lux

Tuesday, March 17th—Election Day—No School

8:30am SVDP Packing/Pick Up Church
5:00pm SVDP Pick Up Church
7:00pm AA Group Basement

Wednesday, March 18th

6:30pm Choir Practice Church

Thursday, March 19th

1:00pm Women's Knitting Group Conference

Friday, March 20th

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

Saturday, March 21st

11:00am Emotions Anonymous Basement
2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions Church
3:00pm Grapevine Basement

Sunday, March 22nd

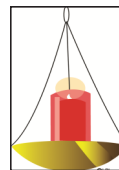
9:15am Forgiven-Video Series Great
12:00pm Choir Practice Church



Please join us in the church to pray the Rosary on **Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00pm**. What is a rosary?

The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary. Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



March 15th to March 28th

In Loving Memory of Stan Pelley

From Loving Wife, Rose

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.





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



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 Bread
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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross blood drive will be at
St. Leo's Lux Hall **Sunday, March 29, 2020**
from 8:00am to 12:00pm. To register, visit
Red-CrossBlood.org or use the FREE Donor App
and enter sponsor code: StLeo. Walk-ins will be



taken as schedule permits. There is always a need for
blood; please stop by and donate! Thank you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Memories.... When today's
adult parishioners were
school children, you often
made a small sacrifice during
Lent to help the poor. If you
would like to relive the spirit

of those happy, carefree days, the St. Vincent de
Paul Outreach Organization will gladly accept
your donations in the Poor Boxes. We accept cash
or checks made payable to St. Leo's. Please put
on the memo line SVDP. Act now during Lent, a
special time for Almsgiving. We thank you very
much!

ROARING 20'S

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

\$50.00 ticket *21 and Over*

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY

St. Leo Fish Dinners Present:

Lobster Dinner - Friday, March 27th, Only
Lobster Tail - Baked Potato or Fries -
Coleslaw or Apple Sauce - Roll with Butter
Advance Ticket Sale Only - \$22.00

Additional Lobster Tail
with purchase of Lobster Dinner - \$17.00

Advance Ticket Sales Only
Rectory Office
Tickets Available Until
Monday, March 23rd

Regular Fish Dinner
Selections Available

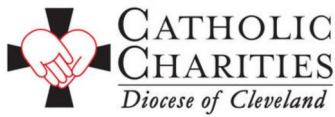
ST. LEO THE GREAT PRESCHOOL

Deacon Pat came to distribute ashes to our students on Ash Wednesday. We celebrated Fairy Tale & Dr. Seuss week by inviting our parents to be special guest readers. We then created a garden and learned about healthy foods!

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our Preschool Program, please call the Preschool Director, Mrs. Jennifer Robinson at (216) 661-5330 for information and to schedule a tour.



MARCH 15, 2020—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you for your response to our Catholic Charities Parish Appeal, "Faces of Hope". For those of you who have not been able to donate yet, your support of the 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal helps to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: "I say to you, whatsoever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. Please consider a generous gift. Catholic Charities pledge envelopes are still available in church. You can direct your pledge to an area of service if you choose. To give online visit www.catholiccommunity.org/donate or call Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525, ext. 1910 or Kjoyce@catholiccommunity.org. Please be generous.



THANK YOU

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the ladies of the St. Leo Knitting Group for using their creative skills to make beautiful afghans, lap blankets, hats, scarves and mittens. Many of these items were donated to the Adopt a Child for Christmas Program, Maggie's Place, the homeless at St. Malachi Center, and Light of Heart Villa Retirement Home.

The Knitting Group meets every Thursday all year long. Contributions of yarn are always welcome and can be dropped off at the rectory. May God bless these generous ladies for using their time and special talents to help others.
....Jeanne Sabol



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

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 at 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 PALMS



Each year palms are blessed on Palm Sunday and then taken home. What should be done with the old palms from last year? The correct disposal of palms is to bury them or burn them in an outside fire. For your convenience, you may drop off your old palms at the information desk in the back of church or drop them off at the Rectory.

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 BORROMEIO—Spring Pilgrimage on **Thursday, April 16 from 8:00am to - 6:00pm**. The day includes Holy Mass, guided tour of upper and lower basilicas, Holy Rosary and Adoration, and Blessing with Relic of the True Cross. **Cost only \$45/person** (includes catered lunch at Moreno's Restaurant). Registration & payment accepted *in person only* at St. Charles Borromeo Parish Office beginning 8:00am Saturday, March 14th.. Questions, please contact Brian Pelcin at 440-884-3030.

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

