



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

April 3, 2022

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[www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org)

**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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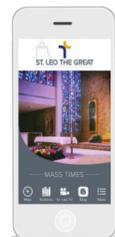
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APRIL 3, 2022 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**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: Includes:  
 Baked Tilapia Almondine  
 Baked Seasoned Cod  
 Battered Fried Fish  
 Breaded Shrimp  
 Pierogies  
 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



**GREAT SWEEPSTAKES**

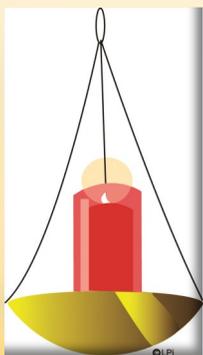


Raffle tickets can still be  
 purchased at the rectory! Stop by  
 and get yours now.



**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.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION**

March 27 to April 10

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

of great strength and honor  
**Rocco A. Capone**  
 We love and miss you,  
 your grateful family the Capones

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



Cleveland Scholarships Available!  
 Call 216-661-2120, visit [www.leotheadgreat.org](http://www.leotheadgreat.org)  
 or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at  
[dburns@leotheadgreat.org](mailto:dburns@leotheadgreat.org) for more information.

**Pro-Life Group**

The Pro-life group is planning its next meeting on Wednesday, April 13, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please note the time change as it is an hour earlier start time than previously. All are welcome! We are discussing various life issues, including the upcoming Supreme Court decision on *Dobbs vs. Jackson Health* which will be decided in June of this year. Other issues currently under discussion include end-of-life issues such as euthanasia, and the Church's teaching on LGBTQBT individuals and our response to this. If you have any questions about the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2860 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.

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, 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 Soflkancs, 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.

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

Michael Garvin  
St. Hilary, Fairlawn  
III Theology, St. Mary



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

MASST INTENTIONS

- Monday, April 4th—Lenten Weekday**  
8:30am +Raymond Kathy Hirsch (Fr. Jim Schmitz)
- Tuesday, April 5th—Weekday**  
8:30am +Victor Kuznik (Kuznik Family)
- Wednesday, April 6th—Lenten Weekday**  
8:30am +Russel Walker (Love Children)
- Thursday April 7th— Lenten Weekday**  
8:30am Communion Service
- Friday April 8th—Lenten Weekday**  
8:30am +St. Jude (Hinton Family)
- Saturday April 9th – Lenten Weekday**  
4:00 +Charles Hutter (Mary Bublavy)
- Sunday, April 10th —Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am +Sr. Dolores Stanko (Friend)

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

This section of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who addressed God’s people exiled in Babylon (located in modern-day Iraq). He encourages them that one day they will be free to return home to Jerusalem. This journey will be through the desert, but God will transform this barren wasteland to ease their passage home.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**

The city of Philippi was located in what is today northeastern Greece, a country where Olympic-type games were popular. Paul draws upon this image to motivate the people to keep pressing forward in their spiritual growth.

**Readings for the week April 3, 2022**

- Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56



SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

Sunday Collection.....	\$5,154.00
WeShare.....	\$3,251.00
Total.....	\$8,405.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PRAY FAST GIVE

## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 3, 2022 | 5th Sunday of Lent



We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.



It's not what we GIVE but what we SHARE that gives us life. A "gift" enriches the receiver, but something shared enriches others. Share what you have during this Lenten Season with your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food collection next weekend, APRIL 9th and 10th. We are especially in need of: ELBOW MACARONI, RICE AND NOODLE SIDES, SKILLET DINNERS, MACARONI AND CHEESE, SPAGHETTI NOODLES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED POTATOES, ASSORTED SOUPS, RAMEN NOODLES, TUNA FISH, STUFFING MIX, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED TOMATOES, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, CANNED FRUIT, PANCAKE SYRUP BAR SOAP AND DISHWASHING SOAP. Whatever you are able to donate will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

### St. Leo Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by St. Leo Athletics  
Sunday, April 10th - Palm Sunday  
9:00am to 12:30pm

Our **48th Annual** Pancake Breakfast will be held in Lux Hall from 9:00am to 12:30pm on Palm Sunday, April 10th. **Our Feature Items are Banana Bread French Toast (\$9.00) or Chicken and Waffles (\$11.00)**

Our **Regular Breakfast** includes pancakes, eggs, home fries, sausage or bacon, juice and coffee. **The pancakes are all you can eat!** Cost for regular pancake breakfast for adults is \$8 and children are \$6. Continue the tradition or start a new one, bring your family after Mass.



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### BUS TRIPS

**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

**SENECA NIAGARA**  
Monday, July 11 (overnight stay)  
Casino Bonus \$35 slot play & \$15 food

**SENECA ALLEGANY**—Tuesday July 12  
Casino Bonus \$25 slot play



Contact Sandy Diaddario -  
216-926-3123

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

I am very sad to let you know that one of our parish staff members died suddenly last Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. It was announced at last weekend's Masses that Betty Clancy, mother of Brenda Basalla, had died, but many of you may not know Betty or Brenda by name. Brenda is our Business Manager & has been here with me since January of 2014 when I arrived as Pastor. She was actually recommended to me by her cousin, Fr. Russ Lowe, who was leaving the pastorate here at St. Leo's to become Pastor at Our Lady of Angels or "OLA" on Rocky River Drive, close by where I grew up in West Park. Betty had worked in our rectory office one or two days a week previously but then started working Tuesday through Thursday during the past year. She sat at a desk just a few feet from where I sit in my office & we would speak frequently throughout the day. She would watch my dog Michaela on my day off and during my vacations for me. She became a good friend besides a great worker in our rectory office. In fact, she and Brenda and I had plans for dinner & a movie on the night her daughter discovered she had died at her home. So it is a great loss for our parish, parish staff, for Brenda of course, and for myself. I will be celebrating her Funeral Mass on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Our Lady of Angels church. I thank God for her ministry of being a friendly, welcoming and helpful person in our rectory office, and I will always be grateful for her friendship. She was a woman of deep faith who cared deeply for others. Her husband Larry died just two years ago, so we express our sympathy to Brenda on the loss of both her parents, and assure her and her family of our prayers. May Betty rest in God's peace until that day when, as we pray at a funeral Mass, "we shall see her again and enjoy her friendship."

We congratulate the parents of Ava Berlekamp and Christopher Finnegan as these children will be baptized this Sunday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) after the 11am Mass. May the new life God has given to them be celebrated with joy and gratitude as God brings new children into his Church.

I'm glad that many of you stopped at the Information Desk or in the rectory office to pick up a free copy of the book I spoke about during my homily last Sunday called "Return: How to Draw your Child back to the Church." For those who attended Mass on Saturday, I spoke of how this book, which I recently read, offered many practical suggestions for parents who are saddened by the fact that their child(ren) or grandchild (ren) have left the Church or the practice of their faith. We ordered more copies so feel free to ask for one after Mass or at the rectory office.

Next weekend we begin our entry into Holy Week with the celebration of Passion (or Palm) Sunday. I will remind you then of the time of our sacred services that week but ask that you continue to join us for our final Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross this Friday. Again I am grateful for all those who have given their time to work at our Fish Fry this year which has allowed us to once again enjoy that meal in person (with the option of take-out as well). And thanks to all of you for your support for that event.

*Fr. James Delmonico*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.



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

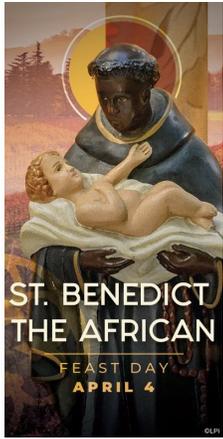
▼ **West Side  
Catholic Center**

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.**

**Have a Heart, Lend a Hand**

**This is the last week for Have a Heart donations. Please bring donations to the rectory by Friday, April 8th or to the school cafeteria on Saturday, April 9th, 2 to 4 pm. May God bless you for your generosity!**



## St. Benedict the African | April 4

St. Benedict the African (1524-1589), was born in San Fratello, Sicily to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who had been taken as slaves. Some accounts claim that because of his parents' loyal service that Benedict was given his freedom at birth, other sources say that his freedom was granted when he turned 18. At 21 Benedict joined a society of hermits living under the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Eventually he succeeded his friend, Jerome Lanze, as their leader. When the Pope disbanded the independent hermit society, Benedict joined the Order of Friars Minor and he was sent to Palermo, to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. There Benedict worked in the kitchens and despite being illiterate and a lay brother (not a priest), he also served as Master of Novices, and as Guardian of the Community. St. Benedict was known throughout his life as a brilliant cook under whose hands food seemed to multiply miraculously, a healer, and a spiritual leader with profound understanding. He is recognized as the patron saint of African Americans.



### RAFFLE WINNER



March 28, 2022

Tim Passerell



ST. LEO THE GREAT  
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Sarris Fundraiser  
Candy Sales



The PTC is selling Sarris Chocolates Easter candy this year. The sale is currently running through April 10th. All sales are being placed online and will be shipped directly to your home. Please use the link to get to the fundraiser. Our school code is 21-3991.

<https://www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com/>



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