



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

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Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

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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 after Mass by request or any time 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

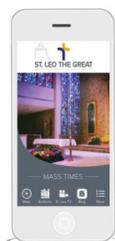
Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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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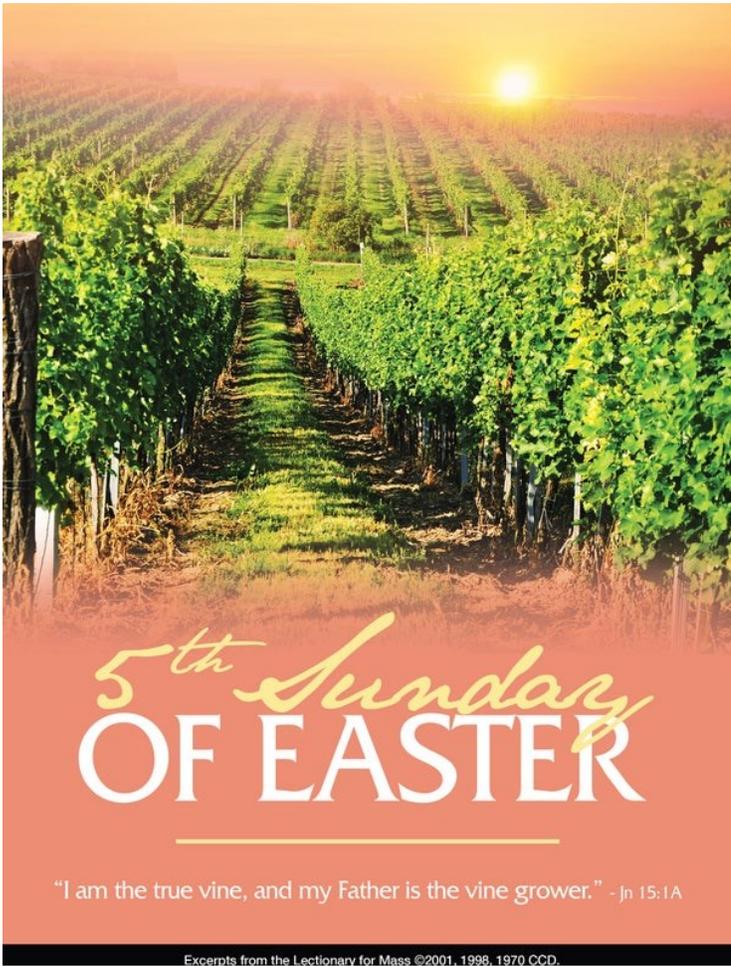
Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

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5th Sunday OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." - Jn 15:1A

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday, May 7th



Please come for a little while this Friday, May 7th, and visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

This devotion is held on the First Friday of the month at St. Leo's, from 9:00am until 5:00pm in the chapel area of the church.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

In Memory Of
Charles A. Huetter

October 30, 1936
April 9, 2021

Funeral Service

11:00 am Sat. Apr 24, 2021
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

Father James Schmitz

Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery
Sec 40 Lot 4255 Grave 2

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is gone. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times, and laughing times, and bright and sunny days.

Yurch Funeral Home

In Loving Memory

Suzanne M. Kravec

August 14, 1956
January 14, 2021



Memorial Service, April 17, 10:30 am
The Zabor Funeral Home
Interment, Holy Cross Cemetery
Sec. St. Therese Lot Elev 101 Crypt 101

St. Francis Peace Prayer

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.

ZABOR FUNERAL HOME
5680 Pearl Rd.
Parma, Ohio 44129
440-884-5035

STRENGTHENING
THE CHURCH AT HOME



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Thank you for your support of last week's Appeal. As a parish, we raised money to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



REGISTER WITH US

Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at leothegreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn,, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Joseph Mackey, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, Cherie Seitz, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Chuck Pacanovsky, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, Arlene Gerda, Lorice Yurek Gary Skelley & Diane Buccier.



- Monday, May 3rd - SS. Philip & James**
8:30am +Cara Prokop (Prokop Family)
- Tuesday, May 4th - Easter Weekday**
8:30am +John Kozlowski (Family)
- Wednesday, May 5th - Easter Weekday**
8:30am +Deceased Members of Kobak Family (Rose Pelley)
- Thursday, May 6th - National Day of Prayer**
8:30am Communion Service
- Friday, May 7th - Easter Weekday**
8:30am +Deceased Members of Bates Family (Sara Stupic)
- Saturday, May 8th - Easter Weekday**
4:00pm FIRST COMMUNION—2ND GRADE CLASS
- Sunday, May 9th - Sixth Sunday of Easter**
8:00am Mothers of the Parish
11:00am Mothers of the Parish



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

RICK BRIKOWSKI

April 26th, 2021—\$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at online at leothegreat.org or at the Rectory Office.

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

Sr. Sarah Simmons, CSJ
Congregation of St. Joseph
Initial Formation



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

Parish Support

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH

Collection	\$ 4,859.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,985.00
Total	\$ 6,844.00

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Earlier in the book of Acts, we hear of Saul (later known as Paul) persecuting Christians in Jerusalem. When he went to Damascus to do more of the same, he experienced a dramatic conversion. It was several years before he returned to Jerusalem, the site of his earlier persecutions. His first visit to Jerusalem as a Christian is described in today's reading.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

During this Easter Season, our second Scripture reading is from the first letter of John. In today's passage, the author is dealing with some members of the community who have defected. They seem to have believed that, as long as you have faith in Jesus, it doesn't matter what you do in daily life. The author directly refutes that position.

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

- Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

*I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday I celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Charles Huetter, the brother of parishioner Louise Tupper. Charles was a devout Catholic who attended Mass and other parish events like Stations of the Cross and Parish Missions at his parish in Dallas, Texas. So we extend our sympathies to his sister Louise who is a longtime and faithful member of St. Leo's. May he and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

I have been meeting with the teachers of our parish school as we sign their contracts for next year. I am very grateful to all of them for the courage they had in facing the many challenges of COVID during this past school year. I wanted to especially thank Diane Buccier who will be retiring at the end of this year. "Mrs. B", as she is fondly known in the school, has taught here at St. Leo's for 33 years. She told me how much she has enjoyed being here those many years and it is not uncommon for alumni to tell us how much they have appreciated her as well. She wrote me to say that "I will always be proud to tell everyone that I was a teacher at St. Leo's." And we will be proud to say that she taught so many so well over so many years. Godspeed and don't be a stranger, Mrs. B.

Right after the repairs were made to busted pipes in the rectory and the heat was turned back on in the church, we had a couple of 80° days. Never fails.

Of course we have been blessed to see the beauty of the Easter flowers in the church these past few weeks and I want to thank a parishioner named Joe Soflkancs who comes faithfully to water those flowers in the church. He carefully moves the flowers out of their arrangement so as to water them, removes the dead leaves & flower petals & then puts everything back in place. We have so many people at St. Leo's who work "behind the scenes" and I'm ashamed to say that I fail to thank them on behalf of us all for the good work they do so quietly but with such dedication. I think of the people who clean the linens we use at Mass, the St. Vincent de Paul people who pack & distribute food to our neighbors, our lectors and altar servers (we have great young people, even in high school, who continue to serve at Mass & I am so grateful for them) and the Mass coordinators who setup for each Mass on the weekend & on weekdays as well. I am also mindful of our ushers & Eucharistic Ministers whose ministries I've missed during these COVID months & whom I hope can resume their roles soon. To these and to those I have failed to mention yet again, thank you!

My cousin, Fr. Dan Schlegel, turned 60 this past week (April 29th). It's funny to see old pictures of him from his younger days at St. Leo's as you can see how much he has aged unlike myself even though we are now the same age. Well, maybe I have put on a few pounds & have lost my youthful energy and have more grey hair, but...now that I think of it, I guess I've aged quite a bit myself. Well, happy birthday, Father Dan...may you grow older as gracefully as I have.

Fr. James Schmitz



THURSDAY, MAY 6TH

70 YEARS OF PRAYER... This year marks 70 years since Reverend Billy Graham stood on the capitol steps in February 1952 and called for congress and the president to establish a day of prayer. By April of that year, President Truman signed the legislation into public law. Through the decades, Americans have observed the National Day of Prayer in all 50 states and in U.S. territories, praying for our nation. These prayers have not stopped through wars, peace, political shifts, celebrations, and now a global pandemic. In all circumstances we prioritize prayer as a first response and not a last resort!

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ALMSGIVING



Almsgiving is a private thing. You share what you have with a neighbor you do not know and who does not know you, but it is an act of service to those who do not know you, but it is an act of service to those in need. Let us share with others, especially during these trying times. Any donation you are able to make to the SVDP Outreach Organization will be very much appreciated. You can put your donation in the Poor Boxes or put it an envelope marked "SVDP" and put it in the collection box or take it to the rectory. Your help is very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

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@leothgreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral.

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First Holy Communion
WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

Congratulations to our 3rd Grade Boys and Girls who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.

May God's love guide and bless you everyday!

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| Ella Antonios | Carmyne Bajusz |
| Logan Beno | Lylah Beno |
| Kamryn Farrell | Charles Fumich |
| Kendrah Lee | Maya Melendez |
| Marco Rivera | Casey Rook |
| Cassidy Rubin-Rusnak | Pejo Tomas |

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR SPRING SHOPPING

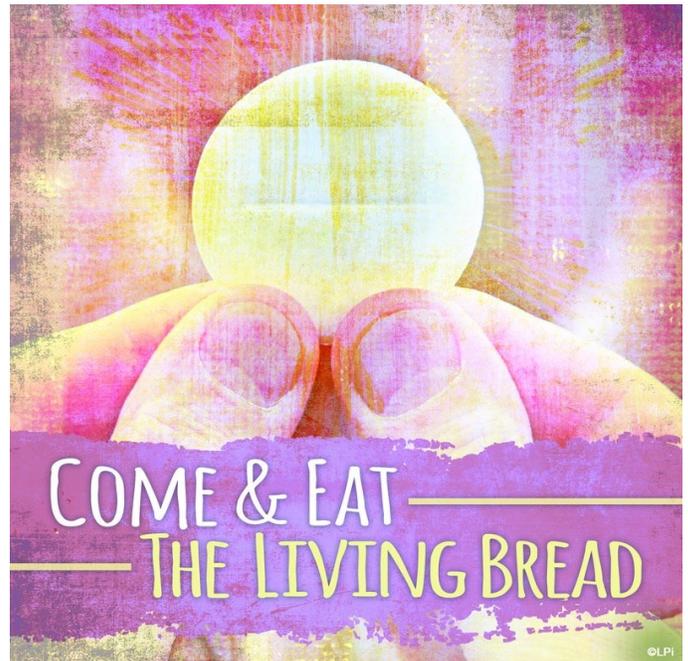


Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at leothegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for, everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE & SUPPORT US.**

CONTINUE TO THINK SPRING



PLEASE BRING US ALL YOUR RECYCLABLE PAPER. Drop offs can be made at our recycle bins which are located between the school and parish center. Included are Newspapers, Junk Mail, Catalogs, Magazines, Hardbound or Softbound Books, Notebooks and Scrap Paper. **THANK YOU!**



COME & EAT
THE LIVING BREAD

JEFFREY SCHIGEL SCHOLARSHIP



All Saints Federal Credit Union is offering the \$500 Jeffrey Schigel Scholarship for St. Leo the Great Eighth Graders. To be eligible, the eighth-grade student must be attending a Catholic High School. To enter, fill out the form on our website, www.allsaintsfcu.com, or stop in to our office and pick one up! We are located at 6740 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134. Completed forms may be emailed to cu@allsaintsfcu.com or mailed or dropped off at any of our three branch locations. **The deadline for completed forms is Friday, May 14, 2021.** Please call 216-524-0414 if you have any questions. Visit our website for branch locations and hours. Good luck!

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TO FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES: SVDP RACE FOR HUNGER RELIEF MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Race for Hunger Relief: The Final Stretch



Matching Gift Campaign for SVDP Hunger Centers

This past year during the pandemic, St. Vincent de Paul Society hunger centers served **9,260 NEW people** who found themselves in need of emergency food for the very first time (this is in addition to the other 120,000 people that SVDP normally serves). Please help by donating to this matching gift campaign today. Not only will your contribution be **doubled**, but **every dollar of your gift will feed up to four people**. Donate at svdpcle.org or send a check to: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 E. 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

GBP Guide Book Publishing

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office. (216-661-1006)

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.



UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR PARISH GUIDE BOOK WHICH IS GOING TO PRINT IN JUNE PLEASE RETURN YOUR INFORMATION ASAP

Now is the time to update your membership information for our parish database and the 2021 Guide Book & Directory. If you want to update your information **or do not want your name, address, and/or phone number printed in the 2021 Guide Book**, please fill out this form and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket. You may also fill out this information online at our website or mobile app. Thank you!

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Do not print my name.

Do not print my phone number.

Do not print my address.

This is my **updated** information.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

CCA GRIEF SUPPORT MAY 16TH “IN-OFFICE” AT 3:30PM (RSVP required) VIRTUAL AT 5:00PM

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly grief support groups on May 16th in two formats: In-Office(3pm) and Virtually(5pm). Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. They do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. If you are not yet able to talk about your grief, come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The May topics are “Grief and Mental Health” and “Father’s Day Grief”. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. **Our Grief Support Groups meet the 3rd Sunday of every month, except June where we meet on the 4th Sunday.**

In-Office 3-4pm at six locations with limited seating for social distancing. Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. An RSVP is required to attend so we can plan appropriate social distancing. We require all in attendance to wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

- Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (office) – 32789 Detroit Rd, Avon, OH
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office) – 100 E. Waterloo Rd, Akron, OH
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office) – 14609 Brookpark Rd, Brook Park, OH
- Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (office) – 10000 Miles Ave, Cleveland, OH
- All Saints Cemetery, Northfield (office) – 480 W. Highland Rd, Northfield, OH
- All Souls Cemetery, Chardon (office) – 10366 Chardon Rd, Chardon, OH

Virtual 5-6pm via Zoom. Sign-up for at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive login information and the handout materials or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or at 216-930-4866.

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THEOLOGY • ON • THE • ROCKS
WEST
FOR ADULTS 40 & OVER

Monday, May 10th – 7:00pm
VIA Zoom – Rev. Daniel Schlegel,
Secretary and Vicar
for the Clergy and Religious
Topic: Mary, Matriarch of the Catholic
Family and Our Faith



In March of this year, Pope Francis inaugurated the Year "Amoris Laetitia", celebrating and bearing witness to the joy and beauty of familial love. As we take this special time to focus on our own families, we look to the Holy Family and their example leading us at home and in our church. The month of May is dedicated to mothers and to our Holy Mother, Mary. We asked Reverend Daniel Schlegel, Secretary and Vicar for Clergy and Religious, to speak to Mary, the Matriarch of the Catholic Family and Our Faith. Join us for this enlightening evening. We can't wait to see you there.

Limited to 90 Computer Audience

Register in advance

www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

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TO OUR FIRST TIME VISITORS, YOU'LL FIND WE ARE A WELCOMING, FRIENDLY PARISH COMMUNITY.



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AND TO OUR PARISHIONERS: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT, IF YOU SHOULD FIND AN UNFAMILIAR CAR IN YOUR FAVORITE PARKING PLACE.



All Saints Federal Credit Union Is Treating Your Used Car Like a New One! **From May 1, 2021 until July 31, 2021, We Will Offer YOU a NEW CAR RATE on your Used Car Purchase, Lease Buy Out, or Refinance!** For hours, addresses, phone numbers, and additional information, please visit our website: www.allsaintsfcu.com or call 216-524-0414, 216-587-0631, or 440-888-3663. *Terms and conditions apply. Offer does NOT apply to current ASFCU financed vehicle loans or to 84 month term.



