



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 24, 2020

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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.



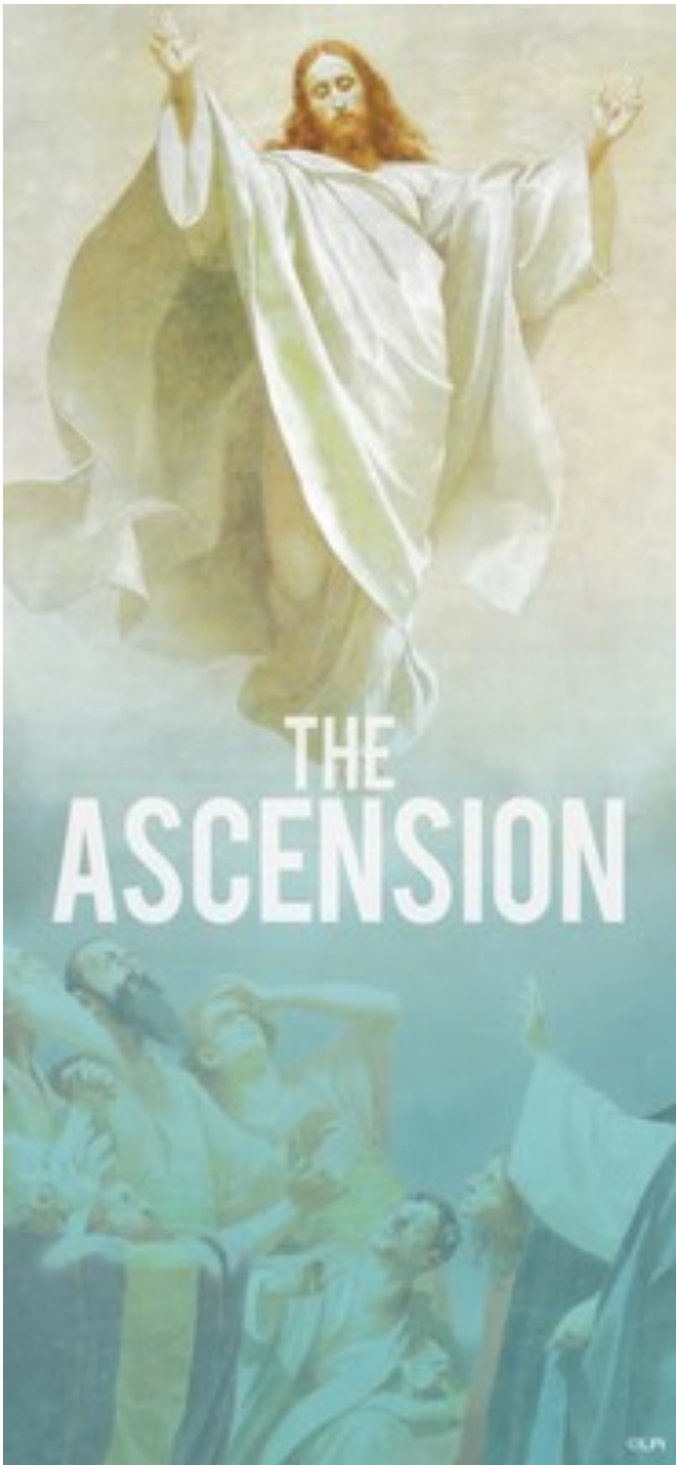
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



Being real people of faith comes with a price. Have you ever been seen as unpopular, out of sync or peculiar because of your faith? St. Peter tells us, “If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you.” If being a Christian comes easy for us, then we ought to rethink how we approach our faith. Developing habits of prayer, living in accord with the Gospel, setting time aside each week for the practice of our faith, seeing our relationship with Christ as the center and focus of our families all come with sacrifice. We are going to look differently than other folks and we ought to. We are going to find ourselves doing less of the things we are “supposed to do” and more of the things we know we “ought to do or want to do.” This often means resisting secular tides and putting our boats into different waters. If this is what helps us know the one true God, then so be it. It also brings us to eternal life.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



May 24th to June 6th

**In Loving Memory of
Rudy Dejelo**

From: Cora Dejelo

PRAYER DURING A HEALTH CRISIS

Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name Amen.

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2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK



There are still dates available in our 2020 Mass Intention Book. Please call the Parish Office, and leave a message, and we will get back to you to schedule your intentions. The Mass stipend is \$10.00 and can be sent in at a later date.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



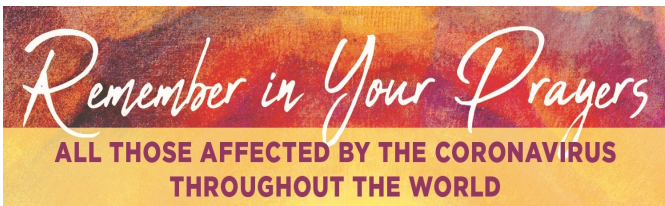
Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn “Joe” Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka,

William and Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, George Aloschen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Trudy Miller, Don Kasych & Antoinette Jakosh

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE SAID IN THE MAIN CHURCH INSTEAD THE CHAPEL AREA AT 8:30AM (except this Monday will be at 9:00am)

- Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day**
9:00am Deceased Members of the Armed Forces
- Tuesday, May 26th - St. Philip Neri**
8:30am +Ann Sazpansky (John Sazpansky Family)
- Wednesday, May 27th - St. Augustine of Canterbury**
8:30am +Frank & Dorothy Grayshaw (Family)
- Thursday, May 28th - Easter Weekday**
8:30am Communion Service
- Friday, May 29th - Easter Weekday**
8:30am +William LaGodney, Sr. (Wife & Son)
- Saturday, May 30th - Easter Weekday**
4:00pm +Carmen Crea (Family)
- Sunday, May 31st- Pentecost**
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Mrs. Mildred Handlovic & David Handlovic (Family)



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

ED BALLAUER
May 18, 2020
\$100.00 Winner

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available on our website. (www.leothegreat.org). Or just call the office 216-661-1006 and we will sign you up.

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

Paul Baker
St. Vincent de Paul, Elyria
First Year, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Sunday, May 10th

Collection	\$ 3,040.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 1,810.00
Total.....	\$ 4,850.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ESPECIALLY DURING THESE DIFFICULT DAYS!

First Reading: Acts: 1:1-11

Today's passage takes us back to the beginning verses of the Acts of the Apostles and sets forth the themes that Luke is going to develop throughout this, the longest book of the New Testament. His major theme is the role of the Holy Spirit, who enables the apostles to be effective witnesses to Jesus. The Holy Spirit is mentioned 57 times in the Acts of the Apostles.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Ephesus was an ancient city located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. Paul visited there several times. Today's passage, which is near the beginning of the letter to the Ephesians, is a prayer asking God's blessings upon that community. Many thoughts in this prayer are connected to today's feast of the Ascension.

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

- Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20
- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16: 29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21: 15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4,5&7/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. (Acts 1:9)

Dear Parishioners,

Though the rectory office has been closed and my ministry has been confined to what I am able to do here in the office and church, many staff members have continued to spend a lot of time trying to deal with the effects of the pandemic, including discussing and planning ways we can begin to welcome people back to Mass. It can feel quite overwhelming at times, but I'm so grateful for the dedicated and sincere rectory and school staff who have worked hard despite not always being able to be present on the property during this time.

I am especially grateful to the Principal, Mrs. Denise Burns, who works very hard, either here in the school office or at home, for the good of our teachers and students. I am also grateful to all of our school teachers who continue to teach using the technology available to them to reach into the homes of our school children. It hasn't been easy for them but they have persevered and have adapted so well. I miss seeing our school children and am especially saddened to know that I will not see them again until the fall, at the earliest, though I hope to see some of them in church during the summer. The eighth graders will be here this week to receive their diplomas but without the normal fanfare and social gathering that celebrates their time with us at St. Leo's. They will be photographed and put on a video that will be shared with their families but it certainly will not be the same. I congratulate them and wish them well as they begin their high school journeys.

A reminder that our first public Mass will be on Monday, May 25th, as we celebrate Memorial Day. Mass will be at 9am but please feel free to come early as we try to give everyone directions for Mass. Everyone will need to wear a mask, which we can provide if needed, and we ask that you keep 6 feet between you/your family and the next persons or family in front of or behind you, and to your right & left. Please follow the directions of our maintenance staff who will all be wearing masks & gloves. I will review procedures before Mass begins. We will have daily Mass (or a Communion Service on Thursdays) at 8:30am instead of 7:30am to give us the time we need to adjust to these new directives. Every parish household will be receiving a letter from me this week offering more information for our first weekend liturgies May 30th & 31st.

Our rectory office will re-open Monday through Friday this week from 9am until 3pm and will be open Saturday & Sunday (but the information desk in the church vestibule will be closed). Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing many of you again, but please know that the dispensation from Mass remains in effect until further notice.

As we all became more conscious of the need to remain healthy during this pandemic, I have especially needed to put more effort into trying to control my diabetes which has worsened over the years. So I started a regimen of increased walking, "intermittent fasting" and increased medications from my endocrinologist. Being able to lose 35 pounds since the beginning of the year has put me back in control of this progressive disease. I'm still 60 pounds heavier than I was when ordained but much healthier than last year. Still waiting for the return of our coffee & donuts though.

Fr. James Schmitz



PRAYER FOR THE FALLEN

God our creator and sustainer,
today our country brings to our memory those who
have defended this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores
from those who would limit our freedoms or enslave
us to ways that are against your will.

Bring all those who have died in service to our
country into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still
serving; grant your heavenly protection to these men
and women, and open your Sacred Heart to give
them peace and comfort.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOODMOBILE
THIS SUNDAY, MAY 24TH
8:00AM TO NOON**



The American Red Cross
Bloodmobile will be at St.
Leo's Lux Hall this Sunday,
May 24th from 8:00AM to
Noon. Red Cross staff are

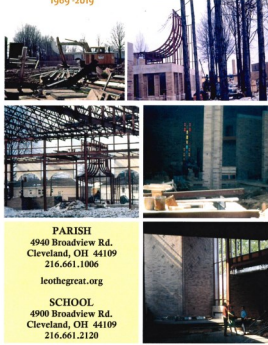
required to take temperatures at the door, remain
masked and gloved during the blood drive
(changing them often) and increased cleaning of
the beds & equipment after every donation. Please
consider donating due to the critical need for
blood. All donors will have to be masked as well. If
you don't have a face covering, one will be
provided to you. Walk-ins are welcome.

**T-shirts will be given to donors indirectly (not
handed out at the blood drive). Thank you for
your support. God Bless and stay healthy.**

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2019 GUIDE BOOK
AND DIRECTORY**



PARISH 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 mailed directly 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 Rectory Office (216-661-1006).

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PARISH GUIDE BOOK 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 2020 Guide Book & Directory. If you want to update your information **or do not want your name, address, and/or phone number printed in the 2020 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.

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This is my **updated** information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Let your heart and your means dictate what to share. Your contributions will enable the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization to deliver your message of good cheer to our needy neighbors. Your donation can be put in an envelope marked SVDP and taken or mailed to the rectory office. You can also create an account or log in to your account through WeShare-Online. <https://leothegreat.weshareonline.org>. There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation. Any help that you are able to give will be very much appreciated.

PARISH HOURS

Our Parish Office is opening back up this Tuesday, May 26th with the hours as follows:



**Monday thru Friday
9:00am to 3:00pm**

**Saturday
Noon to 5:30pm**

**Sunday
9:00am to 12:30pm**

We are asking that you please wear a mask before entering the office. (They will be available if you don't have one.) You can always call us at 216-661-1006 or email us at info@leothegreat.org and we will be glad to help you anyway we can.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

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PRESCHOOL CAR PARADE was held on Saturday, May 16th. We celebrated the time we shared together this past year, waved goodbye to friends and are ready to welcome summer. We were blessed with great weather and a fabulous turnout!





SAINT PHILIP NERI'S STORY **Saint of the Day for May 26**

Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise. At an early age, Philip abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life and individuality to God. After three years of philosophy and theology studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—that of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate.

As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip's appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of laypersons won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially, they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served poor people in Rome.

At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led "excursions" to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way.

Some of Philip's followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers. Giovanni Palestrina was one of Philip's followers, and composed music for the services. The Oratory was finally approved after suffering through a period of accusations of being an assembly of heretics, where laypersons preached and sang vernacular hymns!

Philip's advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. His characteristic virtues were humility and gaiety.

After spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a hemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1595. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622. Three centuries later, Cardinal John Henry Newman founded the first English-speaking house of the Oratory in London.

Reflection

Many people wrongly feel that such an attractive and jocular personality as Philip's cannot be combined with an intense spirituality. Philip's life melts our rigid, narrow views of piety. His approach to sanctity was truly catholic, all-embracing, and accompanied by a good laugh. Philip always wanted his followers to become not less but more human through their striving for holiness.

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