



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 28, 2020

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Retired

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

Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

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 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

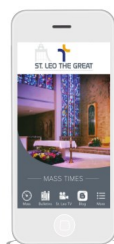
Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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

“Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” What do you understand these words to mean? Many see these words as an indication of what may come in eternal life. In actuality, they have more to do with our lives here and now. We are called to die to ourselves and offer our lives as gifts given generously to others. It is not about us. We are asked to serve God and not continue in our service of sin. Life is about learning to do what we really do not want to do because it brings us deeper into the mystery of God, ourselves, and others. Learning how to accept and live with the “small deaths” and sacrifices we encounter teaches us how to live with and approach our final death. We can do so with a heart that has been touched by and is open to mercy or one that is self- focused and closed.



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER

PETER'S PENCE

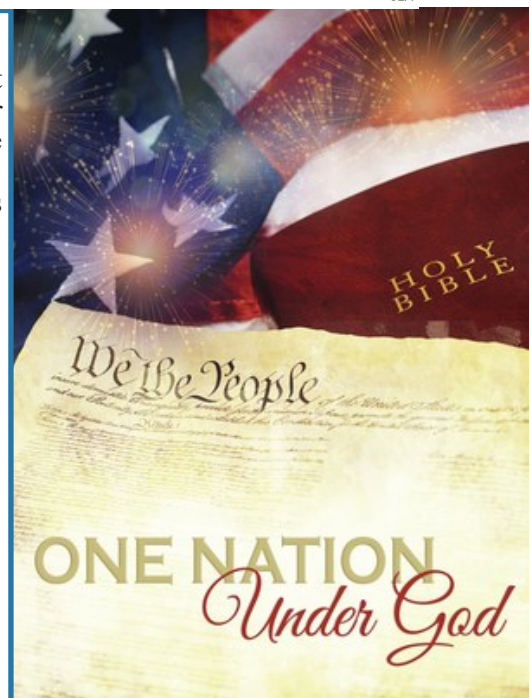
Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR FREEDOM

Freedom is enshrined in our US Constitution. The First Amendment of our constitution protects our freedom of speech. However, our speech may not infringe upon another's freedom. Freedom does have its limits. And we must protect everyone's freedoms, not just ours. On this 4th of July, let us remember from whom all our freedoms originate, our good and gracious God. Let us pray...

God, giver of all good gifts,
Help us to be thankful for rest and food,
and remember that, in all we do or say,
you are with us, here this day.
We are thankful for all you do
and for everything you have given us.
But above all we are thankful for our freedoms
and the ability to protect others' freedom.
We are free because of you.
We ask for your continued blessing on all your creation.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorczyca, 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, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Trudy Miller, Don Kasych, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Mlady, Ralph Rath & Walter Alfien.



WE WELCOME
SAVANNAH LOU LAHIF
as she is baptized this weekend.

May the blessings you received from God guide you throughout your life!



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

LINDA AND JOE KRAKORA

June 22, 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.

Brian Peters
St. Raphael, Bay Village
Pre-Theology, Saint Mary



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

Parish Support

Sunday, June 14th

Collection	\$ 6,104.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,327.50
Total	\$ 7,431.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



WEEKDAY MASSES ARE NOW AT 8:30AM

Monday, June 29th—SS. Peter & Paul

8:30am +Anthony & Alice Golubski (Jack & Dianne Toronski)

Tuesday, June 30th - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:30am +Myrna, Matthew & Brittany (Sister)

Wednesday, July 1st - St. Junipero Serra

8:30am +George N. Schleimer (Tom & Mary Ann Thornton)

Thursday, July 2nd - Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, July 3rd –St. Thomas

8:30am +Reinaldo Ramos (Family)

Saturday, July 4th - Independence Day

4:00pm Blessings On Our Country

Sunday, July 5th– 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am Frank & Arlene Gerda

60th Wedding Anniversary



First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Elisha, who lived about 800 years before Christ, succeeded the great prophet Elijah, and was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today we hear of one such deed performed in gratitude for the hospitality given to him and his servant Gehazi.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

In a previous section of his letter to the Romans, Paul taught that we sinners are reconciled to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now Paul notes that we experience this dying and rising when, in the immersion form of baptism, we are symbolically "buried" in the water and emerge to new life.

Readings for the week of June 28, 2020

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8;4:11-12/Ps5:4b-6a,6b-7,8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

*"Whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:38)*

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Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to Jim & Amanda Lahiff on the birth and baptism of their daughter Savannah who will become the newest member of the Church and parish this Sunday after the 11am Mass. May she grow in the grace of her baptism each day & know that she is a loved child of God.

A young man by the name of John Ortega will be speaking very briefly after Communion this Sunday, asking for your support as he looks into a program called "FOCUS." John is an alumnus from our parish school at St. Leo's and from St. Ignatius. He has served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister during our weekend liturgies. John has been involved in missionary experiences and has a committed spirituality who desires to be of service to others. I just want you to know that I support him fully in his efforts to grow as a Catholic Christian and minister in the Church. I ask that you support him by your prayers as well.

On our website you will find a 5 minute video showing pictures of parishioners who have been married here at St. Leo the Great over the years. Some were married in the present church and some in the older one that was connected to the school building (and is now our school gym). Thanks to John Sabol for putting this together at a time of year when many people are getting married. I encourage you to take a look at it on our website.

I want to thank those parishioners who serve as Mass Coordinators. They set everything up for Mass and then put everything away afterward. They also schedule & coordinate the liturgical ministers: altar servers, lectors & Eucharistic ministers. This has been in place at St. Leo's for many, many years & is a wonderful service to me as it allows me to spend time before and after Mass visiting with you instead of worrying about all of those liturgical details. Nancy Zola does this at the 4pm Saturday Mass, Ron Kollar for the 8am Sunday Mass (& daily Mass) & Doris Neylon for the 11am Sunday Mass. Loretta Mlady is retiring from this service after more than 30 years as Mass Coordinator at the 8am Sunday Mass! She wants to devote more time to her husband Ralph who has been laid up the last few weeks (we pray for his quick return as we miss him!). So to Loretta and to all those who serve or have served in this important ministry, please accept my thanks & the gratitude of all our parishioners!

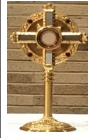
Many of you have asked how I was able to lose so much weight (35 pounds since the beginning of the year) as I continue to fight against diabetes. I started practicing "Intermittent Fasting" which means you eat during an 8 hour period and fast for 16 hours each day. So I stop eating at 8pm and start again with lunch (or "Break-fast" which comes from "breaking your fast" from the night before). I also try to walk about 10,000 steps a day (Michaela helps with this by reminding me it's time for her walk!). It was almost effortless for me as the morning is the busiest time of day for me so before I know it, it's time for lunch. I've plateaued now but am happy with my present weight & my blood sugar is back down to normal levels. If only I could get Michaela to fast from her many treats...

Need to make an appointment with me? Do it here:

<https://calendly.com/frjps>



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Due to the 4th of July Holiday being celebrated on July 3rd we have moved July's Eucharist Adoration to Friday, July 10th.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



The Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support our 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 your everyday purchases, gifts, or as a simple thank you. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

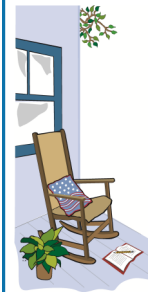
GOD Bless AMERICA

There will be an **Independence Day Mass** on **FRIDAY July 3RD at 9:00am**. Begin the holiday weekend by attending Mass and giving thanks for the many freedoms with which we have been blessed.



The Rectory Office will be **closed** on **Friday, July 3rd** in observance of the Fourth of July. The office will reopen on Saturday, July 4th at 12:00 Noon.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



As you sit on the porch enjoying a warm summer evening or taking a stroll around the neighborhood, please take a moment to offer a prayer for the individuals and families that we serve in our parish. Pray that they might have the strength and courage that they need as they struggle to make ends meet and to provide nourishment for their families. For them, your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization says "THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"



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2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK



There are still dates available in our 2020 Mass Intention Book. Please stop in the Parish Office or call the office to schedule your intention. The Mass stipend is \$10.00 and can be sent in at a later date.

ONLINE GIVING



Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

ST. LEO'S SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP!

Monday, July 20th — Thursday, July 23rd

Camp is for girls and boys 3rd grade — 9th grade

- 9:00am to 11:00am.....3rd & 4th graders
- 11:30am to 1:30pm.....5th & 6th graders
- 2:00pm to 4:00pm.....7th to 9th graders

The cost of camp is \$90.00 for the week.

The Camp is run by Karol Coundourides. This will be the third year she is holding camp at St. Leo. She has been coaching club and CYO Volleyball for over 20 years and is a member of the CYO Coaches Hall of Fame.



Registration forms and medical release forms are available at the Rectory Office.

Any questions contact Jocelyn Riley, St. Leo the Great Volleyball Coach, at jo.riley44@gmail.com or 216-218-8547.



CONGRATULATIONS...
to the following students who made the Honor Roll:

PADUA HIGH SCHOOL

- Alexis Borkey
- Edward Burcham
- Jeffrey Chinn
- Emmalee Clark
- Hunter Vah

SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY

- Rylee Ehrett
- Alexis Januszewski
- Delaney McCandless
- Ryan Novak
- Kamyra Plicka
- Sarah Schubert
- Julianna Stroemple



RECYCLE!

MAGAZINES * JUNK MAIL

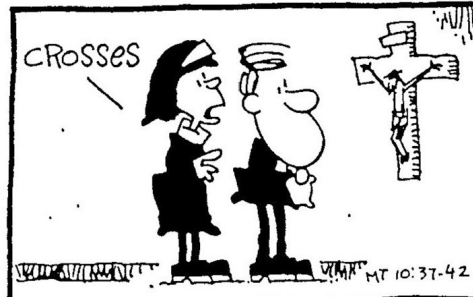
NEWSPAPERS * BOOKS

NOTEBOOKS * SCRAP PAPER

Remember to bring
ALL RECYCLABLE PAPER
to your community bin during
Summer Break!



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SAINT OF THE DAY FOR JUNE 30TH

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

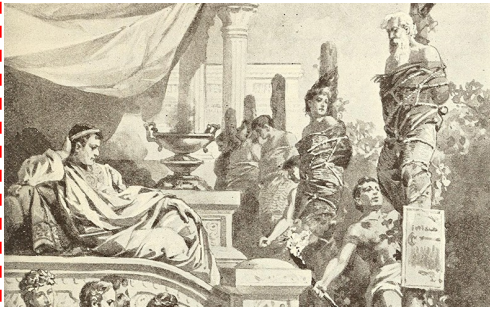


Image: *Christian heroes and martyrs* | William A. Foster | The Library of Congress

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the “Apostle of the Gentiles” (Romans 15:20). Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in 57-58 A.D.

There was a large Jewish population in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in 49-50 A.D. Suetonius the historian says that the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city “caused by the certain Chrestus” [Christ]. Perhaps many came back after Claudius’ death in 54 A.D. Paul’s letter was addressed to a Church with members from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

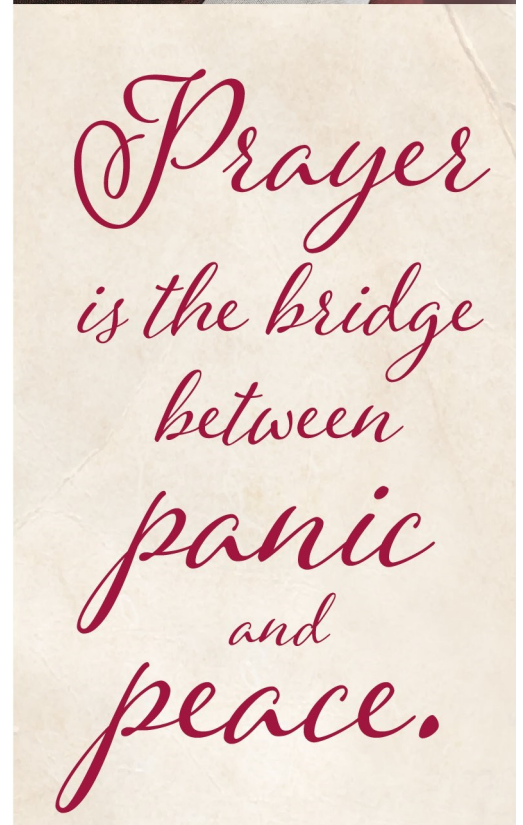
In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumor blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their “hatred of the human race.” Peter and Paul were probably among the victims.

Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of 31.

Reflection

Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians.

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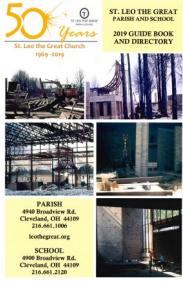


THE LIGHTER SIDE



After announcing a new capital campaign to raise funds for a church renovation, the pastor concluded by telling the congregation: “I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have money to pay for our new building program!

“The bad news is,” he continued, “it’s still in your pockets.”



**UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PARISH GUIDE BOOK
WHICH IS GOING TO PRINT BY THE END OF JUNE
PLEASE RETURN YOUR INFORMATION BY **JUNE 28TH****

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: _____

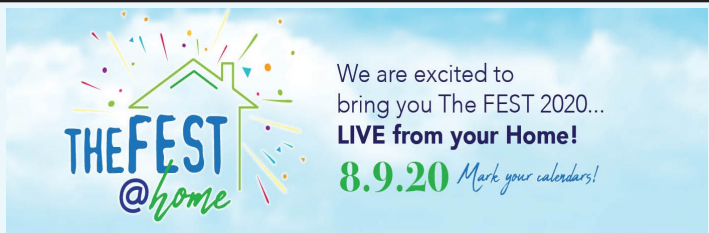
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This is my **updated** information.




SIGN UP TO HELP OUT!

FEST 2020 is a little more than a month away, and we need volunteer help to assemble craft kits, put together giveaways, host watch parties and more! To get involved and learn more – visit www.theFEST.us/volunteer. It will still take hundreds of volunteers to make The FEST possible this year. Volunteers will get a free t-shirt and make this wonderful day of faith, family and fun possible.



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 **HOLIDAY CREDIT UNION HOURS**
St. Columbille Federal Credit Union and the Assumption Credit Union will **be closed on Saturday, July 4, 2020**, in observance of the 4th of July Holiday.

