



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

July 24, 2022

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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

Sunday ~ 9:00AM

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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JULY 24, 2022 – 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



17th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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

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BUS TRIPS

ANNUAL TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY—

Monday, September 26

\$80 per person

Lunch at Berlin Farmstead—included

Shop/Browse: Ashery Country Store

Hershberger Bakery & Farm Market

Miller Bakery

Hillcrest Orchard

Kauffman Bakery

Heini's Cheese

Reservation deadline: Friday, August 12

Three days, two nights—Tuesday –Thursday, October 4-6

SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT—

Overnight stay - October 4

Casino Bonus—\$30 premium play & \$40 dining gift card

FRANKENMUTH—Overnight stay—October 5

Complimentary evening snacks and drinks reception and morning breakfast at the hotel. Zehender's famous chicken dinner included in the package.

Visit—Silent night Chapel and Bronner's Christmas light display

Shop/Browse: Bronner's and River Place Shop

Reservation deadline: Thursday, August 18

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 14

\$80 per person



Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123

ST LEO SENIORS...

Our upcoming meeting will be Wednesday, July 27, 2022. There will be games after the Senior Meeting again! Please arrive around 11am with lunch at 12 noon... Remember to bring three (3) \$1.00 gifts wrapped in newspaper... The dice will start rolling after our meeting !!!

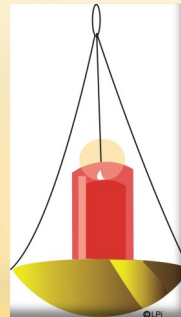


SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

July 17 to July 31

IN LOVING MEMORY

**+David Day Sr.
From the Day Family**



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St. Vincent De Paul

THANK YOU for your response to our "Christmas in July" food and staple collection. Your donations were very much appreciated as our cupboard certainly needs your help. Thank you for sharing your love and caring by helping your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization, care for those in need.



STs. JOACHIM & ANNE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

- Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn “Joe” Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim & Gerry Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Fr. Vesely, Kathy Svoboda, Fr. Thomas C. Guilles, Matt Pauloski & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

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

Sean Neville
St. Mary of the Falls, Olmsted Falls
I Theology, Saint Mary



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

MASSt INTENTIONS

- **Monday, July 25th—St. John the Apostle**
8:30am +Caitlin Soucek Kacher (Family)
- **Tuesday, July 26h —Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:30am +Virginia Rescina (Family)
- **Wednesday, July 27th—Weekday**
8:30am +Larry Brunecki, Lynda and Family (Lynda Bronecki)
- **Thursday, July 28th— Weekday**
8:30am Communion Service
- **Friday, July 29th—Saint Martha**
8:30am +Susan Santana (Rita Santana)
- **Saturday, July 30th– Weekday**
4:00pm People of the Parish
- **Sunday, July 31st— 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am +Michael Ciereszewski (Love, Mom)
11:00am +Mary Kuznik (Kuznik)

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Today’s passage from Genesis is another episode from the life of Abraham, our father in faith. He lived near Sodom, a city notorious for its wickedness. In this passage, Abraham employs the Middle-Eastern technique of bartering to negotiate with God over the future of that city.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Today we continue our series of four readings from the letter to the Colossians. We have seen how this letter emphasizes Christ as the sole mediator between God and all creation. Today’s passage speaks of how we become one with Christ.

Readings for the week July 24, 2022

- Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
- Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
- Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12



SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

Sunday Collection.....	\$6,187.25
WeShare.....	\$1,865.00
Total.....	\$8,052.25

MONTHLY TOTALS

Capital Improvements	\$2,001.00
Peter’s Pence	\$464.00
Father’s Day.....	\$1,199.00
SVDP.....	\$680.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



ROSARY

Please join us in honoring Mary with the recitation of the rosary in the Marian shrine at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27th. Please bring a lawn chair as limited seating is available. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in church.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

July 24, 2022 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meister Eckhart asks, “Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?” He answers, “God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: ‘You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!’ Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God.” We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God’s will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. “Thy will be done” is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call “Father.” We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That’s what makes the Lord’s Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one’s darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus’ conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God’s most perfect gifts and all we really need.

**THE ST. CHARLES LADIES GUILD 22ND ANNUAL
SALAD LUNCHEON**



With Entertainment by: *The Singing Angels*

Wednesday, August 10th

11:30am – 2:30pm | Corrigan Gym

Please join us for a delicious hot meal of Chicken Marsala, Swedish Meatballs & Mashed Potatoes, coffee, tea, ice tea & water, and of course, **a large variety of Salads!**

Tickets: \$20 - available while they last, up to day of luncheon. Call Toni: 216-661-3457



This year’s luncheon theme:
Bloom where you are planted

A fun-filled afternoon with door prizes & raffle baskets

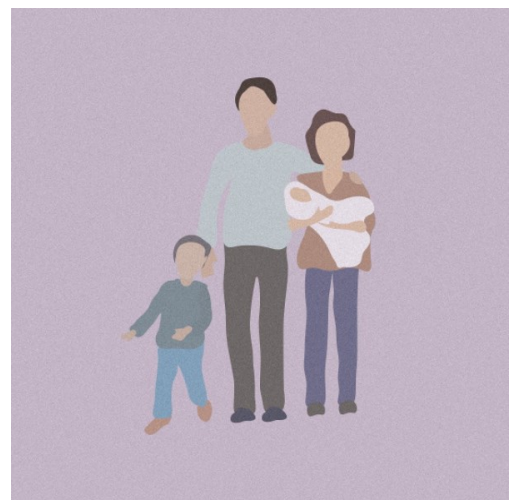
**Grand Prize - \$500 in Gift Cards
Second Prize – An Exotic Hand-Crafted Quilt**

Purchase Raffle Tickets for the Grand & Second Prizes at the Parish Office for \$1 each.

Friend Considering Abortion

“We are created to walk with and support one another; we don’t need to fear reaching out in love. Help your friends experience the strength of God’s message that resounds throughout time: “Do not fear; I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion”, respectlife.org/l-o-v-e
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ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday, July 16th, we celebrated the life of Nenita Wilde, the sister of parishioner Cora Dejele, so we extend our sympathies to Cora who has been very active in our parish over the years and who presently serves as the 11:00am Sunday Mass Coordinator and as a Eucharistic Minister. Her sister Nenita or "Nette" was also very active in her faith but also balanced her life of service with prayer. Nette was also a Eucharistic Minister, volunteered at Holy Family Hospice, and also volunteered for the Philippino-American Community. She attended daily Mass and prayed the rosary each day as well. We extend our sympathy to her two sons and trust that she will now receive her reward for a life of prayer and service.

We offer our congratulations to Ron and Jan Regal who are celebrating 25 years of marriage at the 11am Mass this weekend. They were married here at St. Leo's by Father John Oselca and they are active parishioners and faithful participants at Sunday Mass. We are happy to ask God's blessing on them as they continue to remind us, as St. Paul says, of the faithful love that Christ has for his bride, the Church. May they enjoy many more happy years together.

An elderly parishioner (she recently celebrated her 95th birthday!) is seeking someone who can live with her at her ranch home and tend to her daily needs. We frequently have people ask if such caregivers are available in the parish so I thought it might be helpful to put the word out there in case such a person may be looking for free room & board in exchange for taking care of an elderly person who needs someone to keep an eye on them. We can put you in touch with this parishioner if you would like more information so call the rectory office if interested.

I heard that Father Vesely was experiencing some changes in his health so I went to visit him at Mount Alverna, along with Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan. It was great to see that he is as mentally alert as ever but sad to see that his health has declined to the point where he can no longer walk at all, and even needs assistance getting in & out of bed. They have moved him from his assisted living apartment to the skilled nursing section. Father continues to serve the residents there despite his physical limitations, especially by listening to those who experience the effects of illness and aging as he has. We will keep his address in the bulletin so that you can send him a card as I'm sure he would be encouraged to know you are thinking of him and keeping him in your prayers. I'm aware that some parishioners also stop by to see him from time and time and I know how much he appreciates those visits as it can get lonely especially for a priest who is used to being in regular contact with people. We will continue to keep him in our prayers at both weekend & weekday Mass and I want you to know how much priests appreciate your prayers for us on a regular basis. Father Vesely also let us know that he is now the oldest living priest in the Diocese of Cleveland! When I was first ordained, I was the youngest priest in the Diocese as I was the youngest in my ordination class. Now I just continue to age along with the rest of the priests who have been at this work for a long time. But I am grateful for my health and conscious that any one of us can be hit with health problems without warning so please keep Father Vesely in mind when you pray for priests. We continue to have his name on the front of our parish bulletin even though he has not lived here for several years since we continue to consider him a member of our parish community. He served the people of St. Leo's for many years by celebrating Mass & hearing confessions. May the Lord now give him the strength he needs to continue serving the residents of Mount Alverna, especially through his priestly presence there.

Fr. James Schmitz

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 August 3, September 7, and October 5 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.**

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 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 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT



When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



RAFFLE WINNER



July 18, 2022

John Voldrich

Saint Leo the Great

Trinity High School Seniors Earn over \$4.9 Million for College

Trinity High School seniors garnered over \$4.9 million in renewable college scholarships and grants. Trinity's guidance department works hand-in-hand with families as well as local, state, and national scholarship agencies to ensure our students' success in college and beyond.

Listed below are students who attended your grade school, their post-secondary plans, awards earned from Trinity High School, and the scholarship and grant offers earned from a variety of colleges and organizations.

Tyler Chambers Ohio University-Main Campus Astronomy

Connor DiSiena Then to a 4-year college, undecided study * Trinity HS Second Honors Scholar Kent State University Academic Achievement Award The University of Akron Presidential Scholarship

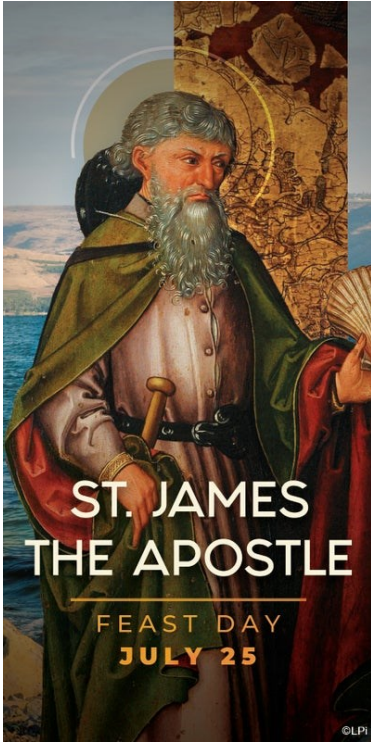
Jillian Kalic Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Nursing Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Athletic Scholarship Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Highlander Housing Waiver Award Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President's Excellence Scholarship Award

Daniel Palmer Kent State University at Kent General Business Kent State University Academic Achievement Award

Giacomo Rolando Employment * Trinity HS Business Department Distinguished Scholar Business * Trinity HS Four-Year Performing Arts Scholar * Trinity HS Second Honors Scholar

John Saplak Cleveland State University Undecided * College Now Scholarship

St. James the Apostle | July 25



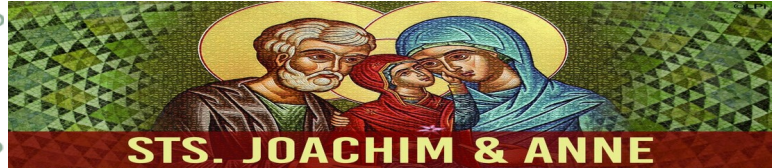
Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.



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For the 2022-2023 School Year



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