



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 2020

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SCHOOL HOURS:

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 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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"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy,
in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to
"Do to others as you would have them do to you."
Give us today the courage to assist those around us
who may need our assistance.
Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on
United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11,
United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77,
and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart
thankful for those who gave their lives
as first responders, as did the men and women
who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One
who first responded to our need for a savior,
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH IS LABOR DAY

God has given us many gifts and talents, and we reap the benefits of our labors. Give thanks for these many gifts and talents at the **9:00 a.m. Mass on this day.**

Good and Gracious God,
You created human beings in Your image and likeness
And gave us dominion over creation
to be stewards of the land
and co-creators of Your Kingdom.
Jesus, You became one of us
and labored as a carpenter.

You ask all people --
whatever our state of life --
to follow you faithfully.

Holy Spirit, bless all
workers this Labor Day.
May all our actions be
animated by Your love,
as we do all things for
the glory of God.

Amen.



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

We will return to our normal weekday hours on
Tuesday, September 8th. (9:00am to 3:00pm)

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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, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Mlady, Ralph Rath, Walter Alflen, Joseph Mackey, Diana, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath & Dolores Tucky.

WEDDING BANNES



II Amanda Pasela & Anthony Zingale
I Danielle Zappitelli & Nickolas Woody

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

MARY LOU BUTWINA

August 31, 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.leotheadgreat.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.

Frederik Schlueter
Diocese of Youngstown
II Theology, Saint Mary



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

Parish Support

Sunday, August 23rd

Collection	\$ 5,659.63
WeShare(online).....	\$ 1,148.50
Total	\$ 6,808.13

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Monday, September 7th - LABOR DAY

9:00am For all those who work

Tuesday, September 8th - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am +C. & L. Choromanski (Daughter)

Wednesday, September 9th - St. Peter Claver

8:30am +Ann Sazpansky (Sazpansky Family)

Thursday, September 10th - Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, September 11th - Weekday

8:30am +Carmen Crea (Family)

Saturday, September 12th - The Most Holy Name of Mary

4:00pm +Edward Gorczyca (Nieces)

Sunday, September 13th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Scott Novak (Mother)

11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. In this passage, the speaker is God who uses the image of a watchman to describe a prophet's role. In those times, a watchman was someone who stood on a hill or in a tower to watch for invaders.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In the concluding section of his letter to the Romans, Paul writes about the moral demands of Christian life. This letter was written some years before the Gospels, yet these words will sound very much like words we hear in the Gospels. Clearly, Paul is drawing upon a pre-Gospel tradition about what Jesus said.

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 /Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

(Ps 95)



Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday while in North Carolina, I looked up Catholic Churches in the area so that I could attend Mass, but each one had the requirement of signing up for the particular Mass you wanted to attend, & each one was already at capacity! The exception was a Mass that was in Spanish, and so I probably would have understood only about 5% of what was being said. So I did what many of you do and participated at the 11am Mass through the livestream at St. Leo the Great. I appreciated the words of our guest, Fr. John Fischer, and when he mentioned my name at the end of Mass, I wanted to let him know that I heard him but gratefully you can't use the microphone of the iPad in order to be heard on the other end. Anyway, I plan on supporting the good work of Cross Catholic Outreach and encourage you to consider a donation to them if you haven't already done so. I was amazed at how far \$25 goes to helping those people in Africa who otherwise would be without the basic necessities of life. We hope to have Fr. Fisher back again some time and I know he enjoyed dinner out with the Berigan's so thanks to them too for offering him hospitality.

I had a good relaxing vacation in North Carolina & enjoyed visiting the Biltmore Estate which I know some parishioners have seen as well. I'll be mentioning what I learned on my tour in a homily when the time (gospel) is right. I climbed a lot of stairs & almost decided not to take a 2nd tour I bought where they showed you how the servants lived, but I'm glad I did it (though it required that you climb about 250 steps during that tour alone!).

I am actually writing this column on Tuesday, September 1st. Once again the summer is behind us and our parish school will be opening the day after Labor Day. Please keep the school students, teachers and staff in your prayers as they begin this challenging year. Many have worked so hard this summer to prepare for a school year during COVID-19, most especially our Principal, Denise Burns, and we are grateful to the teachers for taking on the additional burden of learning (ironically) how to teach remotely for the students who will be staying home. I look forward to seeing even the masked faces of our children again.

I ask your prayers for Father Brown, pastor of Mary, Queen of Peace, who informed his parishioners that he has a detached retina & will be having surgery to repair it. I ask that you keep a parishioner in prayer who also just had surgery for a detached retina. I can sympathize with them as I had the same thing back in 2002 and nearly lost my sight in that eye. It's a long process of recovery as you have to keep your head down looking at the floor for 10 days & then there's a gas bubble in your eye which takes a number of weeks to dissipate before you can see clearly again. Please pray to St. Lucy, the patron of eyesight, for her intercession on their behalf.

Fr. James Delmity

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

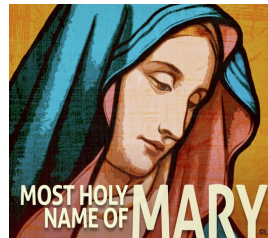


Due to social distancing, we are not putting the raffle tickets in the vestibule this year. The Festival raffle tickets have been delivered to the homes of registered parishioners within the parish boundaries. If you are a registered parishioner and reside outside the parish boundaries, please provide the rectory with your name and address (including zip code!), and we will have your tickets available for pick up in the rectory within a few days. If COVID-19 prevents the parish from holding the Festival, there will still be a raffle drawing. The Festival is an important event for the parish community. The proceeds from the Festival help sustain the parish. Please do what you can to support the parish by selling your raffle tickets.

Early Bird Drawing! And the winner of the first \$100 Early Bird Drawing is . . . **Mary Ann Corlett**

Don't worry -- there are still two more chances to enter the Early Bird Drawing. The next drawing will be September 6th -- this weekend! (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 17th). Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.

FESTIVAL WEEKEND.... Due to COVID-19 regulations, we will have take-out only on October 16th and 17th of some of your favorite Festival foods including corned beef & Reuben sandwiches on Friday and pork dinners on Saturday. Stay tuned for more information.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Mary encourages us to cooperate with Jesus in building a peace based on justice, a peace that respects the fundamental human rights of all peoples.

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The 2021 Mass Intention Book will open on **Tuesday, September 15th at 9:00am**

in the Rectory Office. Masks are required in the Rectory and social distancing will be required. Only 3 people at a time will be allowed in the office.

Each parishioner household may have four Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

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PSR CLASSES FOR 2020/2021

RELIGIOUS ED
SIGN-UPS!



PSR classes for 2020/2021 will begin on Monday, September 14th. Letters have gone out to all returning families. If you have not received your letter please stop in the parish office as soon as possible. Information is included for distance learning and classroom learning.

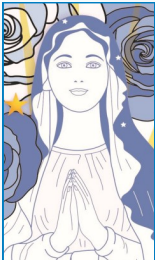
Instructions and supply packet pickup will take place in the school cafeteria on this Saturday, September 12th from 8:00am to 10:00am. If you can not attend at this time please reach out to Joann Deranek, at (216) 406-4949 or email her at jderanek@leothegreat.org.

Fees have not changed \$40 for one child; \$70 for two; \$90 for three and up. Please pay by check made out to St. Leo the Great Church. Fees are due at the time of registration.

HELPERS Needed: We are in need of helpers this year. If you feel called to assist please call Joann at the above number.

**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS
ARE DUE AT THIS TIME.**

TRAPPER JACK



"He's Back! Trapper Jack will be coming to St. Leo the Great on Sunday, October 11th at 7:00pm. He'll be talking about the Blessed Mother as a "Messenger of Christ"! Save the date and watch the bulletin for further details as they become available! It will also be live-streamed.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH



The American Red Cross Blood mobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, September 20th from 8:00am till Noon. Red Cross staff are required to take temperatures at the door and remain masked and gloved during the blood drive (changing them often). They have increased cleaning of the beds and 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.

Please register online at redcross.org; walk ins are welcome. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Our food collection will be next weekend September 12th & 13th. We are especially in need of CANNED CARROTS, MIXED VEGETABLES, CREAM STYLE CORN, SWEET POTATOES, CANNED BEANS, DRY BEANS, CANNED PASTAS, RICE & NOODLE SIDES, SKILLET DINNERS, ASSORTED BOXED POTATOES (NOT MASHED), ASSORTED PASTAS, PASTA SAUCES, STUFFING MIXES, CEREAL, PANCAKE SYRUP, JELLY, SOUPS, BAR SOAP, AND DISHWASHING SOAP. We need your help so whatever you are able to donate will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE



This year we are asking for **CASH ONLY CONTRIBUTIONS**. If you are able and would like to make a cash donation just put your cash or check in an envelope and mark the envelope "BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory. You can also create an account or log into your WeShare account at leothegreat.weshareonline.org. There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation and indicate that this donation would be for the "BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE". We thank you very much for your continued support.

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, back to school items, gifts, or as a simple thank you.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center, is available to rent. (with social distancing in place)

For information or to book, please **contact Richard Czech at 216-269-1577** or visit our parish website at leothegreat.org.

GREAT
ROOM
FOR RENT

BOY SCOUT CLOTHING DRIVE



Boy Scout Troop 24 is holding a Clothing Drive here at St. Leo the Great. They are accepting all types of gently used clothing, blankets, bedding, towels, stuffed animals, etc. Any questions, please contact Mike Robinson at 216-409-3733. Please drop off your donations at the Rectory Office during office hours. **The deadline for drop off is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th.** Thank you!



Spread the Word

**Enrollment is still Open
For the 2020-2021 School Year
All are Welcome!**

**All Grades will attend school full days OR Parent
Can choose 100% Distant Learning for 1st Qt.
Call (216) 661-2120**

Cleveland, EdChoice & EdChoice Expansion Scholarship
Application Period **IS OPEN NOW!**

This program provides new educational choices for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The program gives students the opportunity to attend private schools in Cleveland. The State will provide reimbursement for tuition to help pay the cost of attending these schools.

Even if your child already attends one of these schools, you may be eligible to apply for the program. This is a valuable program that can aid parents in providing their children with quality education at no or very little tuition costs to them. All Information about scholarships available and the application process is available through the School Office

If you live in Cleveland, you really need to get information on this valuable program. The Scholarship will follow your child through High School. Most surrounding private High Schools accept the Cleveland Scholarship.

Do you live in Parma, or other surrounding areas? You may qualify for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship. This is an Income Based Scholarship for students living outside of Cleveland.

Please call the School Office at (216) 661-2120 to schedule a Tour and to get registration and Scholarship Information.



Please join us to . . .

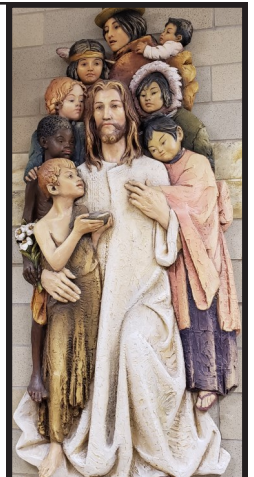
**Tour the school • Meet the principal • Meet the teachers
Apply for Cleveland vouchers • Apply for Fall enrollment**

- Safe and nurturing environment
- Before and after school care
- Tutoring and remediation programs
- Federal hot breakfast and lunch program
- Full day/part time pre-school program for three and four year olds.
- Cleveland voucher and EdChoice scholarships accepted

Now accepting applications for preschool – 8th grade

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UNITY CATHOLIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY SHRED DAYS

9/26/20 @ Brunswick Office (10am – 1pm)
10/10/20 @ Lakewood Office (10am – 1pm)
10/17/20 @ Parma Office (10am – 1pm)

We are requesting that all participants stay in their car and follow signage for a safe experience. Please limit shredding to 3 boxes. We will be collecting donations for Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. Please contact Kelly for more information 440-886-2558 x244. See full details at unitycatholiccu.org/events-calendar

UNITY CATHOLIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION UPCOMING EVENTS

Take Control of your Finances – Build a Basic Budget

9/30/20 @ St. Ambrose Parish Life Center (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

Take Charge – Wise use of Credit Cards

10/22/20 @ St. Ambrose Parish Life Center (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

Take the Wheel – Get the Best Car Deal

11/18/20 @ St. Ambrose Parish Life Center (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

Attend all seminars or just one, in person or virtually. Sign up required, visit unitycatholiccu.org/events-calendar for complete details, or, call Kelly at 440-886-2558 x244

OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS



A representative from Holy Land Carvings will be selling religious items next weekend, September 12th & 13th after all the Masses. Christians comprise only 2% of the population in the Holy Land. Therefore, it is very crucial for Christians to build support for one another based on the Christian faith they have in common. Any purchase you make will be greatly appreciated.

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