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**May 14, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



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### SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday—Friday 8:00am—3:00pm

**The Neocatechumenal Way** Come & Listen!  
Tuesdays and Fridays from 7p-8p in the Parish Center

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a, 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 or use our website.

#### BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory 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 interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



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[www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org)



**HELP PROTECT DIGNITY OF LIFE IN OHIO**

Life in its earliest and most vulnerable stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to the Ohio Constitution for the November 2023 ballot to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims that “human life must be respected and protected

absolutely from the moment of conception.” The Church accompanies and supports women facing unexpected pregnancies and mothers through programs like Walking with Moms in Need and the services of Catholic Charities.

**Prayer for Ohio**

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!



PROTECT THEM BOTH



CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO



Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events & activities throughout the year!

Are you a former student of St. Leo School? Is your child a former student of St. Leo School? Please let us know by completing a form on the parish website. Visit [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org) Under *Organizations* click on *Alumni Association*. We hope to hear from you!

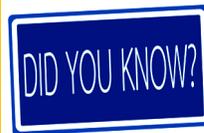
**Confirmation** | Sunday, May 21st @ 11:00am Mass  
**Memorial Day Mass** | Monday, May 29th @ 9:00a

MEMORIES

*“I will remember this day forever!” -- Luca Capone upon making his First Holy Communion on May 7, 2023.*

Do you have a favorite memory from the past 75 years? If so, please submit it to [nzola@leothegreat.org](mailto:nzola@leothegreat.org).

We also welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Do you have any photos from the Mass with the Bishop and social on October 9th? Please forward your photos to [photos@leothegreat.org](mailto:photos@leothegreat.org)



When the school and church were connected, the second graders making their First Holy Communion would process out the main doors of the school, down Broadview Road, and into the church which was located at the south end of the school building so that everyone driving by could see. The local Knights of Columbus served as an honor guard, forming two lines and making an arch with their swords for the First Communicants to walk under.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

A 9:00 a.m. liturgy will be celebrated on Memorial Day, May 29th. Please plan to join us. Weather permitting, the Mass will be held by the Marian shrine behind the Parish Center. Please bring a chair because seating is limited. We also would like to remember those individuals from our parish who have died in service for our country. If a member of your family has died in the Armed Forces, please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory by Sunday, May 28th.

**Memorial Day Mass —Monday, May 29, 2023 @ 9:00a**



Name of Deceased Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Kenneth Lees, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanich, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, and Allison Dusenbury.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, May 15th—Easter Weekday**  
8:30am +George & Genevieve Novak (The Gallagher Family)
- Tuesday, May 16th—Easter Weekday**  
8:30am +The Dina Family (Family)
- Wednesday, May 17th—Easter Weekday**  
8:30am +Daniel Szymanski (Wayne Moore)
- Friday, May 19th—Easter Weekday**  
8:30am +Richard Bunosky (Eva Bunosky)
- Saturday, May 20th—Easter Weekday**  
4:00pm Ordination Anniversary (Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan)
- Sunday, May 21st—The Ascension of the Lord**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am +Ronald Vance (The Vance Family)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### FIRST READING: ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

Last week we heard how the Christian assembly in Jerusalem chose seven of their number to minister to the Greek-speaking Christians who lived there. Philip was one of the seven. Today we find him in Samaria, about 60 miles north of Jerusalem. Fearlessly proclaiming the good news of Jesus and experiencing astounding results.

### SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:15-18

The first letter of Peter was written to Christians whose pagan neighbors continually questioned and ridiculed them about their faith. Since most of the Christians were low born or slaves, their neighbors couldn't understand why they were so joyful and hopeful. Today's passage offers pastoral advice and encouragement.

**PRO-LIFE** The Pro-Life group will be meeting on **Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 1:00pm in the Parish Center.** This month we will be reviewing the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and how that pertains to life issues. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Because our country remains under constant attack from evil, we ask all to continue praying to St. Michael the Archangel, as often as you can. He can help us defeat the enemy.

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke them, we humbly pray, and cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

If you have any questions about the group, the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
<b>MONDAY</b>	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20



**MICHAEL MUCIC**  
ST. MARY OF THE FALLS  
OLMSTED FALLS, YEAR 4

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that they may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**MATTHEW STACK**  
*Born*  
March 26, 1963  
*Entered Into Rest*  
April 26, 2023  
*Final Resting Place*  
Maple Shade Cemetery  
Section G Lot 192

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave When life is done.*

 Hopko Funeral Home  
6020 Broadview Rd. Parma, Oh.  
(216) 661-0033

*Sanctuary Candle Intention*  
*May 7th—May 21st*

*In Loving Memory of*  
*+Gary Milton*

*From your Wife,*  
*Benita*



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now. — *Father John Muir*

**PRACTICING CATHOLIC**  
*"Weirdly Christian"*

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

For some time, I have worn a brown scapular. If you don't know much about this devotional practice, here is a very quick-and-dirty version, greatly lacking in detail: it's two little pieces of brown cloth, connected by a cord and worn around the neck beneath one's clothing. One of the cloth pieces depicts Our Lady of Mount Carmel appearing to St. Simon Stock, and the other piece — the one that is sometimes visible at the nape of my neck — depicts Our Lady's "scapular promise:" Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.

This reflection is not about the brown scapular, but let me just quickly say that, while I believe the scapular promise, I do not view the scapular as a get-out-of-jail-free card, and neither does the Church. I don't wear it for the purpose of avoiding eternal fire. I wear it as a reminder to myself of my Marian consecration and as an act of humility and prayer.

I have sometimes cringed at the thought of how it looks to the person standing behind me in line at the coffee shop, should they happen to glimpse my scapular and read its brazen promise. We don't go in for talk of hellfire and salvation in polite society these days. I wonder if they think I'm a crazy person. I wonder if I should try to tuck the scapular back down below my collar.

Sometimes I do. But more often than not, I take a deep breath and decide that it's okay for me to feel self-conscious and trust that, if God wants to use this moment for His glory, he will — and if He doesn't, all I've lost is the esteem of others, which isn't worth that much to begin with.

I've always heard it said that if you do Christianity right, the rest of the world should think you're just a little bit weird.

**REFLECTIONS**

*Can Catholics Gamble?*

**Question:** The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

**Answer:** Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong with these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

"...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." — John 14:17

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

We celebrated the funeral Mass for Matthew Stack last Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to his family, especially to his sister, our parishioner, Michelle Garrity. Matthew was a prayerful man who attended Mass for as long as he was able and was described as being devoted to Jesus especially through meditation. He served as an usher at the parish to which he belonged. In his suffering, he looked to his faith for strength & courage. I ask you, as always, to keep Matthew and his grieving loved ones, in your prayers.

Every year we have published a directory or Guidebook which lists the names and optionally the address & phone numbers of parishioners (we always ask if you wish for these to be published). We have this booklet included free in our contract with the bulletin company. We do not pay for the weekly bulletin or for the other associated services provided by that company (such as our quarterly newsletter) as they use advertising to provide these to us. I would like to ask if you find this Guidebook of parishioners' names and other information useful. If most do not, there is no need to continue to provide it but I am happy to do so if many do find it helpful. So please let me or the Deacon or his wife or our Office Manager or our receptionist or anyone else you think would care to know if you want us to continue with this free booklet. Another option would be to have one updated once every so many years. So again, let someone on the staff know how you feel about it.

Last week as we celebrated the First Communion of 4 of our parish children, I thanked the parents for all they did this year to place their trust in us and cooperate with the changes we made in preparing their children for this important and life-long Sacrament. But I also want to thank the people of our parish who serve as leaders and catechists (teachers) in our Faith Formation Program. I am grateful to Joanne Deranek for her leadership as Director of Faith Formation and to Macrina Dodson who works in our parish school and on Sunday mornings in these catechetical sessions. I am also grateful to the teachers & other staff who work along with them in passing the faith on to these young people. I know the Lord will reward them for living out in word and example his call to proclaim the Good News to others.

On this Mother's Day, I think of how important my 6 mother's have been in my life. I know that may sound a bit strange, but here's whom I include in that list: my mother Sara who gave me birth, my step-mother Mildred who gave my dad many happy years of marriage and who "adopted" us as her stepchildren with love and grace, my 2 grandmothers whom I continue to remember fondly and prayerfully as they prayed for my vocation to the priesthood, my godmother Aunt Lucy who was my maternal grandmother's sister, and our common Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary whom we and all the Church honor in a special way on this day and during this whole month of May. I offer this prayer that you may read thoughtfully now as you give memory to your own mothers and pray for them through these words:

*Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you.*

*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 on 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.

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed!  
**THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS in the months of June, July & August.**

**If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by email: [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org).**

## PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

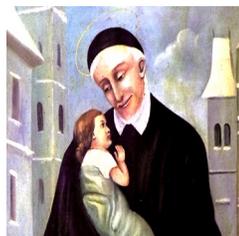
Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org) for help in pre-planning your funeral 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 44109)
- 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](http://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.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
 “Notice Summer Changes!” This message on a store front or on a flyer usually means shorter summertime hours will be in effect—not with St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization here at St. Leo’s though. Your help with food, money, etc. is still very much needed. Please don’t take a summer vacation from helping. Being hungry is a year round problem. Thank you for your generosity and consideration always.

**PARISH SUPPORT**  
 April 30, 2023

Sun. Envelope \$ 5,200.00	Cap. Improv \$ 35.00
WeShare \$ 1,485.00	WeShare \$ 40.00
<b>Total \$ 6,485.00</b>	<b>Total \$ 75.00</b>

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SVDP \$ 15.00

**April Totals**

Home Mission \$ 347.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity & support.*

**UPCOMING BUS TRIPS**  
 For reservations or questions contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123



**Discover HARTVILLE**

Thursday, July 13, 2023  
 \$78.00 per person (includes lunch)

*Includes a guided tour and shopping at Pegasus Farm, Gardens, and Country Store; Shopping at Hartville Marketplace and Flea Market, Shops, Hardware, and Sommers Discount Market.*

**Deadline: Monday, June 12th!!!**



**Rivers Casino | Pittsburgh, PA**  
 Wednesday, August 16, 2023  
 \$48.00 per person  
**Deadline: Monday, July 17th!!!**

**BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CEMETERY**  
 Memorial Abbey Mausoleum  
 Companion crypt entombment above ground for sale.  
 Call Bob Sevel with any questions 216-816-7853



**THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES**  
 May 8, 2023  
 Jon Nowak



Could you or someone you know use a hospital bed, wheelchair, or walker?  
 Contact Mary at 216-749-7747

**DECLINE TO SIGN**

**By NOT signing you are protecting LIFE in Ohio!**

Pro-abortion groups are sending people out to obtain signatures for the petition to put an abortion amendment on the ballot November 2023.

Their proposed extreme amendment will:

- ✘ Legalize abortion on demand in Ohio for all nine months, for any reason
- ✘ Eliminate all restrictions on other procedures, including sex change operations
- ✘ Eliminate all parental notification and consent laws
- ✘ Eliminate any distinction in the laws of adults and minors

**We MUST protect women, babies, and parental rights in Ohio!**

Help us fight this anti-parent, anti-life, deceptive agenda

[www.righttolifeofnortheastohio.com](http://www.righttolifeofnortheastohio.com)

**WOMANKIND**  
**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

The St. Leo the Great Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind begins Mother’s Day Weekend May 13/14. Bottles can be picked up from the tables at the entrances of the church or over at the Rectory Office. Womankind is an excellent organization that specializes in helping women in need get free prenatal care and baby supplies for their infants up to three years of age. With times being as trying as they are, more mothers than ever are seeking help! You may fill the baby bottles with change or cash, or a check made out to “Womankind” or simply scan this QR code to go directly to the St. Leo the Great’s Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind-donor page to donate using a credit card. Thank you for your generosity! All baby bottles need to be returned to the Church or Rectory Office by Father’s Day Weekend, June 17/18! For more information about Womankind visit their website at [womankind-cleveland.org](http://womankind-cleveland.org) or call Womankind at 216-662-5700. Thank you and may God bless you.



**Womankind**  
 Maternal & Prenatal Care Center

Pull up your camera app on your smartphone and point at this QR code for a direct link to donate now!

# ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 75TH COMMUNION CLASS HERE AT ST. LEO THE GREAT!

Mia Cangelosi, Ava Casey, Brayden Rooks and GianLuca Capone are so very excited that they are now able to receive the great gift of the Eucharist after making their First Holy Communion last Sunday, May 7th at the 11 o'clock Mass. The joy and importance of this day was deeply felt by them all due to the wonderful support of their family, friends, teachers, Faith Formation leaders and their fellow parishioners who set beautiful examples of the practice of our great faith right here in these pews each week when we attend Mass. May they know, love & trust the Lord always.

