



ST. LEO THE GREAT
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Fr. James Schmitz, St. Leo pastor (left), Deacon Patrick Berigan, Bishop Nelson Perez, and Fr. Dan Schlegel, diocesan secretary and vicar for clergy and religious, at the Mass celebrated by Bishop Perez September 1.

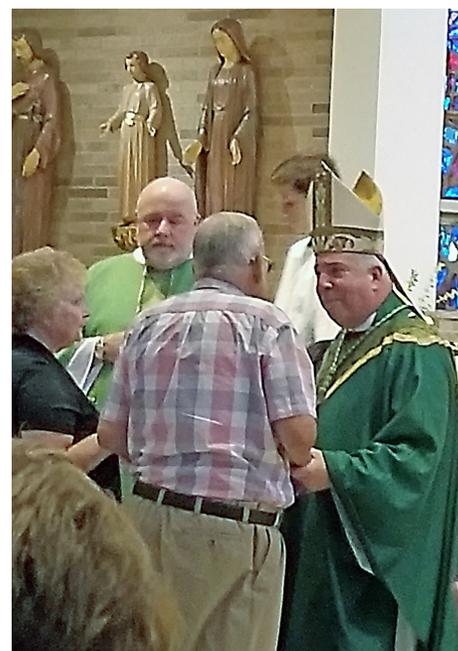
70th birthday wishes from Bishop Perez

“Happy birthday, St. Leo’s”
Good wishes, to be sure, coming especially from Cleveland Bishop Nelson Perez.

The bishop visited St. Leo’s September 1 as the parish was about a month away from closing out its 70th year, to remind parishioners of their past and to stress the qualities that make for a great parish community.

In October 1948, Bishop Edward Hoban announced the founding of St. Leo the Great Parish, formed from neighborhoods around Our Lady of Good Counsel (now Mary Queen of Peace) Parish in Cleveland and St. Francis DeSales Parish in Parma.

As part of St. Leo’s year-long anniversary celebration, Bishop Perez celebrated the 4 p.m.



Bishop Perez accepts the gifts brought up by Bob and Rose Zarko.

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Grand prize at the 1952 Festival was a new Buick, and ticket prices were 25 cents each. This is a view from Broadview Road, and the building to the right is the original frame church. The driveway was located where Lux Hall currently stands.

Looking east toward Broadview Road, Broadview Gardens apartments can be seen along with the large crowd, many of whom probably walked to the 1952 Festival.

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Celebrate 70 at Festival

The more things change, the more they remain the same—almost.

As St. Leo the Great Parish eases out of its 70th year and looks ahead to year 71 and beyond, the community finds itself calling on traditions and events to connect us to the past and unify us for the future. And the St. Leo Festival is a linchpin in that process.

While there's no record of 70 consecutive festivals, there is a long line of festivals and festival type events that have brought the community together to enjoy each other's fellowship and work together for the future.

From the parish's earliest days, the St. Leo grounds were the site of a festival each summer, with outdoor rides (where we park our cars now) plus many familiar games and food attractions. The parish's three-day festival in June 1959 featured a Friday evening fish fry and a grand prize of a 1959 Buick four-door LeSabre.

Festivals started to fade during the 1960s, but Fr. William Eylar, pastor from 1976–86, brought the tradition back in 1979 with the Fall Festival, and these events have been a St. Leo mainstay for almost every year since.

Nuns' Handicraft Will Be Shown

An applied linen banquet cloth with napkins, the work of cloistered nuns in Madeira, Spain, will be one of the attractions for the three-day summer festival of St. Leo's Church, 4900 Broadview Road S.W., opening Thursday evening.

The cloth and napkins, insured for \$6,500, have been displayed at state fairs in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, according to Ted Cichocki and Mrs. Thomas Scanlon, co-chairmen of the event.

Cleveland Plain Dealer article about the 1957 Festival.

The 2018 festival on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, promises two days of good food, good music for dancing, great games and great prizes.

Friday's schedule features the band Backtraxx along with corned beef and reuben sandwiches (get there early because the reubens sold out last year).

On Saturday we will feature polkas from 5–7 p.m. and the Amazing Superstars playing from 7 till 10. Saturday's menu will feature pork and dumplings (another 2017 sellout).

Besides all this, there will be a full selection of carnival favorites and the neighborhood favorite—Honey Hut Ice Cream.

If you haven't turned in your completed raffle ticket books, do it now if you want to have a chance for the \$5000 grand prize and a \$2000 and \$1000 second and third

prize. Besides the big raffle there will be nightly 50/50 raffles plus dozens of beautiful gift baskets.

Sports fans need not be concerned about missing their favorite teams, especially with OSU playing Purdue and the Indians and the American League playoffs (you know they WILL be in the running). TVs will be readily available so you can enjoy the festival and not miss a second of your weekend sports fix.

So plan to spend some time at the 2018 festival: Friday, October 19, from 6–10 p.m. and Saturday, October 20 from 5–10 p.m.

If you're new to the parish, it's a great way to see the many people who are part of St. Leo's, and if you're a long-time member, you can see how traditions continue throughout the years. So join us and see what community and tradition are all about.

Birthday wishes from Bishop Perez

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Mass on Saturday, Sept. 1, joined by Fr. James Schmitz, St. Leo pastor, and Fr. Dan Schlegel, secretary for clergy and religious at the diocese and Fr. Schmitz's cousin. Fr. Dan is also a former associate pastor at St. Leo's. Also assisting was St. Leo's Deacon Patrick Berigan.

Several hundred people attended the Mass and heard the bishop talk in his homily about the founding of the parish in 1948. He thanked the first pastor, Father Sylvester Lux, and founding members of the parish for their vision and courage in doing the difficult work of building a parish. "It's good to remember where you came from," Bishop Perez said.

Referencing the second reading from St. James used during the Mass, the bishop suggested the motivation for those found-

ers must have come from having "received the Word of God which was implanted in their hearts."

He reminded the congregation about the parish's humble beginnings, with Sunday Masses in the auditorium of Benjamin Franklin School on Spring Road, followed by a frame church built by parishioners in three days, and a large, permanent church in 1952. The structure for that church became Lux Hall in 1970.

Bishop Perez also reminded those gathered of the importance of the work that flows from a parish, "A parish is the deepest and most immediate expression of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. It is where you and I come to encounter Christ."

Mass was followed by a reception in Lux Hall, which is named for St. Leo's founding pastor.

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Mass Schedule

Sundays—4 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)
8 and 11 a.m.

Weekdays—Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation—8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Stewardship Church

My church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is

It will be friendly if I am.
It will be holy if I am.

Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into its worship,
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
of compassion, charity and mercy,
If I, who make it what it is, am filled with
these same things.

Therefore with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task of being
all these things that I want my church to be.

*Adapted from the stewardship prayer of the
Diocese of San Diego*

Blessed events

October 5—Eucharistic Adoration—9
a.m.–5 p.m.

October 6—Blessing of the Animals—10 a.m.

October 8—Columbus Day (observed)

October 10—Seniors meeting

October 19—Parish Festival—6–10 p.m.

October 20—Parish Festival—5–10 p.m.

October 20/21—St. Vincent de Paul food
collection at all the Masses

October 24—Seniors meeting

October 25—Talk on the history of St. Leo
Parish—7 p.m.

October 26—Taize Prayer Service—7 p.m.

October 28—Preschool Open House—10:30
a.m.–1:30 p.m.

October 28—Donut Sunday after 8 & 11
a.m. Masses

October 31—Halloween

November 1—All Saints Masses—8:30
a.m. and 7 p.m. (holy day of obligation)

November 2—Eucharistic Adoration—9
a.m.–5 p.m.

November 2—Fall Sports
Banquet—5:30–7:30 p.m.

November 4—Daylight Savings Time begins

November 6—Election Day

November 10—Knights of Columbus
Reverse Raffle

November 10/11—St. Vincent de Paul food
collection—all Masses

November 12—Veterans Day (observed)