

# Church of St. Leo the Great

4940 Broadview Rd. Cleveland, OH 44109

March 10, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Lent



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“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”

—John 3:20-21

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday | 9:00am— 4:00pm  
Saturday | 12:00pm—5:00pm  
Sunday | 9:00am—12:00pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

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

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Mass will be at 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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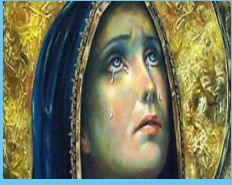
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## LENTEN SERIES | SORROWFUL MYSTERIES



Join us Tuesday, March 12th at 10:00a.m. in the Chapel for our last session of our Lenten study on the Sorrowful Mysteries as we pray, meditate and share. Please bring your Rosary.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

After enjoying a delicious fish dinner, please join your fellow parishioners in the church at 7:00 p.m. each Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. Make a prayerful journey to Calvary with Jesus and form a better understanding of what He endured.



## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

**HELP WANTED ...** Please pray for peace in our world, but remember “peace” also means not being hungry. Help your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization with a donation to our monthly food and staple collection next weekend MARCH 16th and 17th. We are especially in need of:

*Canned Yams, Scalloped Potatoes, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Corn, Canned Baked Beans, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Rice & Noodle Sides, Assorted Soups, Ramen Noodles, Tuna Fish, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cereal, Dishwashing Soap & Bar Soap.* **THANK YOU** for helping us fill our cupboard.

The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program will also be giving our families a gift card to purchase their Easter ham and additional items to help make their Easter dinner more complete. Please consider a donation to help us with this expense. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked “SVDP Easter” and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office. **THANK YOU!**

## CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are an Online Giver and would no longer like to be receiving envelopes, or, if you contribute with envelopes but would like to switch to online giving, please call us at the rectory office 216-661-1006 to request.

## PARISH CLUSTER CORNER

### MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

The Women of Passion | Lenten Retreat

Friday, March 15, 2024 6:00pm-9:00p

Speaker Fr. Brown

Prayers, Confessions, Stations of the Cross

Free Event! RSVP by March 12th

Dinner provided by confraternity of Christian Mothers

### ST. THOMAS MORE

Traveling Madonna

Please call the STM Rectory Office at 216- 749-0414 to sign-up to host the Travelling Madonna in 2024

# St. Leo Lobster Dinners 2024

Lobster Dinner - Friday, March 15th

Lobster Tail - Baked Potato or Fries -

Coleslaw or Apple Sauce - Roll with Butter

**Advance Ticket Sale Only - \$25.00**

Additional Lobster Tail

**with purchase of Lobster Dinner - \$20.00**

Advance Ticket Sales Only

Rectory Office

Tickets Available Until

**Monday, March 11th**

## Regular Fish Dinner Selections Available

## LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Ladies, all ages, no matter where you are in your faith journey, please, join us on:

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:30p.m. (until about 8p)**

in the Parish Center. We are meeting to connect and *LIFT* each other up as we grow our relationship with God and learn to live more intentionally and prayerfully in our Journeys as women of the faith. For more information contact Pat (216-403-1523) or Barb (216-302-5454) or email Nina at the rectory office at [ncapone@leothegreat.org](mailto:ncapone@leothegreat.org).

*Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, etc. of students at St. Leo School, please consider joining us one evening and witness the powerful, prayerful support of friends in faith.*



Please stop in the main vestibule to see the banner of parishioner photos above the display case.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and a special thank you to John Sabol for re-creating the image of the church building used in the banner. You may recall that the image was used as part of the 50th anniversary logo. While a church is a building, it is the people who make up the Church.

## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



### ROSARY

Looking for a way to add more prayerfulness to your Lenten observances? Please join us on **Thursday, March 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the church** to pray the rosary. If you are not familiar with the rosary, we

will provide you with everything you need. Please enter through the doors closest to the rectory.

### MASS INTENTIONS

There are plenty of weekdays available for Mass Intentions for the first half of the year. The stipend is \$10.00. Stop by the Rectory Office during the week or in the back vestibule after weekend Masses to see what dates we have open.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

## PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Larry Kuznik, Irma Zappitelli, John Sofcheck, Gary Skelley, Virginia Softkancs, 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, 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, Betty Popow, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Jesse Kazimer, William Woolard, Claudia Woolard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett, Shawn Calvey, Gloria Madonia, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski, Suzanne Brown, Joyce Stevens, Victoria Fischer, John Gierlach, Dylan Greve, Ken Perry, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski, Susan Mante, Vicki Przybylski, Kristi Burkhart, Maria Giangrande, Amanda Pacanavsky, Karen Horvath, Chris Geiger, Scott, Jesse Wilson, Kathy Patterson, Jack Gibas, Christine Slaghter, Gloria Ashworth, Dan & Teri Divincenzo, Maryann Kosakowski, Ranae Walters, Cady Williams, Dave Collins, Tom Cramer and Joan Lowry.



**Zachary Smith**  
Capuchin Formation  
II Philosophy

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.

### MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

<b>SAT: Mar 9th</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
Mass at 4:00p.m.	John & Irma Zappitelli, 71st Anniversary (Family)
<b>SUN: Mar 10th</b>	<b>The 4th Sunday in Lent</b>
Mass at 8:00a.m.	People of the Parish
Mass at 11:00a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Robinson (Jennifer, Lori, & Arie Robinson)

#### MON: Mar 11th Lenten Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Virginia Rescina (Family)

#### TUES: Mar 12th Lenten Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Sara Stupic (Judy Schnelle)

#### WED: Mar 13th Lenten Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Allen & Marge, Anniversary (Marge Ballauer)

#### FRI: Mar 15th Lenten Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Don Donelon (Family)

7:00p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### SAT: Mar 16th Lenten Weekday

Mass at 4:00p.m. Sladewski & Straus Families (Louis Sladewski)

#### SUN: Mar 17th The 5th Sunday of Lent

Mass at 8:00a.m. Sr. Patricia Raelene Peters (John Peters)

Mass at 11:00a.m. People of the Parish

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21/Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33/Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The second book of Chronicles is part of a series which traces Jewish history from its beginning down to the end of the exile in Babylon, five centuries before Christ. Today's reading is the conclusion of the book. It summarizes the reasons for the exile and tells how it ended after 70 years. Second Chronicles was placed last in the Jewish bible. When we hear the final words of this reading, we hear how the Jewish Scriptures conclude on a positive note.

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

Ephesus is located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The author of this letter to the Christians in Ephesus writes about the saving power of God that is available to both Jews and non-Jews. Today's passage reminds us that salvation is God's gift alone. "Gift" is the root meaning of the word "grace."

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

March 10th—March 23rd

+Carol Sladewski

Always remembered with love





REFLECTIONS BY LUKE BROWN | SACRED HEART COUNSELING

In my line of work, I often hear people say that they should be happy. "I have food and shelter while there are hungry kids in the world. I have everything I need. I am anxious and depressed while I should be grateful and happy." While we pray for and help those less fortunate, it does not mean that our suffering is irrelevant or painless. We will all experience suffering, pain, and hardship in this life. Gratitude is a great discipline to practice, but we sometimes take it too far and use it as a reason to dismiss our pain and suffering. We are also guilty at times of exaggerating our suffering or letting it excuse vice and selfishness. That being said, we also need to acknowledge and care for the suffering that we experience. Sometimes, that acknowledgement and care comes by managing our road rage and remaining civil or sacrificing our favorite restaurant for our spouse's favorite. Some suffering can be acknowledged, sacrificed easily, and moved on from. However, there are times that we are carrying heavy burdens or struggling with mental illness that needs more intensive care and attention. This care can come in many forms such as support groups, intentional conversations with friends, counseling, or talking with a priest. Gratitude can keep us humble, content, and focused on God, but it is often not enough for problems like complex trauma in our past, difficulties in our relationships, depression, or anxiety. If these words resonate with you, consider giving more care and attention to your suffering and finding the potential relief and healing that you need. — LUKE BROWN

Holistic Catholic Counseling | [sacredheartcleveland.com](http://sacredheartcleveland.com) | 440-305-6192



During Lent St. Leo's is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program. Twelve area organizations will be recipients of your generosity.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14, and during Lent, baskets of hearts will be at all church entrances. Please take a heart or two and purchase the items requested for the organization listed. Or you can purchase items from the list below.

You may bring your donations to the church (bins by doors) or rectory by Friday, March 22 or to the St. Leo School cafeteria on Saturday, March 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. Please remember to attach the heart or a tag with the organization name to your donated items.

Rectory hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; Saturday, noon–5; or Sunday, 9 a.m.–Noon

♥ **Birthingright**

Baby Bottles (not disposable), Baby Lotion, Crib Sheets, Diapers Size 4 or 5, Rattles/Pacifiers, Receiving Blankets, Sleepers, Newborn–12 Months

♥ **Broadview Multi-Care**

Adult Coloring Books, Board Games, Colored Pencils, Markers, Large-Piece Jigsaw Puzzles, Large-Print Word Searches, Men's/Women's Body Wash, Nail Polish—Neutral Colors, Pencil Sharpener, Pens, Pencils, Playing Cards, Seasonal Craft Kits from Dollar Tree

♥ **Holy Family Hospice**

Bleach, Body Wash, Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Large-Print Word Search Books, Lestoil, Nail Polish, Paper Towels, Napkins, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes

♥ **Joseph House of Cleveland**

New Bath Towels, Laundry Detergent, Men's White T-Shirts (med,lg), Toilet Tissue

♥ **Malachi House**

30-Gallon Trash Bags, Gift Cards (Amazon, Gordon Food Service, Giant Eagle, Hobby Lobby, Walmart), Cans of Coke/Pepsi/Ginger Ale/Sprite, Paper Towels, Postage Stamps

♥ **MetroHealth Friends of Mothers and Infants**

Baby Board Books, Baby Wipes, Diapers—Size 1 to 5, Sleepers—Sizes 3–12 Months

♥ **Mt. Alverna**

Cans of Diet Pop, Chocolate Candy, Individual Snack Bags, e.g., Chips, Cookies, Pretzels, Large-Print Word Searches, Nail Polish, Remover, Cotton Balls, New Small Stuffed Animals, Spring Room Decorations, Sugar-Free Candy

♥ **Parma Care Center**

Adult Coloring Books, Body Wash—Men's/Women's, Cans of Diet Pepsi/Coke/Root Beer, Construction Paper, Ladies Hair Brushes, Wide-Tooth Combs, Large-Print Word Search Books, Men's After-shave, Cologne, Washable Markers and Colored Pencils

♥ **Providence House**

13-Gallon Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags, Aquaphor Baby Healing Ointment, Children's Bena-dryl, Zyrtec, Motrin, Canned fruits—peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, Children's New Shoes, Children's Summer Clothing—All Sizes, Gift Cards—Target, Walmart, Giant Eagle, Gas Cards, Girls Undershirts—Size 2T–7, Girls/Boys Underwear—All Sizes, Graham Crackers, Saltines, cheese crackers, Pull-Ups—All Sizes, Toys, Activities—Newborn–12 Years

♥ **St. Colman**

**Refugee Center**

Any Size Diapers, Bar Soap, Cleaning Products, Dish Detergent, Feminine Napkins, Laundry Detergent—Half-Gallon Size, Men's Deodorant/Shaving Lotion/Razors, Toilet Tissue—4–8-Roll Pkg., Women's Deodorant/Shampoo/Shower Gel

♥ **St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach**

Baked Beans, Dry Beans, Canned Corn, Green Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta, Diced Tomatoes, Canned Soup, Tuna, Cereal, Oatmeal, Dish Detergent, Bar Soap, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Rice/Noodle Side Dishes, Skillet Dinners, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta

♥ **West Side**

**Catholic Center**

Bar Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes



If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216/351-6247.

5 SHORT PRAYERS FOR LENT

If you don't have a lot of time to set aside to pray or feel like you have the right words to pray, don't worry! God knows your heart and any length of prayer is powerful! These short prayers can be used daily or during moments of reflection and meditation throughout the Lenten season to enhance your spiritual journey.

**Prayer for Repentance:**

"Dear Lord, during this Lenten season, help me to recognize my sins and turn my heart toward you in genuine repentance. Grant me the strength to make amends and grow in your grace. Amen."

**Prayer for Guidance:**

"Heavenly Father, as I embark on this Lenten journey, guide my steps and illuminate my path with your wisdom. May your Word be a lamp to my feet and a light to my soul. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

**Prayer for Spiritual Renewal:**

"Lord Jesus, during Lent, I seek spiritual renewal and a deeper connection with you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, cleanse my heart, and draw me closer to your love and grace. Amen."

**Prayer for Self-Denial:**

"Gracious God, as I practice self-denial during Lent, may I grow in humility and reliance on you. Help me to turn away from worldly distractions and focus on your presence and purpose. Amen."

**Prayer for Compassion:**

"Dear God, during this Lenten season, open my heart to the needs of others. May I reflect your love and compassion in my actions, serving those who are suffering or in need. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

[www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer](http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer)

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

On March 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrated the life of Leslie Hahn, the husband of parishioner Lisa Hahn. Leslie or "Dutch" as he was known, had not been in good health for many years but his death still was unexpected. He and Lisa joined me in a trip to Italy several years ago and so I had the chance to get to know him a bit as he was not Catholic and I'm grateful for that opportunity. He was a good humored & kind man and highly thought of by many. Dutch and Lisa have 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. He served as a Captain in the Army and also was a Cleveland Police Office for 29 years. Dutch was a member of a German Men's choir and was an Eagle Scout as well. Please remember him in prayer and Lisa as well as she faces this time of grief and transition.

This past Tuesday I also celebrated a funeral Mass for Jeanette Klaehn, a longtime member off our parish. Jeanette was 96 years old but would still attend Mass here when she was able. She would always be sure to come up to me to say hello and to assure me that she was praying for me each day, which I always appreciated. In fact when I heard of her passing, I worried for a moment about my daily intercessor, but then quickly remembered that her prayers for me now will be much more powerful as she offers them in the presence of God himself. Jeanette told me that because of her age, she was unable to do much at home so she prayed several rosaries a day. I'm sure those prayers to the Blessed Mother did much good for her and for those she prayed for. We extend our sympathy to her son Thomas. She was married to Leo (deceased) and also had a son named James (also deceased). May she rest in God's peace.

I've been meaning to remind you about the proper way of receiving Holy Communion. Keeping in mind that this is the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ, His Real Presence we are receiving, the Church asks us to bow our head while the person ahead of you is receiving, then to place one hand over the other (if not receiving directly on your tongue) and say "Amen" as you receive the host and reverently place it in your mouth. You generally receive the Eucharist very reverently but the one suggestion I would make is this: if you only have one hand free because you are carrying a baby or using a cane for example, you may want to consider receiving Holy Communion on your tongue. To use only one hand when putting the Sacred host in your mouth just looks irreverent to me, even though you don't intend this. Perhaps this is because we use one hand to pop a piece of candy in our mouth or to chew on some snack. In fact for hundreds of years people only received the host directly on the tongue in order to express their reverence for this great Sacrament, even though we are still touching the Body of Christ either way, with our tongue or with our hand(s). Of course I won't say anything to you or try to make you feel singled out if you still use just one hand but it's just something I've been wanting to mention for some time, especially during a time when so many show disbelief or disrespect for this great Sacrament. How grateful we should be to receive the Real Presence of Christ within us each week for "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you will have no life within you."

It's been a joy to hear the confessions of our children during Lent and to have had many come to the Sacrament on the Evening of Confessions. May God grant his mercy to us all.

*Jr. 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 MONDAY 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!

**Upcoming Meetings in 2024:  
May 6th**

**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 continue to contribute. Here are a few ways to make contributions when unable to place directly in the offertory basket at Mass on the weekends:*

- 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. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent  
February 16th to March 22nd  
Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$10.00 choice of:  
Parmesan Crusted Tilapia  
Baked Seasoned Cod  
Battered Fried Fish  
Breaded Shrimp  
Pierogis

Includes:  
Choice of baked potato or fries,  
coleslaw or applesauce,  
roll and butter

\$12.00 Combo Meal-add 3 pierogis

Weekly Specials - Seafood Empanadas, Salmon Patty Dinner

Fish Sandwich or  
Fish Tacos (2) - \$8.00  
sandwich or tacos  
served with fries  
and coleslaw

Kids Meal - \$5.00  
choice of: fried fish/pizza/  
mac & cheese/pierogi  
with fries and drink  
(age 10 & under please)

### A la carte menu

Baked potato	\$2.50	French fries	\$2.50
Cheese pizza	\$2.00	Pierogies (3)	\$4.00
Mac & cheese	\$3.00	Cabbage & noodles	\$3.50
Soup of the day	\$3.00	Dessert Available	

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### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

BY COLLEEN JURKIEWICZ DORMAN

#### The Uncomfortable Life in The Light

If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.

You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call “forgiving light.” But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals.

But it feels so much better, doesn’t it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

“Is this really me?” you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow’s feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There’s nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

“And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.” — John 3:19



On Holy Thursday (March 28, 2024) we have asked many churches throughout the Diocese to remain open until 11PM for people to come and worship the Eucharist at their altar of repossession. In Ohio City and Tremont, seven (7) of these churches are within walking distance of each other and we are encouraging young adults to walk together and visit these seven churches on Holy Thursday evening. We'd like to get 1000 young adults to participate that night! You Don't Have to be Catholic, a practicing Catholic, or even believe in God to participate. Join us.

You can start the pilgrimage walk at any of the churches listed below:

St. Andrew Kim, 2310 West 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113-3613  
St. Augustine, 2486 West 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113-4449  
St. Emeric, 1860 West 22nd St., Cleveland, OH 44113-3185  
St. John Cantius, 906 College Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113-4494  
St. Malachi, 2459 Washington Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113-2380  
St. Patrick on Bridge Ave, 3602 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113  
St. Wendelin, 2281 Columbus Rd., Cleveland, OH 44113-4230

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO



		<i>March 3, 2024</i>	
Sun. Envelope	\$	8,038.25	<i>We thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Leo the Great Parish !</i>
WeShare	\$	2,745.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,783.25</b>	
Cap. Improv	\$	430.00	
WeShare	\$	185.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>615.00</b>	
SVDP	\$	170.00	
WeShare	\$	115.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>285.00</b>	



### 2024 BUS TRIPS

**River's Casino** | Pittsburgh, PA

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024*

Casino Bonus: \$20 slot play, \$5 Food Credit  
\$46/person

**Deadline: Tuesday, March 26th**

**Hartville**

*Monday, May 13, 2024*

Lunch at Hartville Kitchen (included)  
\$78/person

**Deadline: Tuesday, April 23rd**

**Seneca Niagara (overnight stay)**

*Thursday, June 27th*

Casino Bonus: \$50 slot play, \$20 food credit  
Buffet Open

**Seneca Allegany**

*Friday, June 28th*

Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play, \$5 food credit  
Buffet Open

**Deadline: Monday, May 20th**

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



### THE 2024 GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

**March 4th \$100 Drawing**

**John Sabol**

*Tickets are available for purchase in the Rectory Office  
or on our website. Cost: \$30 for a chance to win multiple times!*



With Daylight Savings happening this weekend, you're likely going to be gearing up for some Spring Cleaning. Remember that you can recycle your old paper and cardboard (please breakdown boxes) at the bins near the school recess lot. In honors of Earth Day, if you utilize our bins especial during the Bonus week of April 22nd —April 26th, it will help our parish receive \$2.00 extra per ton. Thanks so much for your support!



Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at [www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org) or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006 for more information.

### SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

If you like to shop online visit [schoolstore.com](http://schoolstore.com) and shop over 400 National Brands online. When you purchase through SchoolStore.com as opposed to a direct website of a participating merchant a percentage of your purchase goes to support our parish school !

You can also support our teachers by donating a Caring for Classrooms gift card that help them purchase classroom materials throughout the year. Contact Nina at the Rectory Office or [ncapone@leothegreat.org](mailto:ncapone@leothegreat.org) with any questions you might have.