

EASTER SUNDAY



CHURCH OF ST. LEO THE GREAT

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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To the St. Leo Parish Community:

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Have a Heart, Lend a Hand Lenten program. The huge outpouring of support from our parish community is extremely gratifying. The collection this year far exceeded that of previous years.

The spirit of Christ is most definitely alive and well at St. Leo the Great Parish!!!

Thank you to all those who helped sort and deliver donations to the 12 organizations we supported this year. The love of Christ will touch all the lives that were touched by your outpouring of love.



May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy.

Jeanne Sabol

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



Happy Easter and THANK YOU so much for your financial contributions and for you donations of food and staples to support our families and help provide them with Easter Blessings at their table. We continue to pray for all of those who contribute and support our SVDP Outreach Organization at St. Leo the Great.

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.

HELP NEEDED

Looking for a mature woman from the parish to take care of 94 year old man starting with one day/week and possibly expanding to more days in the future. Please respond with any questions or interest to katieg4570@hotmail.com.

Rectory Office is CLOSED 3/29, 3/31 & 4/1

THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY



In the Easter season we celebrate the fact that Christ has conquered sin and death! To bring this fact closer to home, there will be a series of catechesis or talks in the parish that are aimed to cultivate adult faith in those seeking answers to the serious questions and issues of life. These talks will begin Tuesday, April 16th at 7pm, and will continue every Tuesday and Friday at the same time in the community center.

These catechesis are brought to the parish by the missionary team of the Neocatechumenal Way, a new experience in the life of the Church, which our late Pope Saint John Paul II called, "an itinerary of Catholic faith formation valid for our society and our times." This will be a marvelous opportunity to rediscover the fruits that your baptism holds for this life, and also to invite those you know who have strayed from the Church to hear the Good News.

THANK YOU



A great big THANK YOU to all the people who came to support the parish at our fish dinners especially the number of people who came back week after week. Of course, we wouldn't have been able to do it without the dedicated volunteers (including the maintenance crew) who spent hours every Friday preparing and serving the food as well as cleaning up afterwards. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of you -- see you next year!



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Gracious and loving God, I ask for your blessing and healing for myself and others.

Allow your gentle care to enfold me in your love.

To You I entrust the healing of my Mind, Body & Spirit.

Stay near that I may be strong to face the fears.

Let all the fragmented parts of my being gather around you.

Your healing presence will mend all that has been broken, and I shall be made whole.

Thank you for you goodness and sharing the beautiful mystery of Life with me. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Amelia Rebello, Larry Kuznik, Irma Zappiell, John Sofcheck, 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, 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 Slaughter, Gloria Ashworth, Dan & Teri Divincenzo, Maryann Kosakowski, Ranae Walters, Cady Williams, Dave Collins, Tom Cramer, Joan Lowry, Gloria Hiendlmayr, William Nelymeier, Ann Mezak & Courtney Gilleland.



John Luke Eicher
Congregation of Holy Cross
Collegian

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.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

March 24th—April 7th

+Rocco A. Capone

*Eternally grateful to God for
the honor of being your family.*

MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

SAT: Mar 30th Holy Saturday

8:30a.m. **Morning Prayer**

11:00a.m. **Blessing of the Food**

Mass at 8:30p.m. **Solemn Easter Vigil** | People of the Parish

SUN: Mar 31st Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass at 8:00a.m. People of the Parish

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

MON: Apr 1st Monday within the Octave of Easter

Mass at 8:30a.m. Death of Sr. Patricia Raelene Peters (John Peters)

TUES: Apr 2nd Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Al Kornik (Joe & Joan Krakora)

WED: Apr 3rd Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Raymond & +Kathy Hirsch (Fr. James Schmitz)

FRI: Apr 5th Friday within the Octave of Easter

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Russell Walker (Love Your Kids, Walker Family)

SAT: Apr 6th Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Mass at 4:00p.m. +Victor Kuznik (Craig Kuznik)

SUN: Apr 7th The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Mass at 8:00a.m. People of the Parish

Mass at 11:00a.m. +Larry Bronecki (Linda & Family)

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

The Apostle Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. But one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to a Gentile – the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. Today's passage is a portion of Peter's sermon, which summarizes the life and ministry of Jesus.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

The letter to the Colossians depicts Christ as the only mediator between God and the world. A previous passage of the letter presented baptism as the way we are united with Christ. The author will today remind us of the heights to which Christ has raised us, and then call upon us to live up to this.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/

Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/
Jn 20:19-31

REFLECTIONS BY LUKE BROWN | SACRED HEART COUNSELING

Happy Easter! May the joy of the Easter season live in our hearts far beyond just this day. The story of Easter and Jesus' victory over sin and death is packed with lessons and meaning for us all. One that the Lord has been bringing to my attention lately is the lesson that He can bring good out of even the most difficult situations. The crucifixion was the most horrible event in history- the Son of God was betrayed, tortured and brutally executed. The author of life and giver of all good gifts was scorned and rejected by humanity. And yet, out of this great injustice and tragedy, God brought about new life and resurrection. Not just for Jesus, but for all of us! Far from being the end of the story, Good Friday led directly to Easter Sunday, and the cross was transformed from a symbol of torture to a symbol of God's undending love for lost humanity. Each of us has our own tragedies to cope with in our lives. The story of Easter reminds us that no matter how dark our situation may seem, that God can bring good out of it. There is always room for hope! We see only part of our story, whereas God can see the whole picture. When we are tempted to despair, I pray that we will remember the story of Easter and renew our trust in God to work all things for His glory and for our ultimate good. The road to Easter was a rocky one, and our road may be difficult as well. But I hope that each of us will remember that we do not carry our crosses alone. May the joy and new life we celebrate today inspire us to be a people of hope in every situation!

— LUKE BROWN

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PRACTICING CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

“She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, ‘They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.’”

— John 20:2

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

“Is there a happy ending?”

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, “Is there a happy ending?”

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex.

Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

To all who are with us today, whether parishioners or visitors, we welcome you and thank you for joining us as we celebrate this greatest of all feasts, the Resurrection of our Lord. Nothing is more important to the faith of a follower of Jesus than what we have reflected on during this past week...the suffering, death and rising of Jesus. What Christ has done for us has to do with our eternal salvation, so what could possibly be more important? Today, let us joyfully praise God for all He has done for us, especially through the Passion & Resurrection of His Son.

The climax of our liturgies is the Easter Vigil which takes place on the night before Easter Day. This is not only a celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, but a time for us to Baptize, Confirm and give the Holy Eucharist to those who desire a participation in the life of Jesus and a place in the Church. We are blessed this year to welcome three people into our Catholic Family: Phillip Rogers, Debra (Debbie) Bunosky, and Leslie Bierschwal. All three have been meeting with Deacon Pat and Joan Berigan over the last few months to prepare themselves for these three Sacraments of Initiation which are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. We will have their pictures and a little bit about each of them in next week's bulletin. Thousands throughout the world are being washed clean at the Easter Vigil through baptism, anointed with the Spirit and fed with the Holy Eucharist. So they join this great crowd of new members of the Church as we celebrate their new life in Christ here at St. Leo the Great. It's important for you to know that each of them were influenced strongly to consider becoming Catholic through the people in their lives, their family members especially, who have lived lives of faith and who have given them an example of what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ. What a gift it is when God uses us to witness, to inspire, to draw others to possess what we already possess ourselves! May we all continue to give an example of faith to others that God may use us to draw them to Himself.

I also want to congratulate Daulton Dehil, a young man who was confirmed this past Wednesday during the 8:30am Mass. May the unique gift of the Holy Spirit allow him to also be a witness for Christ. And allow me to take this opportunity to invite anyone who was baptized but not confirmed to let us know that you would like to complete your Christian Initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan are able to work with you individually according to your needs and schedule to prepare you to receive this Sacrament. Just reach out to us to let us know that you would like to be confirmed & we will help you with that.

I am grateful to all those who made Lent & Holy Week a time for our community to come together for communal support and for liturgical prayer: those who worked at our delicious Fish Fry's, those who prepared the church for all our liturgical services, those who provided music and who used their time and gifts to help us all to pray...ushers, altar servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers and sacristans. You all are needed and appreciated for all you do!

Let me also thank Father Felipe Gonzalez for his help with Mass and confessions during his time here at St. Leo's (he and the seminarians, Tim & Angelo, will continue to be with us at least until July). Many of you will remember the Neocatechumenal talks that they gave here last year. They asked if they could speak again at our parish and of course they have my full support in doing this. They will speak at all the Masses on April 13th & 14th, and will speak about the Christian faith on Tuesdays & Fridays in April & May. More information can be found in this bulletin. You are of course, welcome to attend again even if you did so last year.

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 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 :

May 6th and June 3rd

(No meetings will be held in July and August but will resume in September)

If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

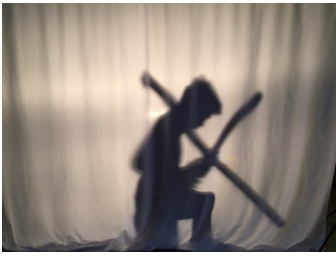
Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

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 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.



A few of our 8th Graders performed Shadow Stations for the school before Easter Break. The hope of this visual, paired with reflections that are read aloud, is to instill a better understanding of the suffering Christ endured and how we can call on Him to help us through our own.



A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

The *Athletics Department*, as well as the *Parent Teacher Committee*, is so very grateful to everyone who came over to Lux Hall to enjoy as many pancakes as they could last Sunday for the 50th Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast! We had a surplus of volunteers (between the parish and the school) and are so very grateful to the crew that came together to put on such a nice event—the food was delicious and the time and effort spent preparing is truly appreciated. Thank you all who were able to attend & show your support!



Believeland Retreat

**Friday, April 5th 6pm -
Sunday, April 7th, 12pm**

A young adult team of leaders coupled with clergy and staff will lead a full weekend retreat for the low, low price of \$65/person. Nobody is refused because of finances.

Please contact Mike Hayes for financial assistance at mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org (all inquiries are kept confidential).

- Five talk presentations followed by small group discussion.
- Free time on Saturday afternoon.
- All Meals included.
- XLT Service on Saturday with Confession and Adoration.

Spring Spirit Drive at AM 1260 The Rock!



The Spring Spirit Drive is coming to listener-supported AM 1260 The Rock: Wednesday, April 10th - Friday, April 12th.

Join us LIVE as we entrust this pledge drive to the Two Hearts of Jesus & Mary. Our chaplain, Fr. Doug Brown, Debbie Georgianni, EWTN personalities, and local clergy & guests will lead the efforts to keep Catholic Radio on the Cleveland airwaves. You don't have to wait for the Pledge Drive to support this most vital apostolate. Visit www.am1260therock.com and click on the orange "Donate Now" tab in the upper right corner or call us at 216-227-1260. Catholic radio continues to change lives and convert hearts. Thank you for your generous support!!



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Tickets for Sale in the Rectory Office!

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		<i>March 17, 2024</i>		<i>We thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Leo the Great Parish !</i>
Sun. Envelope	\$		5,412.00	
WeShare	\$		2,860.00	
Total	\$		8,272.00	
Cap. Improv	\$		343.00	
WeShare	\$		525.00	
Total	\$		868.00	
SVDP	\$		80.00	
WeShare	\$		400.00	
Total	\$		480.00	




2024 BUS TRIPS

Hartville
Monday, May 13, 2024
 Lunch at Hartville Kitchen (included)
 \$78/person
Deadline: Tuesday, April 23rd

Seneca Niagra (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 25th \$100 Drawing Tom Basic
*Tickets are available for purchase in the Rectory Office
 or on our website. Cost: \$30 for a chance to win multiple times!*

It's always nice to be able to share photos of recent events in our bulletin, and on our website and social media pages. Please email any photos you have taken at any of our St. Leo events to Nina at ncapone@leothegreat.org.




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 or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006 for more information.

FISH FRY 50/50 RAFFLE
 Special "Thanks" goes out to Christine D., one of the recent winners of the Fish Fry's 50/50 Raffle, for donating your prize back to St. Leo the Great Parish! Your kindness and support is appreciated.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PROGRAM
 If you like to shop online visit 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 with any questions you might have.

