



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021

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Retired

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RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM
Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM
Sunday ~ 9:00AM—12:30PM

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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.



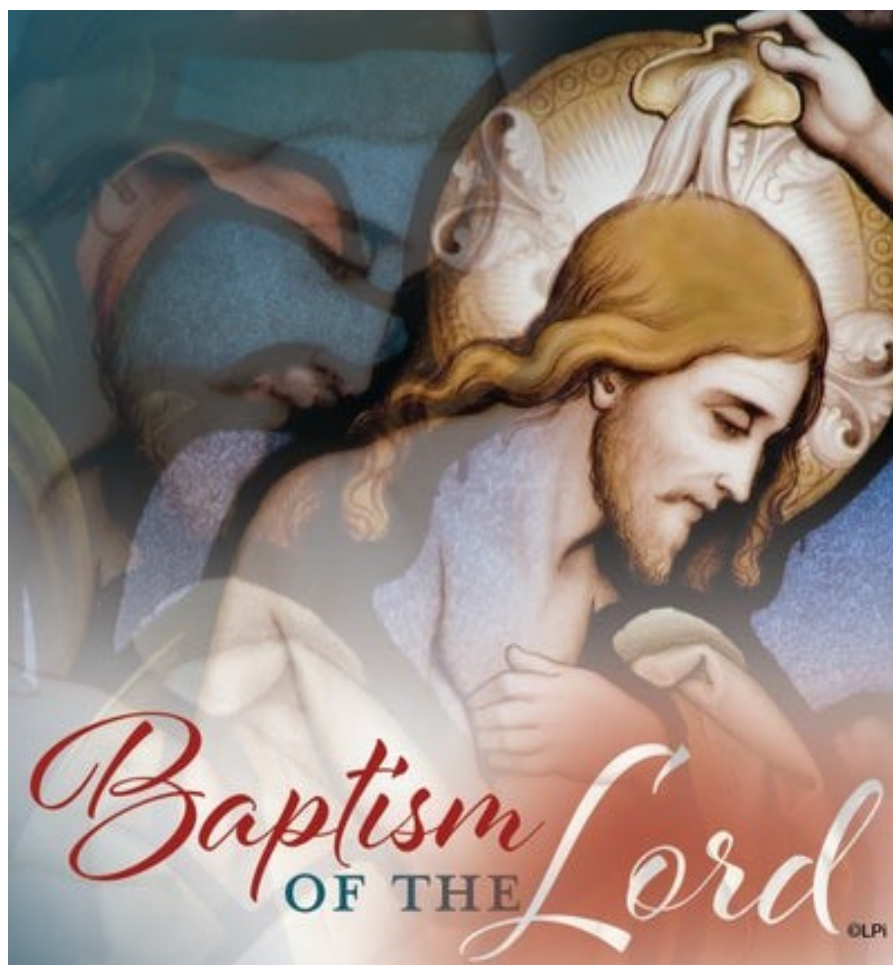
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2021 Mass Intention Book is open. Please come to the Rectory Office where masks are required, and schedule your 2021 Masses. You may also call the Rectory at 216-661-1006 and schedule your intentions. The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Next week we will be collecting for the Catholic University of America which is located in the heart of the nation's capital. It offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Alleluia, Alleluia!
For Rita life has not
ended but merely changed.
Praise God for His Mercy.



In Loving Memory Of:

RITA T. GURGOL

Born: February 21, 1922

Entered Into Rest:
Thursday, December 24, 2020

Funeral Mass:
St. Leo The Great Church
Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Interment:
Holy Cross Cemetery
Sec.: 31 Lot: 2704 Grave: 1

Golubski Funeral Home
Cleve: 216-341-0940/ Parma: 440-886-0200
Golubskifuneralhome.com

In Loving Memory Of
LUCILLE F. MILLS

Born

August 2, 1938

Entered Into Rest

December 30, 2020

Final Resting Place

**Holy Cross Cemetery
Section 19 Lot 3089 Grave 1**

God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around her and whispered, "Come home with Me". With tearful eyes we watched her suffer and saw her fade away. Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, a determined spirit was at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.



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

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Annamae Sironen, Glenn
"Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda,
Jeanette Klaehn, Carol
Rucinski, Pat Chopka,
William & Amelia Rebello,

Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz,
Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo,
Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don
Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph
Mlady, Ralph Rath, Joseph Mackey, John Sofcheck,
Roger Horvath, James Cook, Cherie Seitz, Mary
Slepecky & Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago and Rob Blum.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS



LESA & MATT GACKOWSKI

January 1, 2021—\$200.00 Winner

LINDA & FRED FISHER

January 4, 2021—\$100.00 Winner

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at online at leothegreat.org or at the Rectory Office.

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life.

JOHN HARWOOD
Diocese of Youngstown
Second Year, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Christmas, December 25th

Collection	\$ 17,952.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 6,225.00
Total	\$ 24,177.00

Sunday, December 27th

Collection	\$ 5,730.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,507.50
Total	\$ 7,237.50

Christmas Flowers	\$ 993.00
Capital Improvement (Dec. 2020)	\$ 1,513.00
SVDP (Dec. 2020)	\$ 205.00

THANK YOU
for your generosity



Monday, January 11th - Weekday

8:30am +Mildred Mack (Sister)

Tuesday, January 12th - Weekday

8:30am +Kathrine Gierlach (Family)

Wednesday, January 13th - St. Hilary

8:30am +Leoncio Lobregat (Cora Dejele)

Thursday, January 14th - Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, January 15th - Weekday

8:30am +Adam Kolpa (Family)

Saturday, January 16th - Weekday

4:00pm +Marge Vrcan & Ed Gorczyca (Gorzyca & Vrcan Families)

Sunday, January 17th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Charles Hakaim (Friend)

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Today's reading is from a part of Isaiah written when the Jewish people were exiled in Babylon, which is in modern-day Iraq. This section is often referred to as the "book of comfort" because of the encouragement it gives. Today's passage is the finale to this "book of comfort" and uses the image of poor people being invited by God to a joyful banquet.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

In this passage, the author of the first letter of John emphasizes belief in Jesus Christ as Son of God. He uses phrases and symbols which describe Christ's baptism, death and resurrection. The Spirit, present at these events, testifies to Christ as Son of God. Such testimony is far superior to any human witness.

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 & 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

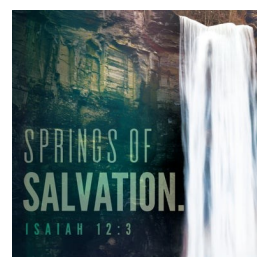
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



*You will draw
water joyfully
from the springs
of salvation.
(Is 12:3)*

ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

Rita Gurgol was a parishioner here at St. Leo's for 64 years. Her two children attended our parish school. We had Rita's funeral Mass on December 30th and celebrated her faith which expressed itself in part by praying the rosary and having a devotion to St. Jude. Though living with her daughter for the last 6 years, she remained connected to our parish by reading the bulletin weekly. I recalled how the three things Rita enjoyed in her life...sewing, making Polish bread and being a Cleveland sports fan, were all connected with her faith. May she rest now in eternal Christmas peace and may God's peace be with her daughter Judy.

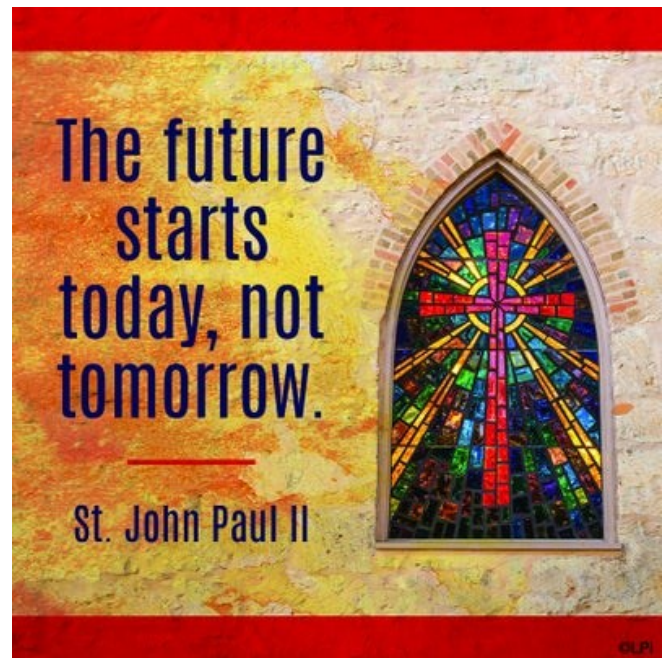
Lucille Mills has also been a parishioner of St. Leo's for some time along with her husband Patrick and their son Scott. Lulu was married for 57 years and was a committed mother and doting grandmother. Like our Blessed Mother, who also was a loving spouse to Joseph & mother to their one Son, Jesus, Lulu followed Mary's example as one who created a loving home for her family. As such, Lulu had a devotion to Mary, especially under the title of "Our Lady of Fatima" and always told her son Scott to ask for Our Lady's intercession. I am confident that Mary prayed for Lu during her life and "at the hour of death."

After today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are once again back into the "Ordinary Time" of the Church's liturgical year. We go from white & gold vestments to green and the church is cleared of its Christmas decorations. How quickly time moves us from one liturgical season to another. Before you know it, we will don the purple color of Lent which begins on February 17th. But for now let us continue to take life as it comes to us with trust in God's providence.

The Diocese has informed us that seventeen priests have volunteered to be designated as COVID 19 ministers who anoint critically ill COVID patients who are near death. There have been many priests who have contracted COVID themselves (and some have succumbed to it) and so the Bishop is urging us to be cautious regarding our own health for the good of the people we are called to serve during this time. As such, Deacon Pat and Joan and I are trying to avoid enclosed spaces such as funeral homes and are conscious of other situations where the virus is more likely to be contracted so please be aware of this and feel free to reach out if you have questions about our ministry to you or to loved ones at this time. Due to the increased number of COVID cases, we are not renting out the Parish Center at this time until further notice.

The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland has moved. The Sunday television Mass can be seen at 10 a.m. on WUAB Channel 43. This change provides viewers with an opportunity to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a much more convenient time. In addition, WUAB Channel 43 is an over-the-air station that is accessible even to those without cable TV. And of course we continue to provide a live-streaming video of every weekend and weekday Mass (as well as funerals upon request of the family) and these can be watched any time on demand. Just go to our parish website at leothegreat.org or connect with us on social media where YouTube, Facebook and Twitter will send you notifications when Mass is being celebrated. One click on that notification takes you instantly to the live stream on your mobile device.

Fr. James Schmitz



RECORD OF 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS



To receive a copy of your 2020 contribution statement, please email your request to mlhauck@leothegreat.org.

You can also call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement—pick up in the office, or mail.

HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS



The Rectory Office will be closed **Monday, January 18th** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00 a.m.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross Blood mobile will be at St. Leos Lux Hall on Sunday, January 17th from 8:00am to Noon. Red Cross staff are required to take temperatures at the door, remain masked and gloved during the blood drive (changing them often) and 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 will not be accepted.** Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Lord calls each one of us to share our Faith by committing ourselves to life and becoming involved in the lives of our brothers and sisters. One small way to find involvement is to help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization volunteers by donating food and staples to our monthly food collection. Our monthly food collection is next weekend, January 16th and 17th. Our cupboard is in need of DRY BEANS, CANNED BEANS, CREAMED CORN, CANNED PASTAS, ELBOW MACARONI, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, SCALLOPED POTATOES, ASSORTED PASTAS, SPAGHETTI NOODLES, ASSORTED CANNED TOMATOES, CRANBERRY SAUCE, SOUPS, RAMEN NOODLES, RICE & NOODLE SIDES, TUNA FISH, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, CEREAL, BAR SOAP, DISHWASHING SOAP AND TOILET PAPER. Our cupboard really can use your help, so whatever you are able to donate will be very much appreciated. Thank You.

ORNAMENTS FROM REMEMBRANCE TREES



The ornaments on the Remembrance Trees can be removed and taken home the weekend of January 9th and 10th. The remaining ornaments will be placed in the main vestibule for pick up only through the following weekend -- the weekend of January 16th and 17th. Thank you.

ONLINE GIVING



Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website: www.leotheadgreat.org to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS



We are taking intentions for Sanctuary Candle Intentions for 2021. The donation for the candle will be \$10.00. Please only one request per family.

You can stop by the Rectory Office to request a Sanctuary Candle Intention or call us at 216-661-1006.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Davis Foundation is offering Scholarships for interested students who are in the 8th Grade at St. Leo the Great and to students who graduated from St. Leo the Great. The process for eligibility has changed from previous years. Please contact Ms. Dodson (mdodson@leotheadgreat.org) for more information if you are interested. The deadline for consideration is January 29, 2021. Thank you and God bless you!

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



Buying our gift cards is an excellent way to help support our Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at our office or on our website at leotheadgreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for your grocery needs, drugstore items, gasoline, or used as a simple thank you.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.

REGISTER WITH US



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 leotheadgreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.

BRING IT TO THE BIN



Did you know you can help our school earn \$\$? Just bring it to the bin. Bring CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER, Mail, Newspapers, Hard and Soft Bound Books, Phone books, Brown Paper Bags, and Flattened Cardboard. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to save their paper too!

School News

Happy New Year to you all! Our wishes for you are a Healthy & Blessed New Year!

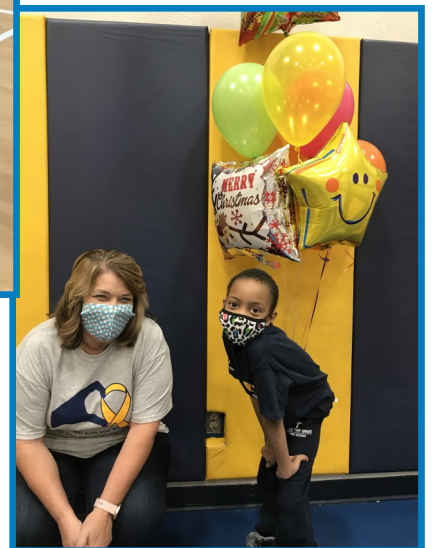
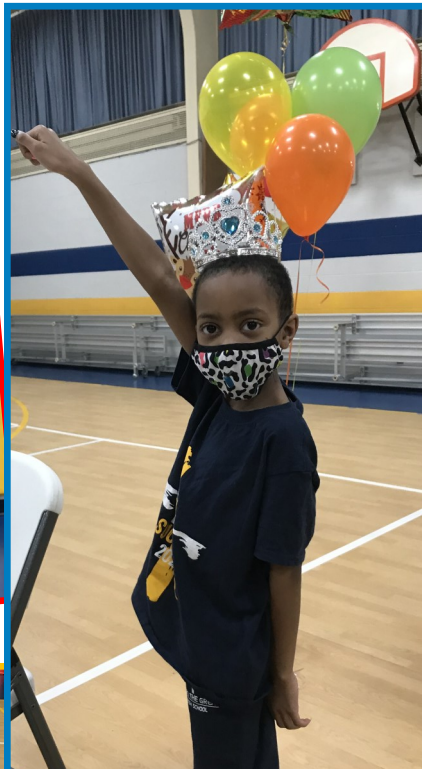
I wanted to share with you pictures of a special gathering we were able to have before Christmas break. We have a 2nd grader, **Genesis**, who is currently receiving treatment for cancer. During a rare break from treatment, Genesis and her parents were able to visit the school and see her teachers and some of her classmates.

Our school did a fundraiser for the family to help them during this difficult time. A T-shirt was designed especially for Genesis and sold to our families and friends. Genesis's family was overwhelmed with gratitude and thanked everyone for their generous giving and for their continued prayers.

I would like to personally thank everyone who participated in this fundraiser, and also thank **Mehco Custom Printing** for their generous donation of **ALL** the custom made T-shirts that were sold.

Please continue to keep Genesis and her family in your prayers.

God Bless,
Mrs. Denise Burns
Principal



CHRISTMAS LULLABY

Vs 1) All is calm in Bethlehem, gathered round the cradle stand, Gentle Mother blessed Child Sacred this night
Come all, adore the King, All above rejoice and sing, O
Born to reign in everyland, this Hold Child these tiny hands

Silent night, Holy night sleep Child now sleep

Vs 2) Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ thee ever lasting Lord Hail the child of righteousness Come and adore Look upon the cradle stand, Nails shall pierce His feet and hands O see now, thee infant King upon the cross is suffering Kneel before kneel and pray Jesus our Lord.

Vs 3) Now the days are passing on, still we hear that heavenly song Angels bending near thee earth, echo their song, Peace on earth, good will to all born that day, O Israel, O come behold Emmanuel As foretold slaves no more, Silent Night Holy Night, sleep Child, now sleep!



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