



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2019

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM
Sundays ~ 8:00AM, and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Thursday ~ 7:30AM
Friday ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are heard on Saturday, from 2:45PM—3:30PM or anytime 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.



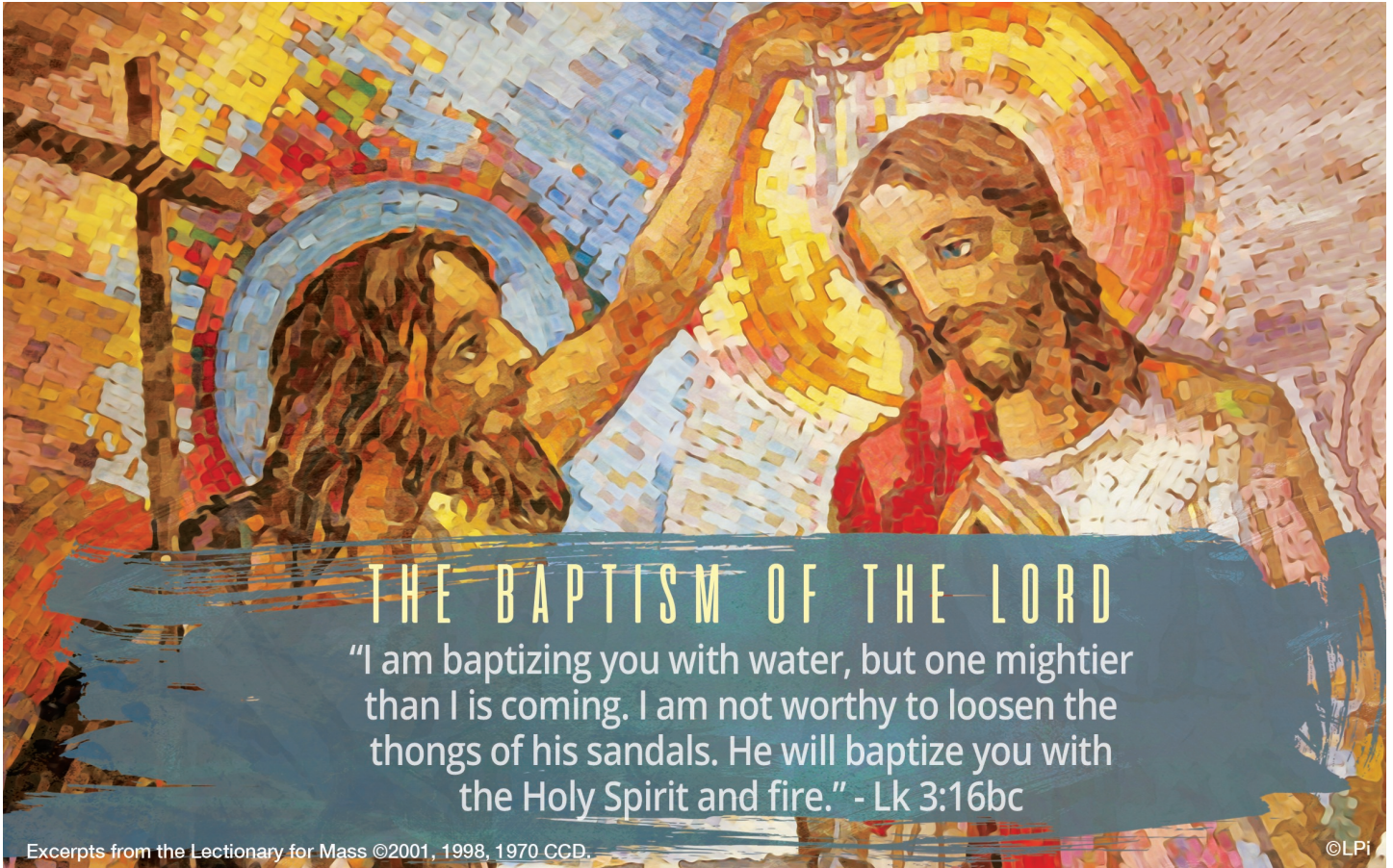
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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LIVE THE LITURGY —INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

At the baptism of Jesus, a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Through Baptism, Jesus' identity as God's Son is revealed and understood. He knows very clearly who he is. Baptism does the same for us. It gives us our identity as daughters and sons of God. We have the wonderful opportunity, given to us as a gift, to share in the same intimate relationship Jesus has with God his Father. Being a daughter or son of God gives us a unique and focused mission to which we must be faithful. Our identity, as with Jesus, is rooted in God. This is a simple fact we all must accept. Through Baptism, we are given the power and ability to see the world as God sees and to think and act as God would think and act. This is a tall order but one that will lead us to truth and ultimately to happiness.

Week
of
Prayer
for
Christian
Unity

JANUARY 18-25

Our Father,

We seek you in so many ways and places in our life.

We seek you for guidance and for comfort.

But you have told us that where there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry.

We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common.

Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.

ORNAMENTS FROM REMEMBRANCE TREES



The ornaments on the Remembrance Trees can be removed and taken home the weekend of January 12th and 13th. The remaining ornaments will be placed in the main vestibule for pick up only through the following weekend -- the weekend of January 19th and 20th. Thank you.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY



Next weekend, we will be collecting for The Catholic University of America, which is the National University of the Catholic Church in the United States. Your support will enable the Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Sarah Geier, Edward P. Gorczyca, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Jo Hoffman, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Charles Hakaim, Walter Milewski, Harriet Watson, August Bublav, Dennis Badar, Carol Rucinski, Cara Prokop, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, Bill Hinton, William Rebello, Cecilia Doris, Lori Stossell, Louise Horvath, Caitlin Soucek-Kacher, Elaine Houseknecht, Diane Kalus, Gloria Karich, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Eugene Parks, Rudy Dejel, Dianne Toronski and Barb Miliam.



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

Linda Valencic

January 7, 2019—\$100.00 Winner

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or the Rectory Office.

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

Andrew Lucci
St. Ambrose, Brunswick
First Year, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Christmas, December 25th

Total Collection.....\$ 21,052.55

Sunday, December 30th

Basket Collection.....\$ 5,826.30
WeShare(online)..... 775.00
Total.....\$ 6,601.30

Christmas Flowers.....\$ 1,245.25
Capital Improvement (December)..... \$ 1,724.00
Solemnity of Mary.....\$ 3,609.50

Sunday, January 6th

Basket Collection.....\$ 6,968.00
WeShare(online).....\$ 1,205.00
Total.....\$ 8,173.00

Thank you for your continued support!



Monday, January 14th: Weekday

7:30am +Katherine Gierlach (Gierlach Family)

Tuesday, January 15th: Weekday

7:30am +Adam Kolpa (Gierlach Family)

Wednesday, January 16th: Weekday

7:30am Sonia Caraballo (Eneida)

Thursday, January 17th: St. Anthony

7:30am Intention to be announced

Friday, January 18th: Weekday

8:30am +Andrew & Ann Aron (Family)

Saturday, January 19th: Weekday

4:00pm Seniors

Sunday, January 20th: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Joseph & Frances Panik (Carol Panik Graves)

11:00am +Carmelita Hangad (Alma Duenas)

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

This passage from the book of Isaiah begins with God calling the prophet to encourage the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. He is to tell them that they will be returning home soon, and the road of the return will pass through the desert. We will also hear God call the people to proclaim from a mountaintop the goodness of God.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

The letter to Titus was written about 30 years after Paul's death, and was written in Paul's name, a practice common in the ancient world. Titus was a traveling companion of Paul, and later was in charge of a Christian community on the island of Crete. The verses we are about to hear are also read at Masses on Christmas.

Readings for the week of January 13, 2019

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 /Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab & 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 & 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: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I met with our former Principal Sister Erin last week and she gave me a tour of Cleveland Central Catholic High School where she is now Vice-Principal. It is on the campus of St. Stanislaus, but I wasn't able to go into the church as it was locked, but hope to see the inside sometime because the outside of the building is beautiful. Sister Erin asked me to send her greetings to all of you. She is doing very well there and really enjoys her ministry to the high school students. Please keep her in your prayers.

All parishes received a letter from Bishop Perez regarding the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry in the Diocese, which as you know is very active here at St. Leo's. He writes: *"I remain grateful for the wonderful work the St. Vincent de Paul Society does in so many parishes to help those most in need. Through our common efforts, we faithfully respond to Christ's invitation to feed, love and tend His sheep. Thank you for all you do to attend to our brothers and sisters who are most in need. Your kindness, charity, love and respect for them manifests the Incarnation of Christ in a very real way."* So let me echo his words and take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generosity to this ministry at our parish, either through food or money donations, and let me thank especially those who work collecting the food, putting it in bags & dispensing it to those who come to us. They work behind the scenes but I want you all to know how much they do. Thanks to each of them!

I would also like to encourage your participation in our Gift Card Program. You can purchase gift cards for everyday purchases, gifts or as a simple thank you. The cards are available for purchase in the Rectory Office or at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church after Mass. Your purchases are an excellent, easy and convenient way to help support our Parish.

I had my first appointment with the surgeon on January 4th. I have great confidence in him. He gave me the choice of having the surgery done at St. John Medical Center (formerly St. John Westshore) in Westlake or at the Main Campus of University Hospital in downtown Cleveland. I chose the former as it's small and is a Catholic Hospital. The surgery will be on February 25th, which means I can take my planned vacation to Florida at the beginning of February.

I'm so grateful for the prayers and support & know it will help a lot in my healing. My thoughts turn especially to the ill members of our parish as I ask your prayers for them. May St. Peregrine, patron of cancer patients, pray for us

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, January 14th

3:00pm 3rd Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
4:00pm 4th Gr. Girls B-Ball Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Girls B-Ball Practice	Lux
7:00pm 4th Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux

Tuesday, January 15th

8:30am SVDP (Packing/Receiving)	Church
4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
6:30pm Girl Scouts #71416	Basement
7:00pm Finance Meeting	Rectory

Wednesday, January 16th

9:30am Parish Catechetical Leaders Course	Basement
3:00pm 3rd Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
4:00pm 4th Gr. Girls B-Ball Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Girls B-Ball Practice	Lux
6:30pm Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm 4th Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux

Thursday, January 17th

1:00pm Woman's Knitting	Conference
4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux

Friday, January 18th

3:00pm 6th Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement

Saturday, January 19th

7:30am CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
2:45 to 3:30 pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement

Sunday, January 20th

8:00am to 12Noon Bloodmobile	Lux
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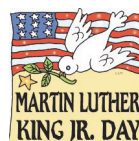
RECORD OF 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS



To receive a copy of your 2018 contribution statement, please email your request to mlhauck@leothegreat.org. You can also stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church after Mass or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement, eg. pick up in back of church, office, or mail.

Two gravesites available in the Sermon on the Mount section of Brooklyn Hts. Cemetery - \$1600. Contact Kathy at 440-829-7996.

HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS



The Rectory Office will be closed **Monday, January 21st** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, January 20th, from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Please register @redcrossblood.org after you create a profile. It's easy! Registering is optional; it just helps with staffing. Also, don't forget to do Fast Pass. It will save you time! As we gear up for the winter and flu season, please stop by and donate! There is always a need for blood!

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES



Once again our parish will be participating in the Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser. We are doing this fundraiser at this time of the year to coincide with the Roe vs. Wade Ruling.

The weekend of January 19th/20th there will be baby bottles at the entrances of the church. Please take the baby bottles home, fill them with your loose change, and return them to the church the weekend of February 16th/17th. (If you prefer, checks should be made payable to *Womankind*.) The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and support services to pregnant women in need. For more information about Womankind, check out their website at www.womankindcleveland.com. Thank you.

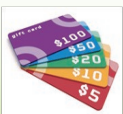
PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

**GREAT
ROOM
FOR RENT**

The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center is available to **rent for special events, all types of parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.**

For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our parish website at leothegreat.org.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



We encourage everyone to participate in Our Gift Card Program, as it is an excellent, easy and convenient way to help support our Parish. There is great potential in this program. Purchase cards for all needs, including everyday purchases, travel, and a wonderful way to say thank you to someone. A complete list of the gift cards is available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church, on the website or at the Rectory Office.

**PLEASE STOP BY AND
SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The St. Vincent DePaul Ozanam Food Pantry is located at 2145 Broadview Road, which is on the corner of Broadview and Searsdale. They are open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm and they provide food to families and individuals who live in the following zip codes: 44109, 44129, 44130, 44134, 44142 and 44144. You must meet Government guidelines and bring a valid ID with proof of address on the first visit. Clothes are also available to those who receive food. They look forward to serving you.

Parma Lutheran Church located at 5280 Broadview Road services those who live in the Parma area. They distribute food on Tuesday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and on Friday from 10:00am to 12noon. You need to bring a valid ID with you with proof of address. They also look forward to serving you.

If you live in Brooklyn Heights, Parma Heights or Seven Hills you can contact your Community Center to find out where and when food is distributed to those in need.

REGISTER WITH US



Have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, at the rectory office, or call 216-661-1006.

RECYCLE—BONUS WEEK



Bonus week is **Jan. 14th to Jan. 18th**. We will receive an extra \$5/ton during bonus week! Save all your extra gift wrap, holiday cards, & gift boxes along with all of your other papers and bring them to our paper bins by the Parish Center.

St. Mary Seminary Winter Festival 2019

Friday, Feb 22nd
5-8pm

Adults - \$10
Kids under 12 - \$5

Center for Pastoral Leadership
28700 Euclid Avenue
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**New Menu including
Eastern European dishes!**

Call (440) 943-7600 for more information!



St. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition



With Mrs. Denise Burns,
St. Leo School Principal

Why did you choose to become a Teacher?

I enjoy working with children of all ages and helping them reach their full potential.

So it wasn't about June, July & August, haha?

Well that's definitely a bonus!

Do you have a golden teaching moment?

The experience of changing from 6th grade classroom to a 2nd grade classroom, mostly for sacramental reasons. I found it exciting and very rewarding.

Tell me 3 people who most influenced your own education and career?

#1 is my Mother. She insisted that I have a college education and was supportive in any field that I was selecting.

#2 is my high school Math teacher, who I still see. He very much enjoyed his career and it was obvious he enjoyed what he was doing.

#3 would be St. Peter's. The support and encouragement that I received to continue my education and to continue to grow in the education field.

Why did you choose to become a Principal?

I felt that I have strong leadership skills, and was strongly encouraged by the Pastor and Principal at St. Peter's, so in turn was nominated for the scholarship program through the Diocese of Cleveland which helped to reduce the cost of completing my Master's degree.

Your now in your 2nd year as Principal, how is it going?

It's going very well. Having the first full year under my belt has allowed me the opportunity to focus on the future of St. Leo's. I am very grateful to Fr. Jim, the Faculty and Staff at St. Leo's who have made my experience exceptional.

Comparing teaching when you first started to today. What has changed?

The obvious answer in the integration of technology.

Is this a good change?

I think so, if used properly.

Tell me about yourself.

I have been married 25 years to my extremely supportive husband, Jim. We have two sons, Brad and Jay and two rat terrier's, Abby & Buddy.

Hobbies?

#1 Shopping! Including online shopping. And then spending time with my family.

We look forward to continue seeing the positive impact you are giving to St. Leo's School. Thank you for your time.



OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 27th
10:00 am to 1:00 pm



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.



Please join us to . . .

Tour the school • Meet the principal • Meet the teachers
Apply for Cleveland vouchers • Apply for Fall enrollment

- Safe and nurturing environment
- Before and after school care
- Tutoring and remediation programs
- Federal hot breakfast and lunch program
- Full day/part time pre-school program for three and four year olds.
- Cleveland voucher and EdChoice scholarships accepted

Now accepting applications for preschool - 8th grade

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Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 - February 2 **#CSW19**



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\$5.00 shows your support for St. Leo's. Contact the school.



January 14th - 18th

BONUS WEEK!

St. Leo's will receive an

EXTRA \$5.00/ton.

Save all your gift wrap, holiday cards, gift boxes, cardboard rolls.
BRING ALL YOUR PAPER/CARDBOARD to St. Leo's! (Back parking lot by school)
Tell your Family, Friends & Neighbors!

JANUARY 13, 2019—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WADE IN THE WATER

Arr. M. D. Ridge

OSTINATO REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Wade in the wa - ter, — wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren now, —

Wade in the wa - ter, — God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. —

VERSES: Sung over Refrain

1. John — was a-preach-in' by the shores — of Jor - dan stream: —

2. Je-sus came to be bap-tized by John; — and when it was done —

3. "My — fa - vor rests up - on him," said — a voice from a - bove. —

4. Come — to the riv - er where the liv - ing wa - ters rise: —

1. — "Re - pent — of your sins and let the

2. — a voice — from the heav-ens said: —

3. — The crowd — saw the Spir - it in the

4. — if you want to fol - low Je - sus, you must

to Refrain

1. wa - ter wash — you clean. —

2. "This — is my — be - lov-ed Son." —

3. form of a snow - white dove. —

4. come — and be — bap - tized. —

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CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Burgers & Beer on January 26th at 8:00pm. \$20 for sliders & beer. Tickets on sale now.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—A Night at the Races, Saturday, January 19th at 6:00pm in the Gym. Email ericleigh@gmail.com for tickets.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Mardi Gras celebration on March 2nd. More details to come!

BUS TRIP

COLUMBUS OHIO HOLLYWOOD CASINO

Tuesday, February 12th

Report: 8:30am — Depart 9:00am — Arrive 12:00pm

Casino bonus: \$5 free slot play & \$5 food

Depart 5:00pm (rest stop enroute-on own)

Return: approx. 8:00pm

Cost: 32.00 per person
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505

for more information or to book your trip.

