



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2021

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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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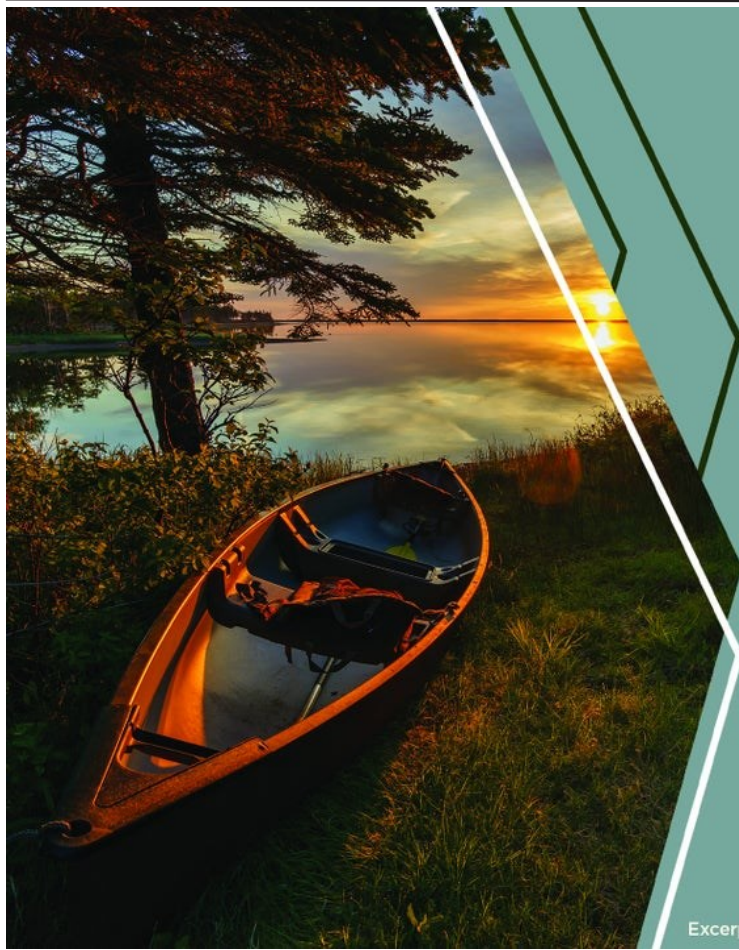
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He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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



In Loving Memory Of:
MARY C. SLEPECKY

Born: August 25, 1943

Entered Into Rest:
Sunday, January 10, 2021

Funeral Service:
Golubski Funeral Home
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Interment:
Holy Cross Cemetery
Sec.: 3 Lot: 2807 Grave: 1

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

IN MEMORY OF **Patricia A. Chopka**

March 4, 1936
January 3, 2021

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun, of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Cleveland Cremation
440-238-1200



Pray

Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick
and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give
them Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Carol Rucinski, 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, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum & Chuck Pacanovsky.



Monday, January 25th - The Conversion of St. Paul
8:30am +Bob Zarko (Miriam Fontaine)

Tuesday, January 26th - SS. Timothy & Titus
8:30am +Carmen Crea (Family)

Wednesday, January 27th - St. Angela Merici
8:30am +Bob Zarko (Rose)

Thursday, January 28th - St. Thomas Aquinas
8:30am Communion Service

Friday, January 29th - Weekday
8:30am +Hattie Gray (Joe & Joan Krakora)

Saturday, January 30th - Weekday
4:00pm +Rose Shinaberry (Joe & Annette)

Sunday, January 31st - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Marie Alltop & Dorothy Prioletti (Cory Pepera)

*Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed.
Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that
is needed is the will to love.*

Saint Teresa of Avila

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

ELIZABETH GIERLACH

January 18, 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.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Book of Jonah is only two pages long and tells a parable about a man called by God to preach repentance to the pagan city of Nineveh. Jonah's first response was to sail as fast as he could in the other direction. After his adventures with a large fish, God called him a second time. Today's passage picks it up from there.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul responds to written questions they had sent to him. Some questions had to do with how we, who believe in the next life, should relate to the things of this life. Paul expected that Jesus would return in glory soon, so he gives some advice which we hear in this reading.

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 /Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 /Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 /Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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

ARTHUR BODENSCHATZ
Diocese of Youngstown
Third Year, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Sunday, January 10th

Collection	\$ 6,163.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,915.00
Total	\$ 8,078.00

Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$ 3,145.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,858.00

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



*The kingdom of God
is at hand.
Repent, and believe
in the gospel.*

(Mk 1:15)

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I celebrated a funeral service for Mary Slepecky on Wednesday, January 13th. I met her son and daughter and brother and other members of her family such as her grandchildren. Her brother reminded me of Mary because they both had a little twang from their West Virginia accent and we all laughed about this. Mary was remembered for reaching out to people in kindness and I shared with the family how I think of her every day because of a personalized gift she had given me a few months ago. We prayed for her soul and entrusted her to our loving God. May he reward her now for her kindness and thoughtfulness.

On January 16th I celebrated a funeral Mass for Patricia Chopka who was married to Andy for 64 "glorious years" as her obit mentioned. I anointed Pat and prayed the last rites for her on New Year's Day of this year. We extend our sympathies to Pat's family, especially to her 3 children, Kari, Andy & Dave. Pat was a member of the Isabella Guild with the Brooklyn-Parma Knights of Columbus (whose home is now here at St. Leo's) and Pat helped host Christmas parties for the K of C because of her love for children. She also contributed to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and so served Christ who also blessed and embraced children. May Christ now embrace Pat and welcome her to his kingdom.

Congratulations to Dakota Riley Fender & to Aliyah Sankey, both children of our parish school who were baptized last Sunday. They look forward to receiving their First Holy Communion in May with the other members of their class and we welcome them both as members of the Catholic Church. May they know the joy of being friends with Christ in whom they were baptized.

Please keep Father O'Grady in your prayers. He has faced further health issues since my last update on him. I miss seeing him every weekend and I'm sure you miss him praying with us as he celebrated a Mass each weekend. Let us ask the Lord to heal him and bless him with peace.

This past Friday I live-streamed our parish school Mass at 8:30am as we participated in the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. A special Mass was also celebrated at the Cathedral in downtown Cleveland and dioceses across the country did the same. Every year on this date we sadly remember the legalization of abortion and continue to pray that this tragedy may soon come to an end.

Though I'm a few days late with this message from Bishop Malesic regarding Inauguration Day, let me include it anyway here: *"As we approach the day during which our country inaugurates a new president, let us pray for our nation, for a peaceful transfer of power, and for the forgiveness and change of heart in those who would try to usurp the rule of law by force and violence. May cooler heads prevail, reasoned debate be encouraged, and love be at the heart of all we do. Jesus said it well, 'And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.' (Mark 3:25) May that which unites us in our love of this great nation far outweigh those things that currently divide us. God bless America."*

Fr. James Schmitz

CALLED

REGISTER WITH US



Welcome

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

ORNAMENTS FROM REMEMBRANCE TREES



If you did not have a chance to take your ornament from the Remembrance Trees, the ornaments will be in the main vestibule of the church through January 31st.

LATIN AMERICA EL SALVADOR COLLECTION



The Latin American Collection will take place on January 23/24 2021. This is the only appeal made by the Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

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Thank you for your contributions to last week's collection for The Catholic University of America! Your investment enables The Catholic University to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both lay and religious, of our Church and nation.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization thanks you for your generosity to our monthly food collection. Your donations of food and staples help us to fill the bags of those we serve. Also, your generosity is appreciated by the people we serve. All that you do for us is very much appreciated. THANK 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 leothegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for your grocery needs, drugstore items, gasoline, or used as a simple thank you.

2021 MASS INTENTIONS



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.

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.

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WHERE THE
ROSARY IS
RECITED
THERE WILL
BE DAYS OF
PEACE AND
TRANQUILITY.

— ST. JOHN BOSCO

Please join us in church on **Wednesday, January 27th**, as we say the rosary at 7:00pm What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.

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Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website: www.leothegreat.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.



SCHOLARSHIPS

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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@leothegreat.org) for more information if you are interested. The deadline for consideration is January 29, 2021. Thank you and God bless you!



BRING IT TO THE BIN



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

Please Share this Flyer with Family, Friends & Neighbors!

**2021 Preschool
Kindergarten & Grades 1 thru 8
Open House
Sunday - January 31
10:00 am - 12:30 p.m.**

**Due to the Pandemic the Open House is
Only for NEW prospective families
Interested families can bring their children to tour the
school, and receive registration information.**

Call School
Office at
216.661.2120

Call
Preschool
Office at
216.661.5330

Teachers & Staff

- 3 Preschool Teachers
- 10 Homeroom Teachers, grades K-8
- 2 Classroom Aides
- Music, Art, Technology, Physical Ed, and Spanish Teachers
- Learning Disability Tutor
- Title1 Remedial Math and Reading Teacher
- School Psychologist
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- School Nurse
- School Librarian

All teachers are certified by the State of Ohio. All teachers hold various levels of certification in Religious Education.

Curriculum

- Religion - First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Confirmation for grade 8.
- Reading & Phonics - Ohio Reading Guarantee Testing
- Math
- English
- Social Studies
- Science and Health - Annual Science Fair for grades 6 & 8
- Spanish Program - grades 5 thru 8
- Physical Education
- Art Program - Annual Student Art Show
- Music Program - Christmas & Spring Concerts. St. Leo Band (Grades 3-8)
- 1:1 Student Chromebook or iPad
- ACTIVboard and Smartboard Instruction

St. Leo Preschool was established in 1985. They operate under the Ohio State Charter of Diocesan Catholic Schools. They are licensed by the Ohio Dept. of Education.

- Offer Full Day & Part-Time 3 & 4 year old programs
- iPads & Apple TV's
- Outdoor Playground
- Arts/Crafts & Music
- Accepts County Vouchers

Their program incorporates the Early Learning Content Standards of the Ohio Dept. of Education and includes readiness activities for language arts, reading, math, social studies and science.



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PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument
of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that
we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.

The Lighter Side.....The Helper



A pastor was walking down the street one day when he noticed a small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the doorbell was too high for the little boy to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the pastor walked across the street to assist. He stepped up behind the boy, kindly placed his hand on the child's shoulder, leaned over, and gave the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the pastor smiled benevolently and asked, "And now what, my little man?"

To which the boy replied, "Now we run!"

