



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2021

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Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

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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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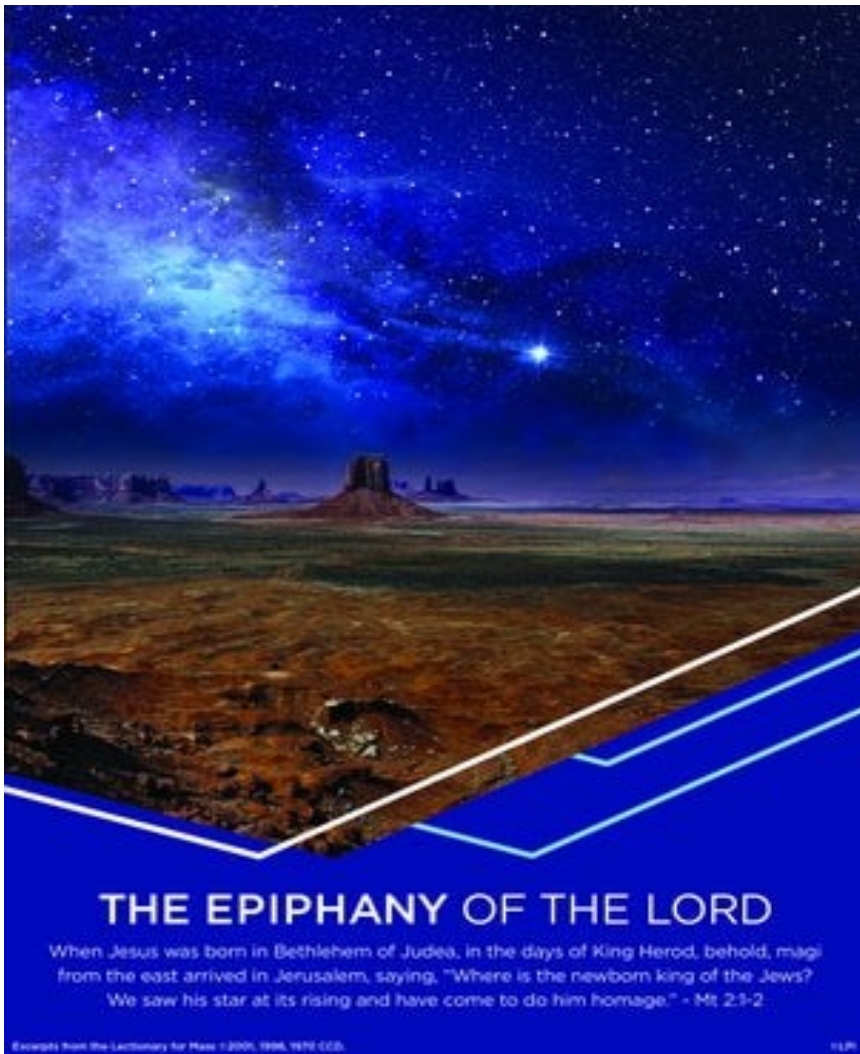
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USE THE Light of God

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?



PHILLIP (FiFi) GAGLIARDI



Phillip Gagliardi, age 90, born Feb. 2, 1930, passed away December 17, 2020. Beloved Son of Salvatore & Beatrice (nee Mirgliotta), Brother of Phyllis and William (Barbara).

Served proudly in the Marine Corps and received citations for marksmanship. Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:00 Monday, December 21st at St. Leo's the Great Catholic Church, 4940 Broadview Rd. Cleveland, Ohio 44109. Final resting place at Western Reserve Cemetery at a later date.

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

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. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2021 Mass Intention Book is open. Please come to the Rectory Office where masks and social distancing will be required, and schedule your 2021 Masses. You may also call the Rectory at 216-661-1006 to schedule your intentions. Each parishioner household may have four Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Bob McLaughlin, 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

Due to the early publication of this bulletin the Winner for January 1st will be listed in next week's bulletin.

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

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

RICHARD PRAYSON
St. Dominic, Shaker Heights
Aspirant - Diaconate Program



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



Sunday, December 20th

Collection	\$ 8,176.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 2,077.50
Total.....	\$ 10,253.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Monday, January 4th - St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton
8:30am +Alice Stropki (The Basalla Family)

Tuesday, January 5th - St. John Neumann
8:30am +Stanley Gierlach (Family)

Wednesday, January 6th - St. André Bessette
8:30am +Catherine & Dennis Black (Pamela & Theresa Lincheck)

Thursday, January 7th - St. Raymond of Peñafort
8:30am Communion Service

Friday, January 8th - Christmas Weekday
8:00am Calvillo Family (Mother)

Saturday, January 9th - Christmas Weekday
4:00pm +Agnes Franko (Antonina Crea)

Sunday, January 10th - Baptism of the Lord
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Rose Shinaberry (Kathy & Bill Seelbach)

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon (which is modern-day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish converts to Christianity lived side-by-side with Gentile converts. The author of this letter confirms that God's saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their background.

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 /Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)*

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The day after Christmas, the family of Genevieve Novak gathered at the church for her funeral Mass. I can only imagine the sadness of losing a mother just days before Christmas (Genevieve had 11 children!). But it was consoling to hear how she had been such a person of faith and love. Genevieve had been a parishioner of St. Leo's for over 60 years and she sent all of her children to PSR here & they likewise received their sacraments in our parish. She was greatly loved by so many as she was devoted to her family and to her parish, having been a member of our Senior Group. She was proud of her Polish heritage and accordingly had a devotion to the rosary and to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Married for 28 years to a police officer but then widowed for 45 years, she was a woman of strength who practiced the virtues in her life. We extend our sympathy to her family and I assured them, as always, of our prayerful support during this time.

I suspect that many people will be glad that the year 2020 is in our rearview mirror, but I believe that one of the gifts of faith is optimism and hope and the realization that God brings good out of evil. While it is true that the pandemic has caused not only illness and death but also sadness to many for so many different reasons, I also believe that God always looks for opportunities to bring redemption out of suffering (my Christmas homily). So I can wish you all Happy New Year with confidence. Be safe, healthy and happy in 2021. That is my prayer for you.

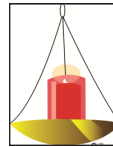
It wouldn't be 2020 without a couple of technology glitches taking place at the parish. On Christmas Eve our phones were down so if you tried to call for Mass times & couldn't reach us, that's the reason. You can always email us at info@leothegreat.org if you need to get a hold of us and the phones aren't working. Also on Christmas Eve, the livestream camera was very blurry for some reason...and of course it was when we had almost 300 people trying to watch the 4pm Mass, our most populated Mass all year! Frustrating for us to be sure, and perhaps for you as well. But like so many things this past year, it was out of our control. Hopefully you could still hear us clearly even if the vision of things was blurry. It's such a shame too because I looked so good on Christmas Eve...but now you'll just have to take my word for it.

In 2021, Deacon Pat & Joan & I will be trying something new...we're going to invite people to join us via Zoom (which many have come to be familiar with during COVID) for opportunities to grow in faith. I'll explain more later, but our first Zoom gathering will be next Monday, January 11th at 6:30pm. Join us from the comfort & warmth of your home (for as long as you're able). I'll be sharing my favorite passages from a book called "Intentional Discipleship" & we are giving that book for free to anyone who is interested. For now, please see our website for more information & let me know if you'd like a book & would be interested in joining us.

Fr. James Schmitz

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SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



January 3rd to January 16th

In Loving Memory of
JOHN PLECH, JR.

ONLINE GIVING



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.

RECORD OF 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS



To receive a copy of your 2020 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—pick up in the office, or mail.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross Blood mobile will be at St. Leo's 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.

CALENDARS

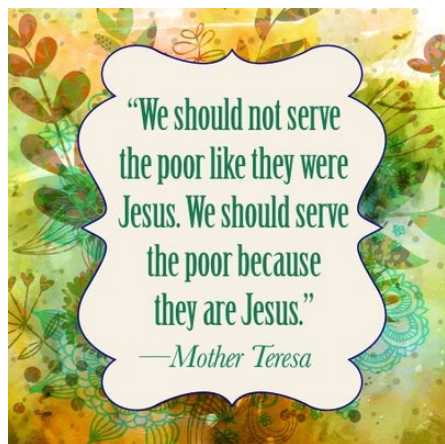


THANK YOU to YURCH Funeral Home for once again providing our beautiful St. Leo the Great Calendars. The 2021 Catholic Family Appointment Calendars will be available this weekend in the church and rectory.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Over the years the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization has given temporary assistance to people as emergencies occur. At times, people find themselves unable to keep up with day to day expenses. We assist with keeping food on the table and often help with expenses. When you pass by the Poor Boxes, help members reach out and help a needy family with your donation. Donations can also be put in an envelope marked "SVP" and drop it in the collection box or take it to the rectory. We thank you very much!



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.



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.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT JANUARY 17TH

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on January 17th with limited seating for social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief. Meetings do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. You do not even have to talk, but come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The January topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love" but discussions follow whatever is on your heart. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (**NEW office**);
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office);
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office);
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (office);
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield (office);
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon (office).

Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. It is required that participants wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866.



"A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE" CCA MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT E-NEWSLETTER

Don't forget to subscribe to the Catholic Cemeteries Association's monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee". This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, visit [the Bereavement page on our website](#) and click the brown signup box on the right side, contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866. You can also click this link and go directly to the signup <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin>.



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OUR DRAWINGS START
ON JANUARY 1ST.
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

The Great Sweepstakes - 2021

\$30 per ticket

You can **W\$N Multiple Times** January 1, 2021 thru November 10, 2021

DRAWING DATES—\$100

2021

January 4, 11, 18, & 25
February 1, 8, 15, & 22
March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
April 5, 12, 19, & 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Weekly Drawings

\$ 100.00

2021(cont.)

June 7, 14, 21, & 28
July 5, 12, 19, & 26
August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
September 6, 13, 20, & 27
October 4, 11, 18, & 25
November 1, & 8

DRAWING DATES—\$200

New Years Day 2021
Easter Sunday 2021
Mother's Day 2021

Special Drawings

\$ 200.00

Father's Day 2021
4th of July 2021

ST. LEO'S FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Super Drawing

\$1,000.00



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The Great Sweepstakes
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Season!



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ARE THERE HMO'S IN HEAVEN?



A doctor, a nurse,
and the top execu-
tive of an HMO
died and were in
line together at the
pearly gates. St.
Peter asked each one what good
they had done in their lives.

The doctor said, "I have devoted
my life to the sick and needy and
have had a part in caring for and
healing thousands of people."

St. Peter replied, "That's great.
Go ahead into heaven."

The nurse chimed in, "I have
supported the doctor and his
patients my entire life as an
adult, have taken time to explain
things to patients, and have
helped them lead healthy lives."

"Wonderful," says St. Peter.
"Please proceed in with the
doctor."

Then the executive said, "I was
the president of a very large
health maintenance organization.
I was responsible for the
healthcare of millions of people
all over the country."

St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please
go on in ... but you can only stay
two nights!"

