



## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, 2019

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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 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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# Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Mt 2:10-11



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## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS.



*In Memory Of*

**Daniel M. Pisaneschi**

August 19, 1943  
December 26, 2018

### Mass of Christian Burial

11:30 am, Sat, Dec 29, 2018  
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
**Interment**

Holy Cross Cemetery  
Sec. 30 Lot 2544 Grave 2

With the Saints give rest, O  
Christ to the soul of Thy  
servant, Daniel, where there is  
neither sickness, nor  
sorrow, nor sighing, but life  
everlasting. Amen

**Yurch Funeral Home**



*In Loving Memory Of*

**DIANE M. SOLER**

*Born*

**August 6, 1943**

*Entered Into Rest*

**December 23, 2018**

*Final Resting Place*

**Holy Cross Cemetery**

**Section 32 Lot 1308 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

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We all have had the experience of walking into a dark room and searching for the light switch. If we are really unfamiliar with the space, anxiety, uncertainty, disorientation, and even fear can easily arise. Once we find the light, all is illuminated and we are at peace. Our light has come into the world! The glory of God has been revealed! Today's feast of the Epiphany teaches us to look to our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the way to truly be the human beings we were created to be. He shows us how to prioritize our lives, order our relationships, care for creation, and live as daughters and sons of God. God's love and creative power is universal, transcending all races and nations. Jesus brings the light of peace to a broken world that still struggles to understand itself and to you and I who also struggle to understand who we are. May we find ourselves overjoyed that we have found our truth and allow Jesus to bring light to the darkness of our lives!



## 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.

## HOMEBOUND



Do you have a loved one confined to home or in a local nursing home? Would they like a visit from the pastoral staff at St. Leo the Great? Contact Deacon Pat or Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) and leave us the details.

## 2019 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2019 Mass Intention Book is open. Each parishioner household may have four (4) Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.



## 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 Bublavay, 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 Dejelo, Dianne  
Toronski and Rick & Barb Miliam.



### GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

**Tom Kulwicki**

January 1, 2019—\$200.00 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.

**Jeffrey Lindholm**  
**St. Raphael, Bay Village**  
**First Year, Borromeo**



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



**Sunday, December 23rd**

Basket Collection.....	\$ 7,843.39
WeShare(online).....	595.00
Total.....	\$ 8,438.39

The Parish Support for  
December 25th & December 30th  
will be included in next week's bulletin

**THANK YOU**  
**FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



**Monday, January 7th: St. Rayond of Pehañfort**  
7:30am +Matthew Sokolowski (Friend)

**Tuesday, January 8th: Christmas Weekday**  
7:30am +Ann Szpansky (Rita McGoldrick)

**Wednesday, January 9th: Christmas Weekday**  
7:30am +Bernice Kilcoyne (Miriam Fontaine)

**Thursday, January 10th: Christmas Weekday**  
7:30am Intention to be announced

**Friday, January 11th: Christmas Weekday**  
8:30am +Alan Decker (Janet Golla)

**Saturday, January 12th: Christmas Weekday**  
4:00pm +Bernice Kilcoyne (Frank & Judie Gruntkowski)

**Sunday, January 13th: The Epiphany of the Lord**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am +Dr. Louis Endress (Tom & Alice Kulwicki)

### 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 3:23, 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 6, 2019

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



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I anointed Dan Pisaneschi just a couple of days before he died on December 26th. We extend our sympathies to his wife Sandy and to his 3 children. While I was visiting Dan in his home, his children gave 3 pictures to their parents which were taken just a few weeks earlier by a professional photographer. One was a picture of Dan & Sandy, one was of their grandchildren, and the 3rd was a picture of the whole family with in-laws, etc. Those pictures will capture forever the love and joy that Dan & Sandy brought to each other and to so many others. May he rest in God's peace.

We also celebrated the funeral of Diane Soler who was a longtime parishioner of St. Leo's. I remember visiting her a couple of years ago when she was recovering from a fractured hip at Broadview Multicare. She was a regular at the 4pm Saturday Mass & I'm grateful to her sister Kathy for keeping me informed regarding her whereabouts and giving me updates on her health. I saw her in her home a couple of days before she died and she received the last rites of the Church. She offered her dialysis for the poor souls in purgatory so we can now offer our prayers for her that she may rest in the kingdom of heaven.

Congratulations to Gillian Halusker & Patrick Cooley as they are married in our church this weekend. May they be blessed with many years of happiness together.

After the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve I could feel a certain strain in my voice but I enjoyed visiting with friends after that Mass. But then just minutes before the 10pm Mass on Christmas Eve, I heard Mickey Stitt playing a Christmas song on the organ that I liked so I started to sing along and nothing came out except squeaks & squeals. I knew immediately something was wrong: I got laryngitis right before the 10pm Christmas Mass! I couldn't even preach (much to the delight of the congregation I'm sure) and as the Christmas song "The First Noel" says, "and so it continued both day and night". But again, nothing happens by coincidence with God so again we were blessed by the presence of Deacon Pat who preached at the 11am Christmas morning Mass & then at the funeral I had a few days later and at the following weekend Masses as well. I finally got my voice back on New Year's Day, just in time for the new year. So thanks to Deacon Pat for his generous availability & help when I was struck mute.

I told you that I was praying for a white Christmas when everyone else was praying for the weather we actually got. So you may be hesitant to ask me for prayers but I know I can depend on you for yours and thank you for your words of concern & for the pledge of your prayers. I should know more about the surgery by this weekend & will keep you informed. Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.

*Fr. Jim Schnitz*

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

**Monday, January 7th**

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 8th**

4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
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**Wednesday, January 9th**

9:30am Parish Catechetical Leaders Course	Basement
11:00am Seniors Meeting	Great
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
6:30pm Confirmation Meeting	Great
7:00pm 4th Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux

**Thursday, January 10th**

1:00pm Woman's Knitting	Conference
4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
7:00pm Knights of Columbus	Basement

**Friday, January 11th**

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

**Saturday, January 12th**

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

**Sunday, January 13th**

12:00 Noon CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
12:30pm Couples for Christ	Basement

RECORD OF 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS



To receive a copy of your 2018 contribution statements please email us your request at [mlhauck@leothegreat.org](mailto: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.

**They will be available after January 15th.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

January 6th to January 19th

**Rock & Vach Families**

From: Sharon Rock





### SENIORS



Plan on joining us this Wednesday, January 9th at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Community Center. Come participate in the fun and forget about our dreary January weather.

If you are not a member, this would be a great time to check us out and hopefully become part of our group. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and our dues are only \$5.00 for the year. Hope to see you this Wednesday!

### GIFT CARD PROGRAM

#### INVENTORY REDUCTION CLEARANCE SALE



We are looking to reduce our gift card inventory. We are offering the following cards at a discount. The discounts will be in effect until we are sold out.

**Eat-n-Park \$10—selling for \$8**

**Overstock \$25—selling for \$20**

**Rite Aid \$25—selling for \$20**

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.**

### RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall Sunday, Jan. 20th, from 8:00am until 12:00Noon

Please register @ [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) after you create a profile. It's easy! Registering is optional; it just helps with the staffing. Please stop by and donate!

### 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](http://leothegreat.org).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

# Food Pantry



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 12th/13th. Our cupboard is in need of **INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, PACKETS OF GRAVY, CEREAL, PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP, MAYONNAISE, SKILLET DINNERS, RICE & NOODLE SIDES, JELLY, CAKE MIXES & FROSTING, JELLO, LAUNDRY DETERGENT AND TOILET PAPER.** Whatever you are able to give would very much be appreciated. Thank You.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

### RECYCLE



Bring all your PAPERS, OLD CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, HOLIDAY CATALOGS, CARD BOARD, BOOKS, ALONG WITH YOUR NEWSPAPERS 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  
Wickliffe, OH 44092

New Menu including  
Eastern European dishes!

Call (440) 943-7600 for more information!



## St. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition

### Principal's Message

Happy New Year to All. January is always about fresh beginnings and positive change. May this year bring you and your family great joy, peace and harmony, good health and prosperity. We thank you for your continued caring support for our Parish school, our faculty, staff and our students.

God Bless,  
Mrs. Denise Burns

Let's Go **FORWARD**  
To **MEET IT**.  
Let's **WELCOME** The  
**365 DAYS** It **BRINGS**.  
Let's Live Well With  
**LOVE** In Our **HEARTS**  
Towards **GOD** And All  
**PEOPLE**.

TEAMWORK  
MAKES  
the  
DREAM  
WORK

#### Catholic Core Values for January: Teamwork and Selflessness.

This month we will concentrate on helping our students learn the Heart of a Servant. Students will hear some teachings of Coach Dru Joyce II (Lebron James' coach in High School), who coached by helping players (students) to step away from the habit of "taking" and enter the space of "giving." When you prioritize the team, you are in service; when you prioritize yourself, the only thing you serve is your ego. We look forward to sharing our student's achievements during this month of Teamwork and Selflessness.

Celebrate  
Catholic  
Schools  
Week 2019

January 27 – February 2 **#CSW19**



**Catholic Schools Week 2019** is an exciting time for our schools! We kick off with **Open House** for both elementary school and our preschool. We are very proud of our achievements, our students and our school - we love to show them off. There is a full week of events planned for our Faculty, Students and Families. It's a great time to come together and celebrate each other.



**As Parishioners you can help!** We love getting the word out to invite new families to come and visit our schools. We will be mailing out post cards like the one here. This postcard will also be in the bulletin in the next few weeks.

Do you live near or know of a young family with children ages 3 to 4 or going into Kindergarten or maybe already attending another school they are not connecting with? Please tell them about St. Leo's and our Open House. Give them the postcard when you see it in the bulletin and invite them to come tour our schools. Thank you for remembering St. Leo School Community!



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



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

Now accepting applications for preschool - 8th grade

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216-661-2120  
[www.leothead.org](http://www.leothead.org)



#### The Cleveland Scholarship Program and EdChoice Scholarship Application Period

This program provides new educational choices for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The program gives students the opportunity to attend private schools in Cleveland. The State will provide reimbursement for tuition to help pay the cost of attending these schools. Even if your child already attends one of these schools, you may be eligible to apply for the program.

**The application period opens by February 1st.** This is a valuable program that can aid parents in providing their children with quality education at no or very little tuition costs to them. All Information about scholarships available and the application process

will be available during the **Open House on January 27th.** If you live in Cleveland, you really need to get information on this valuable program. Do you live in Parma, or other surrounding areas? There are other Scholarship opportunities that you may qualify for. Please plan to attend the Open House or call the **School Office at (216) 661-2120** for all information.



### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION - MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Our Catholic-based support can be supplemental to your existing support groups. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m., except on holidays, then we meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. **The next Support Group is Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon (temporary trailer office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron, (office) and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office).

**January 20<sup>th</sup> Topic:**  
**“Grief’s Gentle Journey:  
One Foot in Front of the Other”**

No registration is required; Just come and join us. For more information, visit our website <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or contact Rhonda at 216.930.4866 [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org).



**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION**  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

*Faith Hope Remembrance*

#### CLUSTER CORNER

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE**—Bingo every Friday in the Parish Center. Doors Open 4:30pm. Food & snacks available.

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO**—Save the Date—A Night at the Races, Saturday, January 19th at 6:00pm in the Gym. Ticket Information available soon.

**ST. THOMAS MORE**—In the arms of Your Mercy, we find rest. Please join us on Thursday, January 10th at 7pm in the church for our next Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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- 2** Select your donation amount and frequency.
- 3** Enter in your account and payment information.

If you have questions, e-mail Brenda Basalla at: [bbasalla@leothegreat.org](mailto:bbasalla@leothegreat.org)

#### **BUS TRIPS—COLUMBUS OHIO BACK TO BACK**

##### **SCIOTO DOWNS—Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

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

Casino bonus: \$20 free slot play & 1/2 off the buffet

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

Return: approx. 8:00pm

##### **HOLLYWOOD CASINO—Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

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 for both trips

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505**

for more information or to book your trip.