

October 16, 2022



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, or anytime by request or appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses 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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FESTIVAL NEWS

Bring your family! Bring your friends! Bring your neighbors! Come and enjoying a fun and relaxing weekend at the Festival. There's good food, great entertainment, games, prizes, —something for everyone! The festival is next weekend, and there's a great line-up of fun and activities for everyone:

	Hours	Music	Dinners
Friday	6p-10p	Backtrax	Corned Beef Sandwich
Saturday	5p-10p	Dawn to Dusk	Pork Dinner

RAFFLE TICKETS!

You still have time to turn in your raffle ticket stubs. You can be the BIG winner in the raffle drawing on October 22nd. Don't forget to turn your raffle ticket stubs in.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In order for the festival to be a success WE NEED YOUR HELP! Sign up sheets are in the main vestibule of the church for you to volunteer for the Festival. Please donate a few hours of your time to the Festival. If you've never volunteered before, what are you waiting for? What a great way to meet people and have fun—and still help the parish.

BAKERY NEEDED!

Every year people look forward to the homemade desserts donated by parishioners and sold at the Festival. Please don't disappoint all those people who have a sweet tooth! We would greatly appreciate any donations of bakery for the festival. Donations can be dropped off at the bakery tables during the Festival weekend. Yummm!



Lawn Signs!

If you would like to put a Festival lawn sign in your front yard, the signs will be available in the main vestibule of the church over the weekend -- right next to the volunteer sign-up table.

A Special thank you to our sponsors who helped make our Festival possible! Please Support them!

Honey Hut
Golubski Funeral Home
B.A. Sweetie Candy Company
Dina's Pizza & Pub
Hudec Dental
Regal Realty
Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union
All Saints Federal Credit Union
Carmino's Pizza
Gabe's Family Restaurant
Kolodiy-Lazuta Funeral Home
Brooklyn Heights Cemetery Association

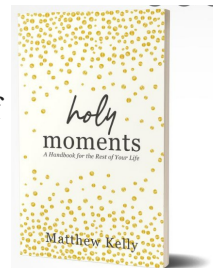
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you!



Gather Us In! The entrance hymn for last weekend's Masses is the theme for the 75th anniversary of the parish. St. Leo's is a welcoming parish for the old, the young, the lost, the blind, the rich, and the proud. How timely that this anniversary year falls when people are reuniting with friends and family after seclusion during the pandemic. Let us gather together during this coming year for worship, for fun, and for friendship as a community of faith.

Holy Moments, a book by Matthew Kelly, was available at Mass last weekend for the kickoff of the 75th anniversary.

If you did not receive a copy, there are still some available at the doors of the church.



THANK YOU to everyone for all the delicious donations of appetizers and bakery for the reception following the Mass with the Bishop. It showed once again the generous spirit of the parishioners of St. Leo's.

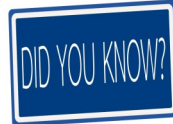
Upcoming Events

The FESTIVAL, a St. Leo tradition, will take place Friday, **October 21st**, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on Saturday, **October 22nd**, From 5:00 p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Food! Music! Games! Raffles! Fun!

There will be a HOLY HOUR for Respect Life on Sunday, October 30th, at 6:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events and activities throughout the year!

We welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Do you have any photos from the Mass with the Bishop and social on October 9th? Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org



The other churches which form a cluster with St. Leo the Great are St. Charles Borromeo in Parma, St. Thomas More in Brooklyn, and Mary, Queen of Peace in Cleveland.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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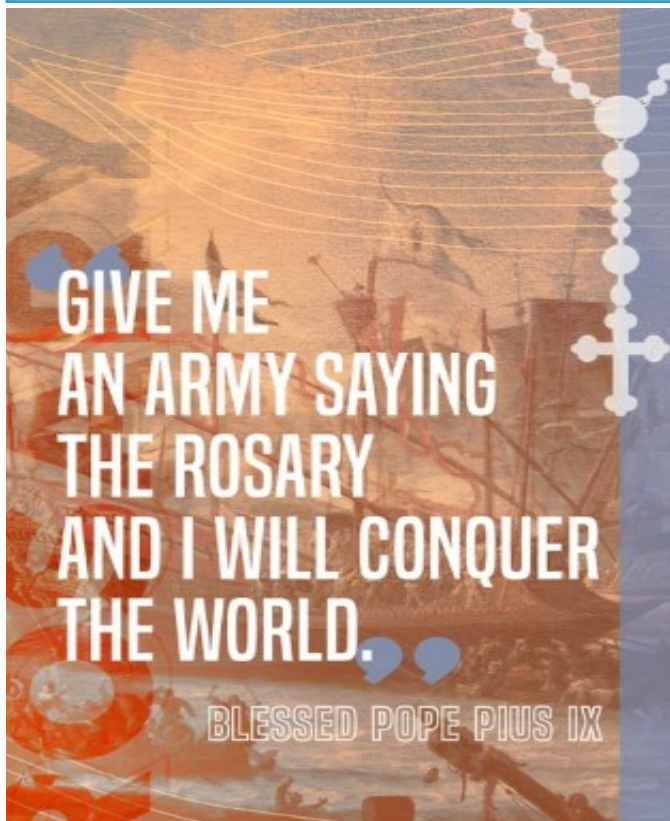
PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Fr. Thomas C. Gilles, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski, Megan Arena, Judy Kucia, Lena Sunyak, Theresa Truxall, Chuck Pacanovsky, Jim Hiendlmayer, Susan Fenski, Robert Coleman, Glen Balog, and Jackie Nagy



TRAVIS SEAGRAVES
DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
II THEOLOGY, SAINT MARY

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that may continue to persevere & that others may respond to God's call.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 17th —St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30am Straus-Sladowski Family (Lou Sladowski)

Tuesday October 18th— St. Luke the Evangelist

8:30am +Anthony Muraco (Fr. James Schmitz)

Wednesday October 19th—St. John de Brebeuf &

St. Isaac Jogues

8:30am +Raymond During (Louise Tupper)

Friday October 21st—Weekday

8:30am Krakora & Piascik Families (Joe & Joan Krakora)

Saturday October 22nd—Weekday

4:00pm Jack Fortuna (Barb Crawford)

Sunday October 23rd— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Bill Skora (Family)

**Please note: Per Bishop Malesic, "Communion Services should not be scheduled at the parish for the priest's day off or vacation. The faithful should be informed of the neighboring Mass schedule and encouraged to participate in the weekday mass at the closest neighboring parish."*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17: 8-13

The book of Exodus tells us of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their journey to the Promised Land. Along the way, they often had to battle local tribes who tried to keep them from passing through their territory. Today we hear an account of one such incident.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3: 14-4:2

In today's reading from Second Timothy, the author continues to warn against false teaching. This passage also provides the biblical foundation for our belief about the inspiration of the bible.

SUNDAY Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/
Lk 18:1-8

MONDAY Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

WEDNESDAY Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Sanctuary Candle Intention

October 9th—October 23rd

Russell Walker

Love,
The Walker Children



ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Gospel Meditation

October 16, 2022 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brendan wouldn't stop. He continued nagging his mom to let him have a little more time with his phone. He knew the rules but wanted to finish a game and text a few more friends. He begged, had a temper tantrum, pleaded, screamed, pouted, and used every means he could think of to get Mom to change her mind. Mom had a busy day and was tired. At first, she held her ground. Then, her son's persistence got the best of her, and she caved. "Brendan, you can have 30 more minutes and no more!" she retorted. Brendan's determination paid off. He won.

Is this how it works with God too? If we want something enough and feel it is our due, does our persistence allow us to eventually get our way? Judging God by human standards, it would seem so. But is this the way God works? It gets a bit confusing when Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary" and then further tells them how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." If we catch God at the right time, when he's having a weak moment, then our tenacity ought to pay off. What we want, we will get. Really? Sadly, the way many approach prayer suggests that this is precisely how it goes.

Good parents set boundaries and offer proper discipline. They learn the art of being steadfast when presented with determined minds and wills. They know what is best and, at times, have to say "no." God is always there with His full attention and unconditional love showering itself upon us. God also knows what is best. And, as with any good parent, the one constant that is always available and never withheld is love. We can be as persistent and determined as we want if what we are seeking is God's love. We are never a bother and requests for God's love are never denied. This is the prayer of the heart. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. God is never bothered by this prayer. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life freely flows.

SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Sparking Holiness

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

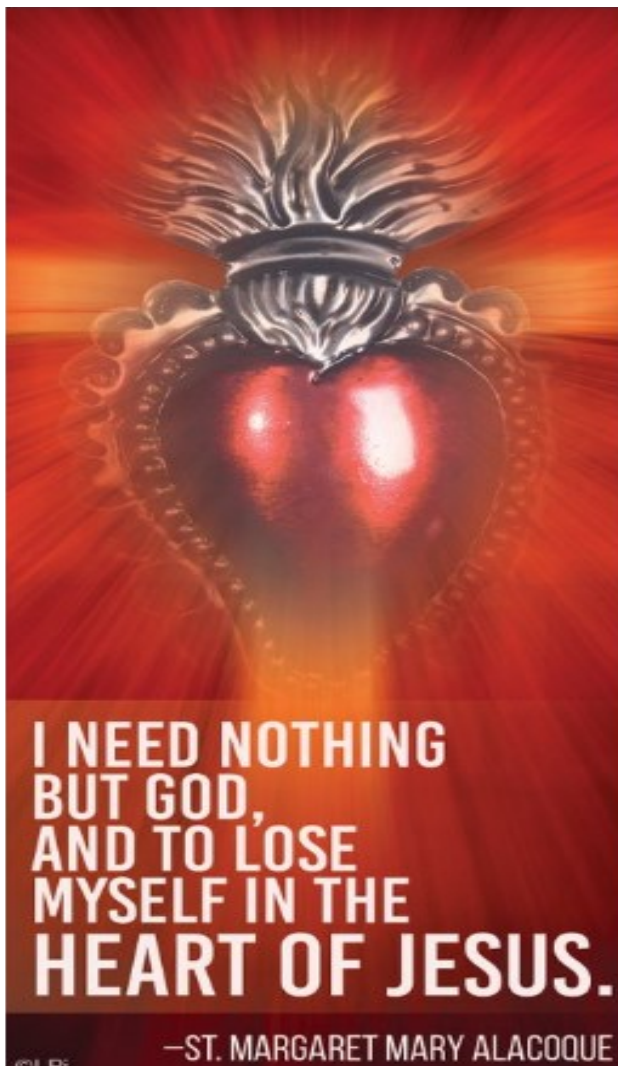
There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Thanks to all who joined us for the 11am Mass with Bishop Malesic last Sunday as we began our year-long celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the Parish. I'm grateful especially to those who set up the luncheon in Lux Hall following the Mass. We will post some pictures of the event on our website and via our Instagram account. It was good to have the Bishop celebrate the Eucharist with us and visit our parish for the first time. We look forward to him coming again.

This Friday I will be celebrating a funeral Mass for Anthony Arlia who died at the age of 87. I visited with him a couple weeks ago and anointed him at his home as he told me stories of his time in Italy when he was in the army. He built the house that he and his wife Rose have lived in for many years. They would have been married 50 years next month. I saw the great care that Rose had for Tony as she stood by his bedside, tending to all his needs. May she now have comfort and may her husband find peace in God's presence.

Our annual Parish Festival will be next weekend, October 21st & 22nd. As always, I am very grateful to the many parishioners who spend a lot of time and energy planning, setting up, working at and then finally cleaning up for that two-day event. It's a great opportunity to see people of the parish come together to enjoy each other's company and to celebrate the faith that has sustained us for almost 75 years. Thank you especially to all those who sold raffle tickets. Per my custom, I will NOT be picking the winning tickets as it's a sure way to make a couple of friends and a lot of enemies! Not really, but I'd still rather leave that task up to someone else. I look forward to seeing many of you here next weekend.

We have a good number of people signed up for the trip to Italy in March and I know that several others are in the process of submitting their registration forms. I'd like to encourage you to do that soon if you haven't already & are planning on joining us. The company making the arrangements needs to know how many reservations to make for the hotels, events, etc. that they are setting up for us so while you still have time, sooner is better than later.

Last weekend we had books available for you to take home called "Holy Moments." It is written by Matthew Kelly who has written a number of the books we have given away at Christmas and Easter in past years and is an easy read. We wanted to offer something as we began our anniversary year so please be sure to take one home with you if you haven't already. We'll have another book for you at Christmas & hope you find them helpful in your spiritual journey.

I really like the idea of giving away these books to you from time to time as I find such spiritual reading so helpful for my own spiritual growth. I am always learning more about faith and it's impact on my life, and am especially interested these days on how we understand and express faith in the Catholic Tradition. So many people do not realize the incredible treasury of wisdom that we have in the Catholic Church! And so much of that wisdom comes to us from both contemporary authors as well as canonized saints of the past. I continue to wonder how people in our world today survive without the faith and guidance that comes to us through the Church. Life is difficult enough with faith, and would seem impossible for me without faith. So thank you for the living faith that you continue to express by your presence here each weekend.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be November 2, 2022, December 7, 2022, and January 4, 2023.**

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

**If you have any questions,
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by
email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.**

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass?

If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)
- 2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.
- 3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website www.leothegreat.org to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

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There will be a *Respect Life* Holy Hour in the church on:

Sunday, October 30 at 6:00 pm

Please plan on attending this very important time of prayer.

Pro-LIFE GROUP

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 19 at 1:00pm in the Parish Center. Please note that the date is now the THIRD Wednesday of the month, beginning in July.

ALL are welcome! This month we have Vicky Follen from LifeWorks coming to tell us about the unique pro-life opportunities her group offers. Also, we will be focusing our prayer on the upcoming general election, that we may discern how to vote and learn about pro-life candidates.

Because our country is in desperate straits of attack from evil, we ask all to pray to St. Michael the Archangel, as often as you can. He can help us defeat the enemy.

If you have any questions about the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

PARISH SUPPORT

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 3RD
2022**

Sunday Envelope	\$
WeShare	\$
Total	\$
Capital Improvements	\$
WeShare	\$
Total	\$
SVDP	\$
All Soul's	\$
All Saint's	\$
Christmas	\$

Thank You!

**FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**



The Great Sweepstakes

October 10, 2022
Ed Kotonski



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.



We are currently looking to hire someone on an as needed basis to help accommodate our hall rental preparations. This would include ordering food, decorations, supplies, etc, picking up orders, and just seeing to it that our renters have the help they need in orchestrating their event. If you or someone you know would be interested please email Nina at ncapone@leothegreat.org or call the rectory for more details.



Another great "Cover Up! Thank you for another successful Blanket Sunday! Thank you to all who contributed to this year's St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday Appeal. Your donation will help many needy families and individuals receive warm blankets and other organizations serving the homeless in our own metropolitan area. If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, there is still time. Make a check payable to St. Vincent de Paul and put it in an envelope marked "SVDP Blanket Sunday". You can also donate online at www.svdpcle.org. We thank you very much!

Improv for Anxiety and Depression



Researchers at Case Western Reserve University are looking for teens ages 11-17 who struggle with anxiety in social situations, constant worries and/or depression to participate in a study.

This study will utilize improv, the theatrical art of performance and storytelling without a script. Participants will engage in 12 weeks of guided improv plus evidence-based techniques to reduce anxiety and depression. Each teen and their respective parent/guardian will also be asked to complete a survey and an interview at the beginning and end of the study. Each family will be paid for their time.

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School News

On October 4, 2022, the 8th Grade class had the awesome experience of celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at Camp Christopher. While teens oftentimes are distracted by cell phones and computers, our 8th Grade class put them aside to enjoy God's creations through prayer, nature walks and peer discussions. When students were asked about what they learned from the day, one student remarked that she learned, "God always has my back." Another student said that it became obvious to him that, "God always reaches out to everyone; not just people of a certain age or demographic."

