

October 2, 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

COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday | 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.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP!

Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

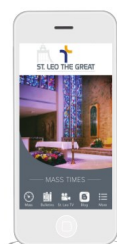
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FESTIVAL NEWS

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE

And the winner of the Final Early Bird Raffle is...

EDWARD HOBAN

Congratulations, Ed! Note: There's still time to turn in those raffle ticket stubs. You can be the BIG Winner in the raffle drawing on October 22nd. Get those ticket stubs in!!!



RAFFLE TICKET DELIVERY

We *still* have some tickets to be delivered.

Please Contact Nancy Zola at

nzola@leothegreat.org or 216-661-1006 if you can help us!



ADOPT-A-BOOTH

Do you feel like doing more? Why not adopt a booth with your family and friends? You provide to people to staff the booth, and we'll take care of the rest. If you are interested, please sign the sheet that says "Adopt a Booth" in the main vestibule of the church. We will contact you to answer any questions you may have.

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 table during the festival weekend. Yummm!



WE NEED YOU!

Be a part of the reason our festival is so GREAT!

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the main vestibule of the church —a *little* help can help a *lot*.

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.



ST. LEO THE GREAT 75TH ANNIVERSARY 1948-2023

The parish of St. Leo the Great will begin the celebration of its 75th ANNIVERSARY YEAR with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 9th. This is Bishop Malesic's first visit to our parish, and we are honored that he has accepted our invitation for this memorable occasion. Priests who have previously been assigned to our parish also have been invited to join us for this special liturgy. With a nod to our 50th anniversary celebration, we invite the entire parish and former parishioners -- All Are Welcome to attend.

The Mass will be followed by a reception in Lux Hall. Donations of appetizers and desserts are welcome for this social. Donations can be dropped off at Lux Hall on Sunday, October 9th, between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

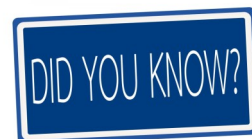
The 75th anniversary of the parish will be celebrated throughout the year and conclude in the fall of 2023 -- the actual 75th anniversary of the parish. In keeping with the theme of the 75th anniversary, we intend to Gather Us In with events and activities which are being planned to celebrate the history and people of our parish. Details will be provided weekly in this column.

We welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place.

Please forward your photos to:

photos@leothegreat.org

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



Seven pastors have been assigned to St. Leo the Great



Fr. Sylvester P. Lux
Fr. John L. Fiala
Fr. William D. Eylar
Fr. Edward (Ned) F. Weist
Fr. Robert M. Bielek
Fr. Russell P. Lowe
Fr. James P. Schmitz

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

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, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, 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 and Chuck Pacanovsky, Jim Hiendlmayer, Susan Fenski



JOHN ROVNAK
DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
IV 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 3rd—Weekday

8:30am +Richard Walcher (Jeannie Zola)

Tuesday October 4th— St. Francis of Assisi

8:30am Communion Service

Wednesday October 5th—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Thursday October 6th— Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday October 7th—Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30am Communion Service

Saturday October 8th—Weekday

4:00pm Helen and Andrew Dy (Niece, Elizabeth)

Sunday October 9th— 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Russell Walker (Love, your children)

11:00am People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER 2, 2022

FIRST READING: HABAKKUK 1:2-3, 2:2-4

The book of the prophet Habakkuk is one of the smaller books of the bible. He was a contemporary of Jeremiah, and preached at a time when Babylon (modern-day Iraq) threatened to destroy Jerusalem. Today's passage is a dialogue between the prophet and the Lord.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8, 13-14

Although the author attributes the second letter to Timothy to St. Paul, it was probably written by someone else as much as 30 years after Paul's death. This was an acceptable practice at the time. One important theme of this letter is the need to be faithful to the Gospel and not to be swayed by false teachings.

SUNDAY Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

MONDAY Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Sanctuary Candle Intention

September 25—October 9

Ronald Vance

"We love you"

- Bernadine & Family



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 2, 2022 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation

As adults, unless we are dealing with children, “obedience” is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I “have” to do, not “want” to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Encouraged to develop independent, self-sufficient egos and personas, we learn to focus on our own wills and merits as we strive for success and achieve a sense of well-being. Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any deference to ethics or morality can lead to atrocious crimes and violence against humanity.

St. Ignatius of Loyola states, “There are three sorts of obedience; the first, obedience when a strict obligation is imposed upon us, and this is good; the second when the simple word of the superior, without any strict command, suffices for us, and this is better; the third, when a thing is done without waiting for an express command, from a knowledge that it will be pleasing to the superior, and this is the best of all.” St. Ignatius sees obedience as an act of love. When the person we are obeying genuinely has our best interest in mind, acting themselves with love and integrity, then what St. Ignatius says makes excellent sense. When mutual trust and a bond of love and respect are present, obedience can lead to freedom and truth.

We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God’s vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom.

FINDING GOD IN THE ORDINARY MOMENTS

Be Careful What You Wish For

You’ve probably heard the phrase “Be careful what you wish for.” In my experience, it’s not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You’re not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn’t be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn’t say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God’s voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

—Luke 17: 5-6

VIOLENT CONFLICTS

Question: What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

Answer: In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us “Blessed are the peacemakers” and to “love your enemies.” All human beings are made in God’s image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent. During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The “Just War Theory” was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I was able to visit Norma Janiak at Regina Health Care shortly before she died at the age of 98. Norma was such a delightful woman who would frequently come up to me with a smile & let me know what was going on in her life. She was a longtime member of St. Leo's (70 years!) and a member of our choir. She was also a member of the knitting club here and active in Habitat for Humanity. Outside of St. Leo's, she volunteered at Cornerstone of Hope (a bereavement ministry) and was active in the Cuyahoga Heights PTA. She was married for 42 years & raised 3 sons and had several grandchildren & great-grandchildren. She was devoted to St. Francis of Assisi, St. Augustine & to the Blessed Virgin. May they now welcome her to her eternal home.

We also celebrated the funeral Mass for Daniel Szymanski last week. Dan was a kind, gentle and faithful soul who came to Mass regularly. He has 3 children and several grandchildren & great-grandchildren. At 94 years old, he was blessed with many years to enjoy with his family, to whom he was very devoted. There were many pictures of him at the funeral home, showing the time he spent with his loved ones. We thank God for his life of faith and for all the people that he had touched in his 94 years of life. We trust that he will find true and lasting happiness in heaven, for the scriptures proclaimed at his funeral Mass assured us that such people will become like God for they shall shine like the stars forever. Dan lived the beatitudes Jesus taught us on the mountain and so we pray that he may receive the reward promised to those who are faithful.

This week I will be away with the rest of the priests in the Diocese of Cleveland for our Convocation with the Bishop which takes place every other year, though it has been four years since our last gathering due to...you guessed it...COVID. We will meet as usual at Sawmill Creek in Huron. This year we will hear speakers on the topic of "Priesthood in a Post Modern World." The two speakers will focus on Evangelization and outreach to the People of God.

In the preface of the book that priests received from Bishop Malesic at Christmas, *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*, there is a quote from Archbishop Fulton Sheen: "*we are at the end of Christendom. Not of Christianity, not of the Church, but of Christendom. Now what is meant by Christendom? Christendom is economic, political, social life as inspired by Christian principles. That is ending— we've seen it die*" But he went on to say, "*These are great and wonderful days in which to be alive...It is not a gloomy picture— it is a picture of the Church in the midst of increasing opposition from the world. And therefore live your lives in the full consciousness of this hour of testing, and rally close to the heart of Christ.*" These are both challenging & yet hopeful words. Please pray for all of us during this week.

Deacon Pat will preside at a Communion Service at 8:30am from Tuesday through Friday of this week. However, we have been notified by Bishop Malesic that after this week, Communion Services will no longer be permitted as "Daily Mass remains the norm for the life of every Catholic community." So beginning the week of October 9th, we will no longer offer a Communion Service when I am away on Thursdays as the recent directive from the Bishop indicates that "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." This directive continues, "It should be made clear to the faithful that a communion service celebration is not the same as or of equal value to the celebration of the Mass in which the Eucharist is encountered as both Sacrifice and Sacrament."

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 October 5, November 2, and December 7, 2022.** 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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 8:30am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 4:45pm on October 7, 2022. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere.

This devotion is held every First Friday of the month at St. Leo's, in the chapel area of the church.

We invite you to make use of the new books on the shelves along the back wall of the chapel to help guide your thoughts in the presence of the Eucharist.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

BLANKET SUNDAY "COVERS MANY NEEDS"

Next weekend, October 8th & 9th, is *Blanket Sunday*, sponsored by the Diocesan Saint Vincent de Paul Society. When you make a financial donation your money will go even further through bulk purchases of blankets and other items for homeless and poor individuals in our own metropolitan area. Simply put your cash or check in one of the *Blanket Sunday* envelopes provided on the tables at the entrances of the church or in any envelope you might have and mark it "SVDP Blanket Sunday". Please give someone a blanket for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling. Thank you.



The Great Sweepstakes

September 26, 2022

John Sabol



NOTE: There are still 6 drawings left for the year. That doesn't include our BIG DRAWING for \$1,000.00 on November 10, 2022. Stop by the rectory and put your name in for a chance to win! Cost: \$30.00

PARISH SUPPORT

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday Envelope	\$ 4,276.00
WeShare	\$ 2,350.00
Total	\$ 6,626.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 320.00
WeShare	\$ 130.00
Total	\$ 450.00
SVDP Labor Day	\$ 15.00
WeShare	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 75.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**



In Loving Memory of



NORMA M. JANIAK

Born: January 31, 1924

Entered Into Rest: September 5, 2022

Services: Friday, September 23, 2022
St. Leo the Great Church – Cleveland, Ohio

Interment: Brooklyn Heights Cemetery
Garden of Serenity Lot 196 Grave 8

**In Memory Of
Daniel Szymanski**

April 9, 1928

September 23, 2022

Funeral Service

10:00 am Tues, Sep 27, 2022

St. Leo the Great

Catholic Church

Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery

Sec 40 Lot 2954 Grave 2

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me to be a
happy one, I'd like to leave an
afterglow of smiles when day is
gone. I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times, and laughing
times, and bright and sunny days.*

Yurch Funeral Home





Jesuit Retreat Center

A PLACE OF PEACE

Join us for our first Annual Diocesan Wide Young Adult Retreat. A young adult team of leaders coupled with clergy and staff will lead a full weekend retreat for the low, low price of \$65/person. Nobody is refused because of finances. Please contact Mike Hayes for financial assistance at mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org (all inquiries are kept confidential).

- Five talk presentations followed by small group discussion.
- Free time on Saturday afternoon.
- All Meals included.
- Evening Reconciliation and Adoration Service on Saturday.
- Sunday Morning Mass



*"The greatest method
of praying is to pray the
Rosary."*

—Saint Francis de Sales

Faith Formation

We as Catholics are called to share the Good News—to continue to learn and never stop learning. This is how we keep our Faith, God's truth, alive. Parents and students, grades Pre-K thru 8th, join us in the conversations that take place three Sundays a month between the 8:00a and 11:00a Mass. For more information please email Joann Deranek at jderanek@leothegreat.org or call the rectory 216-661-1006.



www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland
216.245.9744

THE CLEVELAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The conference will be held on Saturday, October 15 from 9 AM to 3 PM at St. Albert the Great Parish in North Royalton (6667 Wallings Road).

The conference will be celebrated on the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila, the chosen theme of this years conference is dedicated to St. Teresa's courageous reminder to women that "God Alone Suffices."

Speakers throughout the day include:

- Lisa Lickona, author, professor and mother
- Sr. Elizabeth Beussink, a Franciscan Sister, TOR
- Lindsay Fullerman, director of CLE based non profit, Fit from Faith

Father Andrew Hoover, parochial vicar at St. Ambrose, will celebrate Mass at 11:30 AM. Music will be provided throughout the day by Max and Samantha Menkhaus.

Bishop Malesic will offer a Q & A session at 2:15 PM prior to the closing prayer service.

Cost is \$45 per person (free for religious)

For more information visit clecatholicwomen.org

PARENT TEACHER COMMITTEE

Bringing Parents and Teachers together to create and host fun activities throughout the school year for the students of St. Leo the Great! If you are a parent of a child at St. Leo school (Preschool thru 8th grade) please consider joining our efforts and attend a meeting to listen in —volunteer the time and talents you have to offer to help make our PTC all the more successful. The more the Merrier! We welcome you all and all the ideas you have to make it GREAT!

Email PTC@leothegreat.org for more details!