



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

October 24 , 2021

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

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Please support the
**St. Leo the Great
Parish Festival**

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THANK YOU!



**Church
FESTIVAL**

And the winners of the main raffle are:

1st prize (\$5,000) - Donna Neylon
2nd prize (\$2,000) - Jason Mlady
3rd prize (\$1,000) - Jovita Orinoco

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Festival -- the many volunteers, the people who attended, the people who sold raffle tickets, and the **HARD-WORKING COMMITTEE!** See you next year!



"When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time."
- St. Francis De Sales

**SANCTUARY CANDLE
INTENTION**

October 24th to November 7th

IN LOVING MEMORY

Linda Debaltzo

From Gerald and Family



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.



I am sorry to inform you that the American Red Cross Bloodmobile scheduled for Sunday, November 14th, has been cancelled. Much like what is happening in our country, the red cross has a shortage of staff and cannot support the smaller blood drives on the weekend. Due to the shortage of staff, they are unable to add drives to the schedule. Please do not let this prevent you from donating.

Go to www.redcross.org to find a blood drive near you. If you want to stay on the rotation of St. Leo's blood drives, you need to donate on or before November 21st. Our next blood drive is Sunday, January 16th. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

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Prayer REQUESTS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klachn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Joseph Mackey, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Herb Mayvill, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, & Ken Proctor.

BUS TRIPS

Due to the increase in COVID cases, future bus trips have been put on hold for the remainder of 2021. Planning will continue and trips will resume as soon as the situation changes. Additional information will follow as it becomes available.

Please contact Sandy Diaddario (216-926-3123) with questions.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



October 18, 2021— Donald Kasych
\$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.

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

Thomas Ward
SS. Robert & William
Euclid, Year 2



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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

Collection.....	\$ 6,762.81
WeShare (Online).....	\$ 1,905.00
Total.....	\$ 8,667.81

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, October 25th—Weekday

8:30am +Stanley & Margie Kwiatek (Linda Anderson)

Tuesday, October 26th—Weekday

8:30am +Ralph Cosiano (Andy & Marilyn Prox)

Wednesday, October 27th—Weekday

8:30am St. Jude (Hinton Family)

Thurs., October 28th—Saints Simon and Jude

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, October 29th—Weekday

8:30am +Candida Lobregat (Cora Dejelo)

Saturday, October 30th—Weekday

4:00pm People Of The Parish

Sunday, October 31st—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +John Davis (Family)

11:00am +Ruth Szemer (Barb Crawford)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

In 597 B.C., Babylon defeated Jerusalem and many Jewish leaders and citizens were taken to exile in Babylon. The prophet Jeremiah was among those left behind. Today, in a message intended for the exiles, he proclaims words of encouragement from God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

During the time of Jesus, the high priest was the most important person in the Jewish community. He was believed to be a link between God and human beings. That is why the Letter to the Hebrews uses the image of the high priest to describe the role of Jesus in relation to the whole human race.

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



Dear Parishioners,

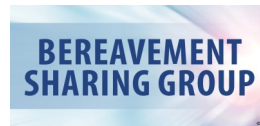
Every year the Finance Council of the Parish reviews the Financial Report from the previous fiscal year as well as the budget for the upcoming fiscal year as prepared by the Business Manager and the Pastor. We also share this information with you so in next week's bulletin we will include the Summary Report which is required by the Diocese to be published to the parishioners. This will be for the fiscal year which began July 1, 2020 and which ended June 30, 2021. I would like to highlight some items for you.

Despite several months when Mass was not celebrated publicly due to the Coronavirus in 2020, and though our attendance has dropped over the last several months during the pandemic as parishioners take advantage of the live-streaming technology we implemented, our yearly contributions have continued to remain very steady. In fact, during the 2020-21 fiscal year, our offertory collection actually increased by 1.13%, or about \$5000. In most parishes, there is typically a decline of 3-4% each year. I attribute this to your constant support of this parish, even during a pandemic, which allowed us to keep paying the bills, and I am very grateful to you for that. I still remember how so many of you dropped off your contribution envelopes to the rectory office when Mass was not celebrated here publicly for several months. And I know how many of you signed up for our online giving program called WeShare, in order that we may receive your donations even when you are not able to be here. I am so grateful for your financial support and I thank you for your understanding and generosity during the last couple of years which have been difficult for so many of us due to the pandemic.

As I hope you can see when you are here for Mass or some other parish event, we continue to maintain our buildings and to enhance our property as we are able. The parking lots are in very good shape after several years of slowly working to replace several sections that were in very poor shape. We continue to enhance the landscaping which is quite a challenge given the large size of our parish property. The school building continues to see updates and renovations, such as a new tile floor in the main hallways which will be much easier to clean and maintain, and which really modernizes the look of the building. We also have completely updated the school bathrooms with new toilets, sinks, urinals, stalls and floors. The classrooms in the basement have been cleaned out and refreshed after being used as storage rooms for many years, to make room for our ever-growing enrollment. And most recently, you will notice new awnings on our buildings (they should be installed in November) which will provide some cover from the rain & snow but more importantly will identify the buildings and entrances on our property. Again, your generous contributions to our Capital Improvement Fund of over \$20,000 during each of the last 2 fiscal years have helped us to keep our buildings and property in good order and appearance. We also received over \$15,000 in donations over the year which have been used for capital improvements inside & out. I'll share a few more highlights in my column next week when we also include the Summary Report for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

I will be taking a few days off starting this weekend as I try to get to the errands that I have neglected recently, like renewing my expired driving license and passport! Gratefully there is a grace period for the driving license as I wouldn't want to have to do a driver's test after almost 50 years. But I trust you will welcome the missionary priest who will be praying with you this weekend.

Fr. James Schmitz



St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group has recently gotten off the ground. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of a loved one. Whether you lost a spouse, a sibling or other family member or close friend you are welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about one hour; we pray and we share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. The meeting dates for the remainder of the year are November 3 and December 1.

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



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 email her at jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral.

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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**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**
Diocese of Cleveland

TWO LITTLE WORDS: "THANK YOU!"

Those two words are so inadequate. They do, however, express the appreciation of those you have helped to feed. For them your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization says "THANK YOU!"

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION...

This year the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will be giving to our Clients a gift card to purchase their Thanksgiving turkey and additional items to help make their thanksgiving dinner more complete. If you are able, please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVPD Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection basket or box or take it to the rectory. We appreciate you helping us make their Thanksgiving dinner more complete.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with our faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world.

Our local council Brooklyn-Parma #2803 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of October 23 and the 24. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that the Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #2803 for local information. Or you can contact me Brian M. Tierney Grand Knight Brooklyn-Parma #2803 216-577-2421 or briantierney753@gmail.com with questions and information.

ROSARY



The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated this month, and the Church sets aside the month of October to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the rosary. Please join us in church on Tuesday, October 26th, as we say the rosary at 7:00 p.m. If you are not familiar with the rosary, we will provide you with what you need.

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING



Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at leothegreat.org.

Gift Cards can be used for everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you.

PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE & SUPPORT US.



The Holy Land Pilgrimage Itinerary

**For more information please visit
trinitytourtravels.com or call the
Rectory.**

**\$3,400 Includes:
Airfare, 5 Star Hotels, Catholic Tour
Guide, 2 Meals a Day, Entry Fees to
all Sites, and Air Conditioned Motor
Coaches.**

May 16 -May 25 2022



Jesuit Retreat Center

A PLACE OF PEACE

Writing for Your Life: Starting a Journaling Practice - A Virtual Program.

Sundays, 7:00-8:30pm. October 10, 17, 24 and November 7. Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed. Writing for Your Life is an introduction to journal writing for personal growth. The act of writing focuses the mind and heart, and thus keeping a journal and writing regularly can lead to new insights, personal clarity, creative expressions, and even prayer. In short, journaling can enhance life!

Sign-Up at jesuitretreatcenter.org

Cost: \$30



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God. Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

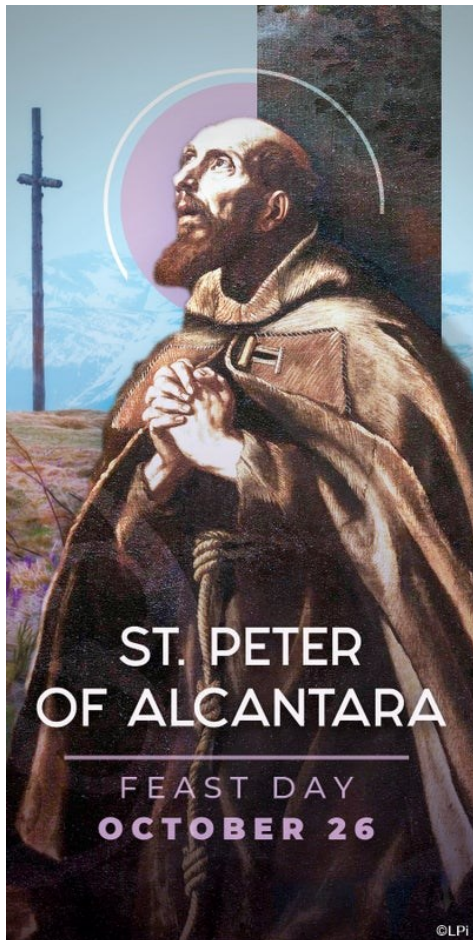
Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for. When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



September 1st 2021-End of December—Every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

St. Peter of Alcantara | Feast Day October 26

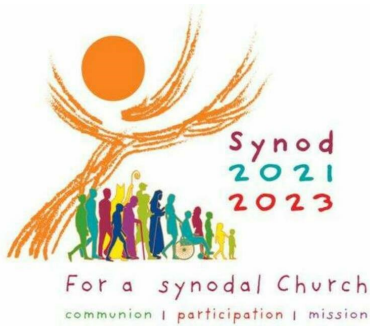


St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669.



"It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." - Pope Francis

The entire People of God, in all its diversity, is invited to participate in the upcoming Synod which will focus on the three pillars of a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.

- To gather together as people of one faith
- To engage in dialogue and respectful listening to one another
- To witness to the Good News of God's love in the world

What is synodality?

Synodality, as defined by the International Theological Commission in 2018, is "the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God." It is a call for intentional listening and journeying together through and with the Holy Spirit.

In the words of Pope Francis, a synodal Church is a "listening Church knowing that listening is more than feeling. It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. We must all listen to the Holy Spirit, the spirit of Truth to know what the Spirit is saying to the Church. [...] This is what the Lord expects from the Church of the third millennium." (Address at the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Synod of Bishops, 17 October 2015)

Synodality provides opportunities to listen to the Holy Spirit and the People of God in order to discern together and walk forward on a common path, accompanying each other on the spiritual journey as we live out our missionary call.

Why are we participating in a Synod at this time?

In October 2015, Pope Francis stated that "the world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the Church strengthens cooperation in all areas of her mission." This process is especially important during times of epochal changes in Church and society. We must reflect on the signs of the times in light of the Gospel.

Over the past couple of years, we have experienced the COVID-19 pandemic which has impacted us all on a personal, local and global scale. The Church continues to struggle from the wounds caused by the sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable people. Intolerance and violence has fomented divisions, not only in Church and society, but even within our own families.

For more information, visit dioceseofcleveland.org/synod



