



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 4, 2020

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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.



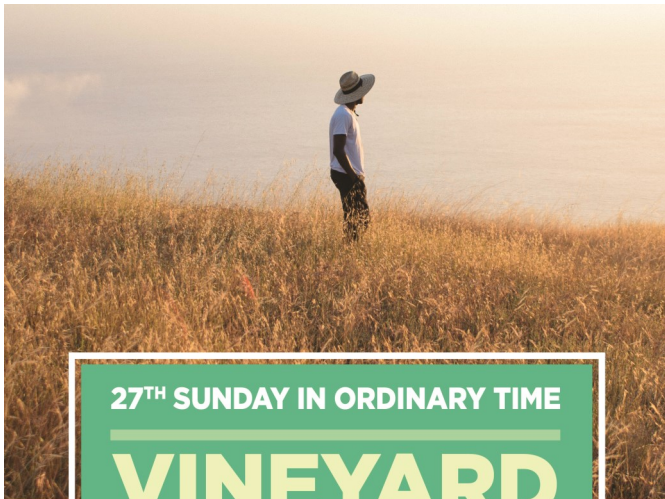
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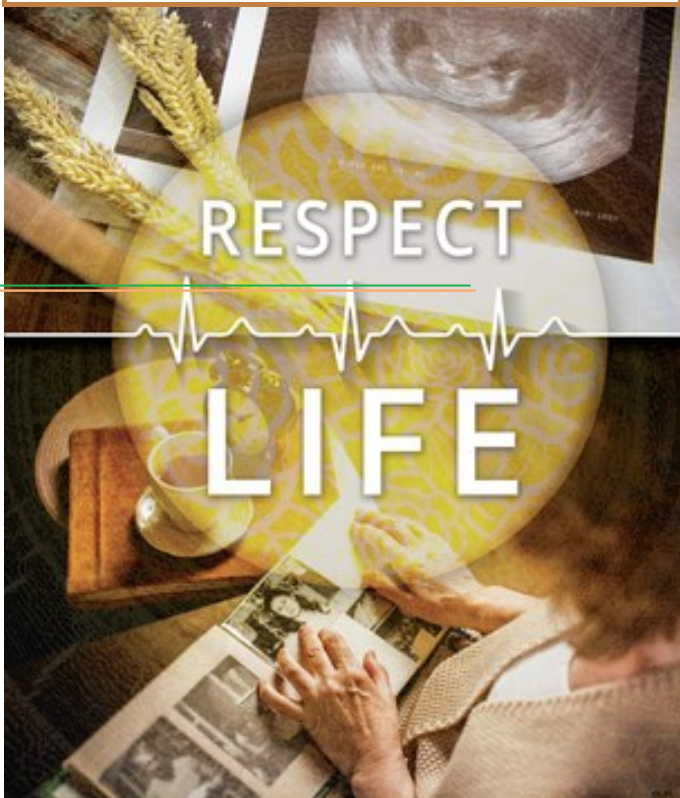
VINEYARD

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” - Mt 21:40

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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating RESPECT LIFE MONTH throughout October. Learn how you can participate at respectlife.org/celebrate.



RESPECT

LIFE

St. Leo the Great

invites you to attend

Mary, His Messenger

Using his own special brand of wit, Trapper Jack, will have you inspired and awakened to the wonder of Our Lady.

Discover the many messages, blessings and warnings that our Heavenly Mother has delivered throughout the centuries.

What is the meaning of her many titles and appearances, like Guadalupe, Lourdes and Fatima?

Why does Jesus continue to send His Mother to us?

Through Trapper's humorous and unique storytelling, learn what message Mary has for you!

All are Welcome

On **Sunday, October 11, 2020**

At **7:00 PM**

At **St. Leo the Great Catholic Church**

Guest Speaker **Radio's Trapper Jack**



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Saint Francis of Assisi is the founder of the Franciscan family. He is also the Patron Saint of ecology and an inspiration to thousands. St. Francis is claimed by people of all faiths as well as by those with no particular faith. He is a truly “catholic and apostolic man.” Although he was born in the 13th century, he belongs to all ages. We celebrate his feast day this Sunday, October 4th.

ROSARY



The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th, 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 this **Wednesday, October 7th**, as we say the rosary at 7:00pm.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, William and Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Mlady, Ralph Rath, Walter Alflen, Joseph Mackey, Diana, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath & James Cook

"God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering."

St Augustine of Hippo

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

JEANETTE KROEGER

**September 28, 2020
\$100.00 Winner**



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available on our website. (www.leothegreat.org). Or just call the office 216-661-1006 and we will sign you up.

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

**Robert Stegmaier
St. Colette, Brunswick
Year 1 –Diaconate Program**



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

Parish Support

Sunday, September 20th

Collection	\$ 5,149.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 1,792.50
Total	\$ 6,941.50

Sunday, September 27th

Collection	\$ 4,660.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 997.50
Total	\$ 5,657.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, October 5th - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
8:30am +Mary Suder (Tim & Olga Holbrook)

Tuesday, October 6th - St. Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

8:30am +Russell Walker (Children)

Wednesday, October 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30am +Betty Kollar (Kollar Family)

Thursday, October 8th - Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, October 9th - St. Denis and Companions, St. John Leonardi

8:30am +Felice, Addolorata, Elisa, Maffalda Zappitelli (Giovanni & Irma Zappitelli)

Saturday, October 10th - Weekday

4:00pm +Sara Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)

Sunday, October 11th – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Alice Halupnik (Friends of Kathy Halupnik)

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Today's reading begins with Isaiah singing a song to the people. He uses this song as a parable so that he can then speak to them about God's disappointment. God had lavished his loving care upon them...and their response was sin.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

We continue our series of readings from Paul's letter to the Christian community of Philippi in northeastern Greece. Of all the communities founded by Paul, Philippi was his favorite. While he was in prison, he wrote them a letter of gratitude and encouragement. In today's passage, we will hear Paul present a list of classical Greek virtues, and remind the people that he not only taught these virtues, but he lived them.

Readings for the week of October 4, 2020

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:6-9)



Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned last weekend, today (Sunday) is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He is one of the most well known saints because of his love for God's creation as he is often portrayed with a wolf near him or with birds perched on his shoulders or in his hand. Our new statue of him, located between the west front entrance of the church and the rectory office entrance, shows his hands outstretched and opened, and I'm surprised I haven't seen a bird laying in the palm of his hand yet or building a nest there (perhaps it's too close to the ground). St. Francis was from a little town not far from Rome called Assisi, and if you've ever been there, it's not hard to understand why he loved God's creation, as the town is "perched" on the top of a hill and overlooks the cities & trees below. The buildings are made of stone and look like they've been there since the time of St. Francis himself. His father was a very wealthy man yet Francis wanted to live the simple life of a poor beggar so he renounced his earthly father (who once imprisoned his son in a very small space in their home for a very long time) in favor of his Heavenly Father. When we took a pilgrimage to Italy last year, we visited the tomb of St. Francis in Assisi & enjoyed the beautiful city on a hill. May Francis pray for us that we may someday share his joy and glory in God's kingdom.

Some of the priests of the Diocese have a "Meet & Greet" with Bishop Malesic this week at St. Basil the Great church in Brecksville, with masks & social distancing of course. I look forward to meeting him (or at least seeing him) in person now that he has been installed as our new bishop. We are grateful to have this kind and gentle man with us and pray he may lead us together as a diocesan family.

Next Sunday, the well-known radio personality Trapper Jack, will be with us again to speak about Mary, God's Messenger. We wanted him to come during this month of October which is dedicated to Our Lady. He will begin his presentation at 7pm in the church and this will also be live-streamed at that time (though you can watch it anytime on demand). He received a great response when he was here before so we look forward to the witness of his Catholic devotion to Mary.

Last weekend I asked everyone to join me in praying for a young man who was killed on his motorcycle directly in front of our school building a couple weeks ago. His father came to speak with me and I was grateful for the opportunity to express our sympathy to him on the tragic death of his son. His son's name was TJ Cusick and was 24 years old. He was trying to warn his buddy on a motorcycle behind him about a bump in the road & that's when he lost control of his own motorcycle which hit a tree. He was immediately unconscious and died at the hospital shortly thereafter. We will be offering a Mass for TJ in the future but I ask again that you keep him and his father in your prayers, now that we know who he is. TJ was a Boy Scout who had earned all 4 of the religious patches, which is not frequently done. May he rest in God's peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. James Schmitz".



Festival Raffle Tickets! There is still time to get your raffle tickets! Due to social distancing, we are not putting the raffle tickets in the vestibule this year. The Festival raffle tickets have been delivered to the homes of registered parishioners within the parish boundaries. If you are a registered parishioner and reside outside the parish boundaries, please provide the rectory with your name and address (including zip code!), and we will have your tickets available for pick up in the rectory within a few days. If COVID-19 prevents the parish from holding the Festival, there will still be a raffle drawing. The Festival is an important event for the parish community. The proceeds from the Festival help sustain the parish. Please do what you can to support the parish by selling your raffle tickets. Special thanks to Yurch Funeral Home for providing the tickets.

Early Bird Drawing! And the winner of the third \$100 Early Bird Drawing is **DON MENGE**. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 17th).

Festival Weekend! Due to COVID-19 regulations, we will have take-out only on October 16th and 17th of some of your favorite Festival foods including corned beef and Reuben sandwiches on Friday and pork dinners on Saturday. See the flyer for more information.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Thank you to everyone who came out to the American Red Cross blood drive here on Sunday, September 20th. We had 33 donors and 4 first time donors, The efforts of St. Leo the Great Church have always been greatly appreciated and their support goes a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives.

HOLY HOUR



Join us in prayer for the election and for the country on Sunday, November 1st at 7:00pm. in the church. If you can't attend in person, it will be live-streamed. Elections are always important as a means for shaping our country especially during this time of unrest and uncertainty. Please plan on joining us either in person or virtually on Sunday, November 1st at 7:00pm.

St. Leo the Great Parish Festival

Friday, October 16 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 17 - 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

TAKE OUT ONLY (until we sell out)

Specials

****Friday****

Corned Beef/Reuben
Platter or Sandwich

****Saturday****

Roast Pork Dinner with
Dumplings and Gravy

****Both Nights****

Honey Hut Ice Cream
Italian Sausage Sandwiches
with Onions & Peppers
Pierogies
Cabbage & Noodles
and other favorites

****\$5,000 Raffle****

Turn in your tickets
or buy more!

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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, gas for your cars, or used as a simple thank you.

PLEASE
SUPPORT THIS
PROGRAM



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, at the rectory office. You can also go online at leothegreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON



The weekend of October 17th and 18th mark the 34th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. Due to lack of storage space, there will be a cash only collection. We will gratefully accept your donations and do the shopping for you. This will make your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by low income families, the homeless and the disadvantaged. Just put you donation in an envelop marked "SVDP" and drop it in the collection box or take it to the Rectory. You can also create an account or log into your WeShare Account at leothegreat.weshareonline.org. There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation and indicate that the donation is for "Blanket Sunday". Give someone a blanket for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling.

School News

Meet Samantha Troutman



Our new 2nd Grade Teacher!

Samantha grew up in Columbus, Ohio with her mom, dad, brother and dog, Teddy. Samantha and her brother attended St. Brigid of Kildare School and Parish. She attended Bishop Watterson High School.

Samantha Graduated from Ohio University in 2019 with honors in Early Childhood Education. She has since returned to school to get her 4/5 endorsement to be able to teach up to 5th grade.

Samantha loves to go on hikes, be outdoors, bake and LOVES COFFEE! Her favorite food is chocolate (really any desserts)! Her favorite restaurant is Iacono's Pizza in Columbus! They are family owned and have the BEST PIZZA!

Samantha's Mom and Aunt both taught at St. Brigid's, she always admired them for their dedication and hard work.

Samantha always knew she wanted to be a teacher and said, "No two days are the same and you can really change a child's life". Samantha thinks "It is so awesome to teach the youth of our world and be a small part of who they are and who they become". We like the way she thinks!

We are Thrilled to Have Samantha as part of the St. Leo Parish Community!

Boy's Restroom Makeover!

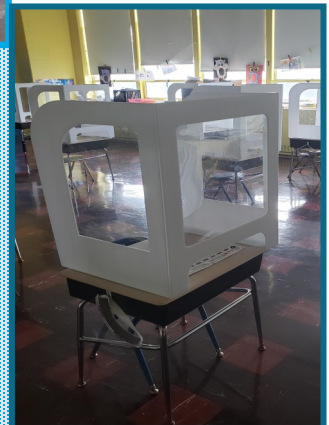
The 1st floor boy's restroom received a beautiful makeover this summer! The restroom was gutted and fitted with brand new toilets, stall doors, a handicap accessible stall, new urinals with dividers and a gorgeous new floor. The sink and faucets will be installed by the end of the month.

Brand new water fountains were also installed in the school making it easier for the students to fill water bottles. Due to COVID students can no longer use the spout from the water fountain.



Student & Staff Safety Priority # 1.

The student desk shields have arrived. They were placed on all student desks. This, along with wearing masks and social distancing will help to control the spread of germs.





All Saints Federal Credit Union is running a Balance Transfer Promotion! Transfer any credit card debt that you have onto an All Saints FCU Visa Credit Card at 0.00% for 6 months; this rate also applies to retail purchases for 6 months. This promotion runs from **October 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020**. Visit or call any of our three branch locations; for hours, addresses, phone numbers, and additional information, please visit our website at www.allsaintsfcu.com.



COMMUNITY SHRED DAYS

10/10/20 @ Lakewood Office (10am – 1pm)
10/17/20 @ Parma Office (10am – 1pm)

We are requesting that all participants stay in their car and follow signage for a safe experience. Please limit shredding to 3 boxes. We will be collecting donations for Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. Please contact Kelly for more information 440-886-2558 x244. See full details at unitycatholiccu.org/events-calendar

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

GREAT ROOM FOR RENT

The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center, is available to rent. (with social distancing in place)

For information or to book, please **contact Richard Czech at 216-269-1577** or visit our parish website at leothegreat.org.



Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 10, 2020 at 12:00 noon. In front of St. Columbkille Church. Lawn chairs are permissible. Please contact Isabel at 216-524-3163 for more information.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The coronavirus pandemic has greatly disrupted our plans. At this time, bringing together couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary is not possible. However, the Diocese does not want the year to pass by without marking this very special occasion. To honor all couples married in 1970, we would like to send a diocesan certificate as a keepsake. We ask all jubilarians to go to the Diocese of Cleveland website, www.dioceseofcleveland.org, and fill out the form. If you need help getting to this form, please call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1061 and we will be glad to help you. Catholic couples celebrating a significant anniversary, or those close to them, may also wish to consider ordering a parchment marking a Papal Blessing, via the website of the Office of Papal Charities at www.vatican.va. If circumstances change and make it possible for us to safely gather for a Mass to celebrate the 50th anniversary of couples married in 1970, the Diocese will notify all those who completed the diocesan form. Visit the website or contact the Marriage & Family Ministry office for more information.

