

October 9, 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.

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

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.

RAFFLE TICKET DELIVERY!

We still have some tickets that need to be delivered. Please contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org or 216-661-1006 if you can help deliver raffle tickets.

VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the main vestibule of the church. The festival cannot be a success without your help! Please sign up.

ADOPT-A-BOOTH!

Do you feel like doing more? Why not adopt a booth for the entire weekend with your family and friends? You provide the 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, and we'll contact you to answer your questions.

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.



BUS TRIPS

For more information please contact Sandy Diaddario
216-926-3123

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

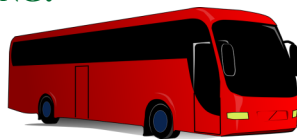
Where: Amish Country

When: Monday, November 14th

Cost: \$80 per person

Includes: Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant

Details: Shop/Browse: Smucker's, Coblentz Chocolates, Schrock Heritage Villages, Tis the Season-receive an ornament, Walnut Creek Cheese, Breitenbach Winery (sample on own)



Payment Due by: Friday, October 14



The Parish of St. Leo the Great welcomes Bishop Malesic as we begin the celebration of our

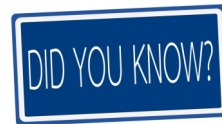
75th ANNIVERSARY YEAR!

Please join us for a reception in Lux Hall following the 11:00 a.m. Mass to extend personal greetings to the Bishop.

The 75th anniversary of the parish will be celebrated throughout the year and conclude in the fall of 2023—the actual 75th anniversary. Events and activities are 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

Mark your calendars to join us for Mass and events throughout the year!



Per Fr. Lux's homily at the parish's 25th anniversary Mass, the original name for the parish was going to be St. Sylvester. Having dealt with that name all of his life, Fr. Sylvester P. Lux, the founding pastor, preferred to use his brother's name, Leo, and the parish of St. Leo the Great was established.

Seniors Meeting

Hi, Seniors! It's meeting time again.

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Arrive @ 11:00a | Lunch @ 12:00p

Meeting to commence after the meal.

See you all there!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2022

HAPPY SWEETEST DAY

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 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 and Glen Balog

In Loving Memory of **Joseph D. Piazza Jr.**

April 2, 1942 ~ September 26, 2022

Mass of Christian Burial
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
Friday ~ September 30, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Burial
Holy Cross Cemetery
Section: 41 Lot: 1274 Grave: 2

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.
Amen.

TOMON & SONS FUNERAL HOME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 10th —Weekday

8:30am +Sara Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)

Tuesday October 11th— Weekday

8:30am +Judie Gruntkowski (Frank Gruntkowski)

Wednesday October 12th—Weekday

8:30am +Vance & Kloczek Families (Bernadine & Family)

Friday October 14th—Weekday

8:30am +Helen Hrach (Fr. James Schmitz)

Saturday October 15th—Saint Teresa of Jesus

4:00pm Robert Karmecy (Liz)

Sunday October 16th— 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Heyink Family (Family)

11:00am People of the Parish

**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: 2 KINGS 5:14-17

Elisha, who lived about 800 years before Christ, was the successor of the great prophet Elijah. Naaman was a pagan army officer from Syria who came to Elisha, seeking a cure for his leprosy. We pick up the story at this point.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13

We continue reading from the second letter to Timothy. This letter was written about 30 years after Paul's death to a typical church leader as represented by Timothy. Today's passage begins with a summary of Paul's teachings about Christ, and concludes with what may be part of an ancient Christian hymn.

SUNDAY 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

MONDAY Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

THURSDAY Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

SATURDAY Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12



FREDERICH SCHULETER
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.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

October 9th—October 23rd

Russell Walker

Love,
The Walker Children



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 9, 2022 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to “the gods” to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is “a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” When our hearts “surge” toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God’s Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God’s graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.

SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Zeal of the Convert

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as “the zeal of the recent convert.”

Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It’s not that they are naive. It’s not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It’s simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let’s ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God’s grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don’t despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

SERVANT SONGS

Question:

What are the servant songs of Isaiah?
How do they relate to Jesus’ life and ministry?

Answer:

The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile. Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David’s lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God’s servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people. Each of the four poems emphasizes God’s choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God’s servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant’s innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others. Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus’ followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus’ ministry in terms of Isaiah’s suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I was asked to give the last rites to Joe Piazza, who had been bed-ridden for some time in his home, and he died a couple days later. He and his wife Rose were married for 59 years and had 4 children and 6 grandchildren. They were formerly members of Corpus Christi while Rose served as the cook for 25 years at Our Lady of Good Counsel, presently Mary Queen of Peace. We celebrated Joe's funeral Mass on Friday, September 30th. May he rest in God's peace as we commit our prayers to him and our support to his family.

I received word today from Father Vesely's niece that his sister, Millie Ancin, has entered Hospice. You may recall that she took a fall just after her brother's death and so was not able to attend his funeral Mass, and while she has been recovering nicely from that injury, she has been declining in other ways. The family decided it would be best to move her toward the goal of comfort care. I fondly remember the many dinners I enjoyed with Millie and her brother when we would go out after the 4pm Mass on Saturday evenings. Please keep Millie in your prayers during this time and ask for God's grace on her family members who are tending to her care and comfort.

This weekend we welcome Bishop Malesic to St. Leo's for his first visit to our parish. He will be celebrating the 11am Mass to help us begin our year-long celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the parish. You will have the opportunity to meet him personally and welcome him to our parish in Lux Hall after the Mass, where refreshments will be available. You will find the Bishop to be a very gentle and personable priest who has genuine concern for the people he shepherds in this Diocese. We are grateful that he is making the time to be with us today.

Throughout this anniversary year we want to share some information with you concerning the beginning and history of our parish in the hopes that it will help us all to appreciate the unfolding of God's plan and vision for this Catholic community of faith. So here is a bit of information I found from the booklet used in 1988 for the 40th Anniversary of the parish. The first Mass of the newly founded parish was celebrated at Ben Franklin School Auditorium on Sunday, October 17, 1948. There was a simple announcement in the bulletin of Our Lady of Good Counsel (again, currently Mary Queen of Peace) which spoke of the birth of St. Leo parish and gave the parish boundaries. Good Counsel parish had a Mass on Sunday 6am so Father Lux, our founding pastor, decided to have the first Sunday Mass at 5:30am for those who liked an earlier liturgy. There is a white house on the east side of Broadview Road that was used as a rectory (residence for the priest) and later this became the first convent of the parish. It had a little porch that Father Lux extended for daily Mass. 75 years later, we remain grateful to Father Lux for all he did to begin a community that would stretch (so far) 75 years into the future.

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.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

BLANKET SUNDAY is here! Thank you! Your generous monetary donations makes so much possible. Your care, concern and generosity will help many people in many ways this winter as blankets and other winter items will be given to low income families, the homeless and the disadvantaged. Just put your money in an envelope marked "SVDP Blanket Sunday" or pick up a blanket Sunday envelope near the entrances of the church and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory. Blanket someone for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling. Thank you for your kindness.



**SAINT
VINCENT
DE PAUL**

Jesus identifies Himself with the needy person whom you assist. As you approach the food baskets, remember His words, "I was hungry and you fed me". Next weekend, October 15th and 16th is our monthly food collection. We are in need of the following items: CANNED SWEET POTATOES, CRANBERRY SAUCE, CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES, CANNED BAKE BEANS, CANNED PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED DICED TOMATOES, ASSORTED SOUPS, RAMEN NOODLES, TUNA FISH, RICE & NOODLE SIDES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING MIX, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT, DISHWASHING SOAP AND BAR SOAP. We need your help. Help the St. Vincent De Paul Outreach Organization help others. The need is great. Thank you.

The Great Sweepstakes



October 3, 2022
Sharon & Tom Harper



PARISH SUPPORT

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25 2022	Sunday Envelope \$	4,521.01
	WeShare \$	1,970.00
	Total \$	6,491.01
	Capital Improvements \$	335.00
	WeShare \$	50.00
<i>Thank You!</i> FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!	Total \$	385.00
	SVDP \$	20.00
	All Soul's \$	5.00
	All Saint's \$	5.00
	Christmas \$	25.00



Choose Life! Banquet & Fundraiser

When: Friday, November 4, 2022
(doors open at 6:15p.m.)

Where: Astrodome Event Center at St. Josaphat
Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral
5720 State Road Parma, OH

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Frank Pavone
National Director-Priests for Life

Plus:

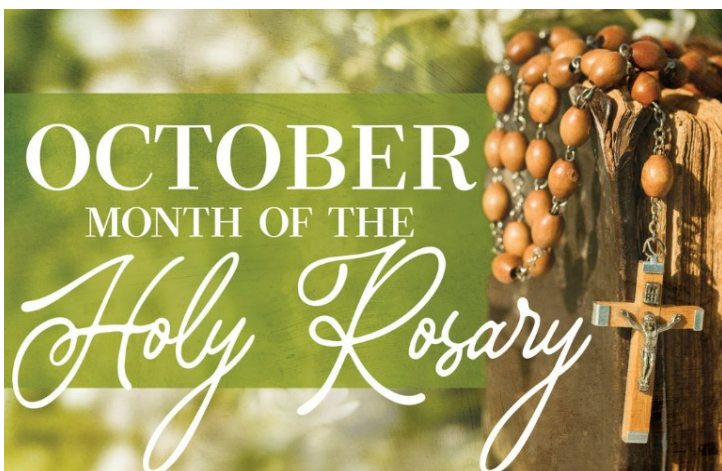
- Cash raffle
- Silent auction
- Themed raffle baskets
- Sideboards



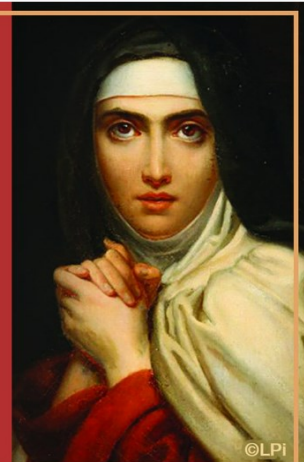
Cost: \$70/person | \$35/clergy & religious

Reservations: 216-661-6616 or the *News & Events* tab
at www.LifeWorksOhio.org

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OCTOBER 15TH
**SAINT
TERESA**
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October 9, 2022— 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

School News

Cleveland Scholarships Available!
Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leothegreat.org or
contact Principal, Denise Burns at
dburns@leothegreat.org for more information.

As we begin the 2022-2023, we have ample areas to be thankful for at St. Leo the Great School. We currently have 284 students in grades K-8 and another 40 in our Preschool. Our enrollment continues to be consistent with the past few years. We are grateful to the families who have selected St. Leo the Great School for their children.

We have added a Pre-K Classroom in the main school building in addition to the two existing classrooms in the upstairs of the Parish Center due to the large number of families looking for Preschool.

We are pleased with the new windows with screens in the school cafeteria. We received a grant from Rooted In Faith to help defray the cost. The glass block windows in Lux Hall make such an impact in allowing natural light in. We look forward to continuing to replace more windows in the school in the future.

Every month we are "Spotlighting" students who make choices that facilitate moral character and academic success. This month several students were chosen for exemplifying Citizenship in the school and will be rewarded with a dress down day as well as a treat. We are proud of our students! Thank you to Mrs. Robin Salem, one of our assistant principals, for spearheading this effort.

Blessings,

Mrs. Denise Burns, Principal



The Diocese of Cleveland CYO are seeking high school, college students and adults interested in officiating basketball. Trainings will be held on Sunday, October 16 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, for six consecutive Sunday's. These mandatory trainings will be held at:

Walsh Jesuit High School
4550 Wyoga Lake Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, 44224.

If you are interested, please register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZ78MGF>