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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 17, 2019

St. Leo the Great Church
1969 - 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM
Sundays ~ 8:00AM, and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Thursday ~ 7:30AM
Friday ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are heard on Saturday, from 2:45PM—3:30PM or anytime 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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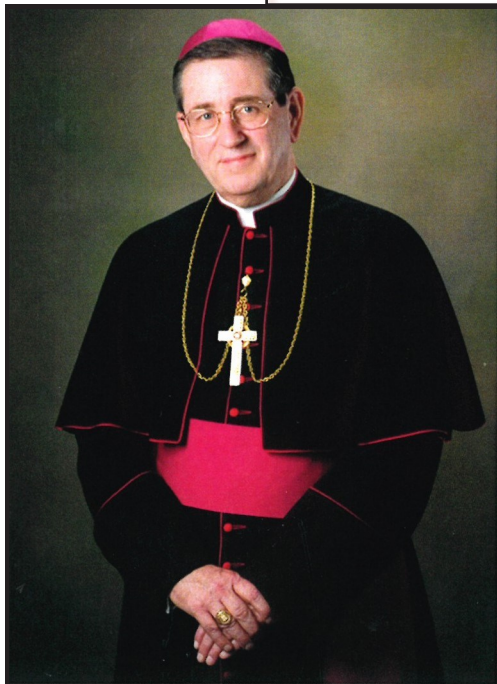
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WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



THE MOST REVEREND
RICHARD G. LENNON
26 MARCH 1947 - 29 OCTOBER 2019



THE MOST REVEREND
RICHARD G. LENNON

Born | 26 MAR 1947

Ordained
Priest | 19 MAY 1973

Ordained
Bishop | 14 SEPT 2001

Tenth Bishop of Cleveland
15 MAY 2006 - 28 DEC 2016

Died | 29 OCT 2019

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the soul of your departed servant Bishop Richard,
to whom you committed the care of your family,
may, with the manifold fruits of his labors,
enter into the eternal gladness of his Lord.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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JOSEPH J. MIHALEK



Joseph passed away on Friday,
November 1st and his life was
celebrated during his funeral
Mass here at St. Leo the Great
Church on Monday, November
11th. May he find rest in the
Risen Lord.

PRO ORANTIBUS DAY



Thursday, Nov. 21st, is
Pro Orantibus Day
("For Those Who
Pray"). Honoring clois-
tered men and women.

It is a day of thank-
giving, solidarity, and support for
contemplative religious who spend their
lives in total dedication to God in union
with Jesus and interceding for the
salvation of all. Pope Pius the XII
instituted this worldwide event in 1953
and Pope St. John Paul II expanded its
celebration in 1997 to take place on the
Memorial of Our Lady's Presentation in
the Temple. For more information visit
cloisteredlife.com

PRAYER IN SUPPORT OF THE CLOISTERED LIFE

Eternal Father,

We praise and thank you for those sisters and brothers who have
embraced the gift of the cloistered and monastic life. Their prayerful
presence is indispensable to the Church's life and mission, and is the
foundation of the new Evangelization.

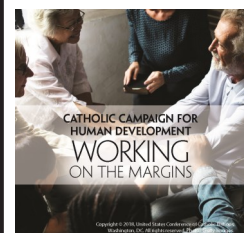
As we celebrate World Day of Cloistered Life, let us honor the holiness
and the glory of the Blessed Virgin. May she, who was presented in the
Temple, intercede so that many young people might dedicate them-
selves entirely to Your divine service by hidden lives of contemplative
prayer and selfless sacrifice.

May all of us always be mindful of the spiritual and material needs of
those who commit their lives to seeking God by fixing their gaze on
those things which are eternal.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports
programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent
and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human
Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorcyka, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, Jo Hoffman, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Steve Kostrubanic, Marge Menge, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda Sharon Kobal, Jeanne Karasek, George Aloschen, Herb Mayville, Mary Suder & Charles Hakaim.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

**FEAST OF ST. LEO THE GREAT
WINNER of \$1,000.00 is**

JEROME E. RODAK



Our NEW Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing starts January 1, 2020.

We will start selling tickets this weekend.

The drawing will go from January 1, 2020 thru November 10, 2020 (Feast of St. Leo). There will be (45) \$100 Weekly Drawings, (5) \$200 Special Drawings and (1) \$1,000 Super Drawing on the Feast of St. Leo on November 10, 2020.

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

Darrel Sherman
St. Peter, North Ridgeville
Aspirant—Diaconate Program



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



Sunday, November 10th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 6,388.00
WeShare (online)	\$ 1,155.00
Total.....	\$ 7,543.00

Thank you for your continued support!



Monday, November 18th - The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

7:30am +Eugene Kusnerik (Rita Santana)

Tuesday, November 19th - Weekday

7:30am +August Bublavy (Rose Pelley)

Wednesday, November 20th - Weekday

7:30am +Ken & Chris Hauck (George & Mary Lou)

Thursday, November 21st -The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am Communion Service

Friday, November 22nd - St. Cecilia

8:30am +Carmen Crea (Family)

Saturday, November 23rd - St. Clement, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, November 24th - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00am Paulette Prokop-God is your co-pilot

11:00am Shelley & Duane Revilock

25th Wedding Anniversary

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

The book of Malachi was written after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. Faced with problems on all sides, many in the community doubted whether God would ever again act on their behalf. In today's passage, Malachi responds to these skeptics.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

The second letter to the Thessalonians addresses concerns early Christians had about the coming of Christ in glory. Some were excessively interested in the day and hour of Christ's coming. Others thought that his imminent coming was an invitation to idleness.

Readings for the week of November 17, 2019

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6,8b & 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chm 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16&19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



WE WELCOME

JACOB MICHAEL BERLEKAMP
as he is baptized this weekend.

May the blessings you received from God guide you throughout your life!



Dear Parishioners,

We celebrated the funeral Mass for Joseph Mihalek this past Monday. This line which sums up his life was written in his obituary: "Joseph will be missed and remembered as a faithful and undeniably genuine man with a generous heart and the hands of a skilled craftsman." Joe had a devotion to his patron, St. Joseph the Carpenter, not only because they shared the same name but because of Joe's skills as a carpenter himself. He was a Veteran (he served in Vietnam) and his funeral was on Veteran's Day. He died on November 1st, the feast of All Saints. Joe was married to his wife Sandy for 51 years and they had 4 children & 6 grandchildren. We trust that "his soul was pleasing to the Lord" as the book of Wisdom says and so pray that he rest in God's peace.

The Church welcomes Jacob Berlekamp into its family as he is baptized this Sunday. His parents were married here at St. Leo's about 3 years ago & so we are happy to join with them as they begin their family.

You will see a poster by the back doors of the church advertising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October of next year. Many of you have been asking about it and I can tell you that I just met with the man who owns the travel company (he spoke here a few months ago when he was selling religious items made out of olive wood which were carved in the Holy Land). We will be having a meeting either later this month or in December when specific pricing will be available. He will answer any questions you may have regarding such things as walking distances, meals, etc. I'll be sure to advertise the meeting once we settle on a date.

We were able to procure a relic of St. Vincent de Paul from the Diocesan Archives Office so that will be placed in his shrine. Our thanks to Henninger's for the great job they did in designing and creating these prayerful spaces. Please feel free to put canned or boxed food in the baskets at the shrine of St. Vincent de Paul as was done when the statue was in the vestibule.

This Thursday, November 21st, the Church celebrates "Pro Orantibus" Day when we prayerfully remember those who have dedicated their lives to a religious community. We will pray for them this weekend so remember with gratitude those religious sisters and brothers who may have helped you along the road of faith.

It seems too early for snow to fall this year but while some people may dread its arrival, I really enjoy it during November & December & even January, but come February I'm anxious for it to melt and never return. Our many trees in the large yard behind the church look beautiful when snow is hanging from them and I remember Michaela running around in the yard full of snow when we first arrived here. But we do caution you to be careful in the parking lot as sometimes the snow hides the ice that may lie underneath. Not only can you break a bone if you fall, but it's the fastest way to lose your dignity as well (I know from experience).

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, November 18th

- 4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice Lux
- 5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux
- 6:45pm PSR School
- 7:00pm 5th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux

Tuesday, November 19th

- 8:30am SVDP Packing/Receiving Church
- 4:00pm 8th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux
- 5:30pm 5th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux
- 7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux
- 7:00pm AA Group Basement

Wednesday, November 20th

- 8:00am Nutrition Services Meeting Great
- 3:00pm Confirmation Retreat Great
- 3:00pm 3rd Gr Boys BB Practice Lux
- 4:30pm 5th Gr Girls BB Practice Lux
- 6:30pm Choir Practice Church
- 7:30pm High School Basket Ball Lux

Thursday, November 21st

- 1:00pm Women's Knitting Group Conference
- 4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice Lux
- 5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux
- 7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux

Friday, November 22nd

- 3:00pm 3rd Gr Boys BB Practice Lux
- 4:30pm 5th Gr Girls BB Practice Lux
- 7:00pm Rosary Church
- 7:30pm Recovery International Basement

Saturday, November 23rd

- 2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions Church
- 3:00pm Grapevine Basement

Sunday, November 24th

BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo the Great's Lux Hall this **Sunday, November 17th, from 8:00am to 12:00pm.**

Let's start out the holiday season by giving the gift of life. Looking forward to seeing you!



Please join us in the church to pray the rosary on this Friday, November 22nd, at 7:00pm. What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.

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HELP THE HOMELESS



Malachi Center at W. 25th St. & Detroit Ave. provides many services to help homeless men and women throughout the year. At Christmas, Malachi Center distributes duffle bags at a breakfast for the homeless.

The 18-inch duffle bags are filled with personal items such as heavy socks, hats, gloves, scarves, soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, lotion, snacks, hand and foot warmers, extra large and larger sweatshirts, and many other similar items.

If you would like to donate bags and/or other items, please bring your donation to the rectory by Monday, Dec. 9th. Items should be tagged "Help the Homeless."

Your overwhelming generosity last year to this cause was heartwarming. Let's do it again this year. Thank you so much.

Questions? Call Jeanne Sabol at 216 351 6247.

THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

There will be a special Thanksgiving Day Liturgy on Thursday, November 28, at 9:00am. All are encouraged to attend to give thanks for all the blessings we have received this past year. A special collection will be taken by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of gifts of non-perishable food (canned or boxed goods) and money which will be donated to the hungry.

Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS



HOLIDAY
OFFICE
HOURS

The Rectory Office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 27th and will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will resume our normal hours on Saturday, November 30th (Noon to 5:30pm).

ST. LEO'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS CARDS



Reminder to our Members that our Christmas card exchange box will be in the vestibule of the church before and after the Masses the weekends of **Nov. 23rd/24th** and **Nov. 30th/Dec. 1st**. Please drop your cards in the exchange box. This will permit us to presort and arrange the cards for distribution at the **Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 4th**. Please keep them in alphabetical order with a rubber band around them.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thanksgiving is a time for loving and for sharing what we have with others, however meager it may seem. Each thanksgiving your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach organization works to help those in need. Please be generous this year with your donations to the Poor Boxes or put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP Thanksgiving". The need is great. We thank you for your thoughtfulness.



PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

GREAT
ROOM
FOR RENT

The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center is available to **rent for special events, all types of parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.**

For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our parish website at leothegreat.org.

BULLETIN ARTICLES



Due to the upcoming holidays, please have all bulletin articles in two weeks in advance of the publish date. Articles can be dropped off at the rectory office or emailed to mlhauck@leothegreat.org. Thank you.

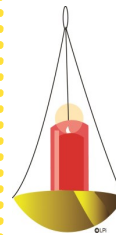
GIFT CARD PROGRAM



The Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support our 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 to help with your holiday shopping, everyday purchases, gifts, or as a simple thank you. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS



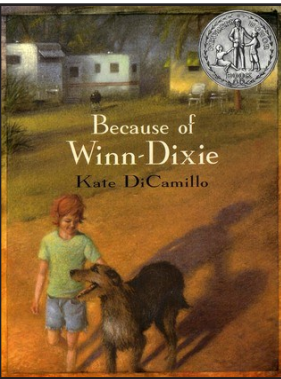
The Sanctuary Candle is the candle next to the Tabernacle, which signifies the real presence of Christ within it. You can dedicate this Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for two weeks; the name will be published in the bulletin so that your intention can be prayed for by everyone during that time.

We will start taking intentions **for the year 2020 next weekend, November 16th/17th**. The donation for the candle will be \$10.00. Please stop by the Rectory Office or the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church to request a Sanctuary Candle Intention.

St. Columbkille 50+ is again offering the **Our Town & All Around Dining** book with numerous money saving coupons. A real value at \$28.00. Great for your own use or a gift. Call Lil Jirousek at 216-524-7394.

St. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition

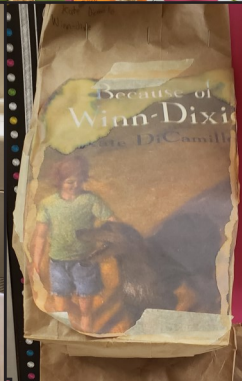
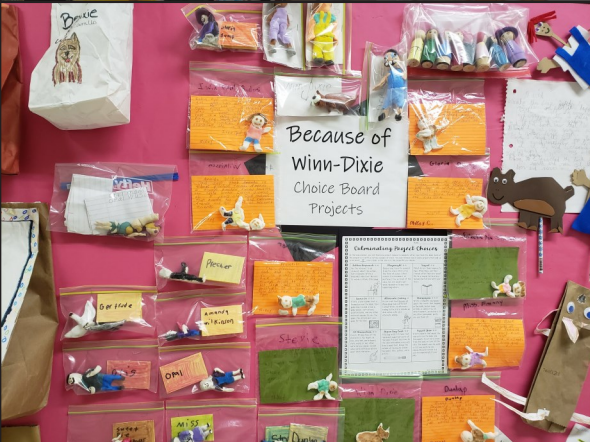


Our **4th Grade Students'** summer reading assignment was to read **"Because of Winn-Dixie."** It is a wonderful, sweet story of a little girl named Opal who moved to Florida with her preacher father. The students thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, and of course, Opal is their favorite character!

Mrs. Staci Novak, our 4th grade reading teacher did an in-depth study of the book when they returned to school and after gave the students a unique Book Project to complete. The students were given 9 projects to choose from. Each project was worth a certain number of stars and each student must choose one or more projects that add up to 5 stars. The choices were Author Research, Playwright, Sequel, Game on, Alternate Ending, Newspaper, 3D Characters, Paper Bag book or Puppet show.



The students creativity was quite impressive. Some created a puppet show and presented it to the class, others made board games and taught the students how to play. The 3D objects they created were awesome as well as the paper bag books! If you have never read this book, pick up a copy, we guarantee you will love it as much as we have!





Sharing your Christmas love

St. Leo's Adopt-A-Child Program is an ideal way to share your Christmas joy and love with others who are less fortunate.

Who are we helping?

Recipients of your Christmas gifts include families from our own parish community, St. Aloysius School, Maggie's Place, Catholic Charities Refugee Families and Malachi Center.

How can I participate?

To participate, you would purchase and wrap a \$15 gift for a needy child.

To obtain the names of these children, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247 or Judi Westenburg at 216-642-0134. Or you can sign up in the church vestibule after Masses during the weekends of November 23-24 and November 30-December 1.

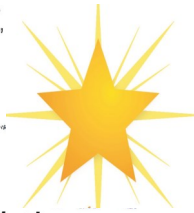
When is drop-off?

Gifts are to be wrapped, tagged and dropped off at the Parish Community Center from 3-7 p.m. Saturday, December 14. If you cannot drop off your gifts at this time, you may leave them at the Rectory anytime before December 13.

Can I give money?

Monetary donations may be dropped in the collection basket or left at the Rectory. Please mark all contributions "Adopt-A-Child" and make checks payable to St. Leo the Great.

Once again, please take the time and opportunity to help others this Christmas season. Thank you and may God bless you.



First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association

Jr. Branch 014 is a sponsor of Adopt-A-Child this year and will donate up to \$600 in matching funds

BUS TRIP—DICKENS CHRISTMAS Cambridge, Ohio Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Report: 8:30am Depart: 9:00am

Guided Tour w/story of Dickens Victorian Village, Tea with the Queen at Cambridge Country Club (lunch included), National Museum of Cambridge Glass, Kennedy's Bakery, Dickens Courthouse Light Show.



Cost: \$100 per person

Return: Approx. 9:30pm

Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505
for more information or
to book your trip.

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Come join us this Sunday, November 17th at 1:00 PM for a FREE Community Meal. The location is the Mary Queen of Peace Cafeteria. Please enter through the back doors of the Parish Center.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO—Women's Retreat on Sunday, November 24th from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Featured speakers are Amber Vanvickle & Fr. Jim Cosgrove with reflection time, confession, adoration & community. Sign up in the parish office by November 17th.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Ministry of Consolation is offering a program for the Holidays—Handling the Holidays in the Midst of Grief & Loss," Sun. November 24th, 2:00pm, in Utopia Hall.

