



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

November 22, 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.



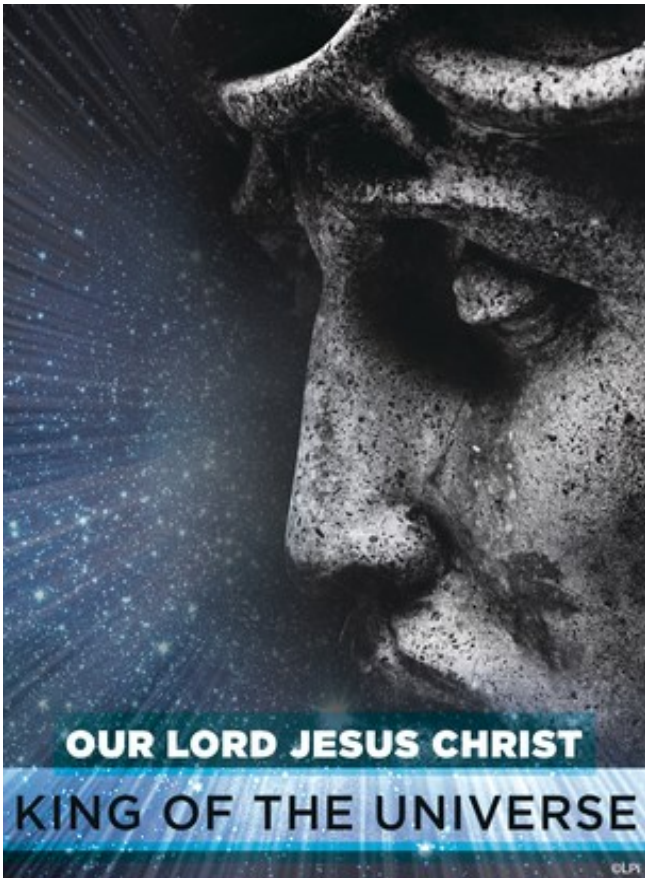
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Titles and privileges, palaces and guards, banquets and benefits, servants and fine living, are all things earthly folks associate with kings and royalty. These have no place in Christ. To understand the kingdom of Christ and what it means to have Christ as our king, one must be willing and able to understand transformation, engagement and empowerment. To live in the kingship of Christ, we have to be open to exploring life's experiences whatever they are and wherever they take us; allowing God to change not only how we act, but how we feel, think, and see.



Fr. Augustine Temu



Please welcome Father Augustine Temu who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.



**In Memory Of
Myron Akuszewski Jr.**

September 16, 1953
November 6, 2020

Funeral Service

10:00 am Wed. Nov 11, 2020
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

Father James Schmitz

Interment

Brooklyn Heights Cemetery
Sec Cypress Row O Grave 49

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your
face, The rains fall soft upon your
fields, And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the hollow of
His hand.*

Yurch Funeral Home

**In Loving Memory of
Bobbie Whittaker**

March 2, 1932 - March 21, 2020

Oh Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love or you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favor I confidently ask of you.

INURNMENT
Holy Cross Cemetery

**In Loving Memory of
RALPH V. COSIANO**

Born: December 23, 1933

Entered Eternal Life: November 11, 2020

Interment: Holy Cross Cemetery
Section 29 Lot 2943



Angel of God,
My guardian dear,
To whom God's love
Commits me here.

Ever this day
Be at my side,
To light and guard,
To rule and guide.

Amen.

Sogni d'oro (Golden Dreams)

RIPEPI
FUNERAL HOME
Pearl Road at Snow Road

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, 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 & Rob Blum.



Our NEW Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing will start January 1, 2021.

We are now selling tickets. Forms are available at the Rectory Office or our website leothegreat.org.

The drawing will go from January 1, 2021 thru November 10, 2021 (Feast of St. Leo). There will be (44) \$100 Weekly Drawings, (5) \$200 Special Drawings and (1) \$1,000 Super Drawing on the Feast of St. Leo on November 10, 2021.

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

SAMUELE CEFRATTI
St. Claire, Lyndhurst
First Year, Borommo



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

Parish Support

Sunday, November 8th

Collection	\$ 6,484.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 1,888.50
Total.....	\$ 8,372.50



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, November 23rd—St. Clement I, St. Columban, and Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
8:30am +Carmella Shrader (Mike & Renee Izzo)

Tuesday, November 24th - St. Andrew Dūng-Lac & Companions
8:30am +Fr. Tony Muzic (Fr. James Schmitz)

Wednesday, November 25th - St. Catherine of Alexandria
8:30am +Frank & Dorothy Grayshaw (Family)

Thursday, November 26th - THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00am In Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27th - Weekday
8:30am Communion Service

Saturday, November 28th - Weekday
4:00pm +Jerry Demko (Bill & Kathy Seelbach)

Sunday, November 29th - First Sunday of Advent
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Patricia Staab (Daughter)

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Ezekiel preached to Jewish exiles at Babylon in the sixth century before Christ. They were a disappointed people and they blamed poor leadership for getting them into this mess. In the passage, Ezekiel uses a popular biblical image of God, that of a shepherd who cares for the sheep.

Second Reading: Corinthians 15:20-26,28

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses problems his converts in the community were experiencing. Some members had questioned the bodily resurrection of Jesus and their own resurrection as well. This passage is Paul's response.

Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3,4b-5/Ps24:1bc-2,3-4ab,5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



WEDDING BANS

II Jason Jogan & Kayla Johnson

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)

ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

This past Monday I celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Ralph Cosiano. Many of those who attend the 11am Mass on Sunday may have known Ralph & his wife Tannie. They have been long-time active parishioners of St. Leo's. Ralph and Tannie were married for 62 years and have known each other since Ralph was 17 as they met when they were on a volleyball team & that was 70 years ago. Ralph was a very intelligent man who served many years as a lawyer but his greatest love was being a family man. He and Tannie have 6 children, 11 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. Holidays were always very special to Ralph and he loved all things Italian. He was a bright man in terms of his intellect but also bright in the sense that he was a light for others. He had a deep faith, with a special devotion to St. Raphael ("coincidentally" he was in the St. Raphael Room at Holy Family Hospice where he died). I knew Ralph as a happy, friendly man whom I always loved seeing at Mass with his devoted wife Tannie & their children. He will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

As I write this at 6am on Monday morning, I do so in darkness as the power has been out since 1pm when we had a hail & wind storm. It was caused by a tree that fell down across Broadview Road. In fact it's doubtful that we will have power, lights or even heat for the funeral Mass for Ralph at 10am. Our school children will be learning remotely until the power is restored. And this is the beginning of my last week of vacation for 2020! What a year this has been. I'm sure we'll all be glad when it's behind us but so far 2021 isn't looking so great either as Coronavirus cases keep increasing during the winter months. But our faith will get us through this and anything else that life can throw at us and I am grateful for that gift which so many others do not have because they refuse to believe it is offered to them. Though I won't be with you at Mass this weekend, I am leaving you in the capable hands of our Deacon and a visiting priest from Cross Catholic who will gently ask you to remember the needs of the poor.

I do look forward to joining many of you for our Thanksgiving Mass this week which will be at 9am on Thursday. Please remember that the rectory office will be closed on Friday as well for the holiday.

The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is moving. Starting on Nov. 22, the Sunday television Mass will be seen at 10 a.m. on WUAB Channel 43. This change provides viewers with an opportunity to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a much more convenient time. In addition, WUAB Channel 43 is an over-the-air station that is accessible even to those without cable TV. The weekly TV Mass is produced by the Diocese of Cleveland and it originates from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. In addition, the Mass can be heard on the radio, at 4 p.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Sundays on AM 1260 The Rock. Also, radio station WINT-1330 AM airs the Mass at 9 a.m. each Sunday and Cox Communications cable subscribers can view the Mass at 11:30 a.m. Sunday on channel 45.

Fr. James Schmitz

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



There will be a special Thanksgiving Day Liturgy on Thursday, November 26th 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 this Thanksgiving of non-perishable food (canned or boxed goods) and money which will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization to serve those in need. Your donations of food and money will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving

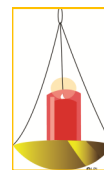


THANKSGIVING OFFICE HRS.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will resume our normal hours on Saturday, November 28th (Noon to 5:30pm).

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

November 22nd to December 5th



Let us pray for all the souls in purgatory and for those who have no one to pray for them. Lord, have mercy on us all.

-J.E.



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. This year more than ever we need to help each other.

Who are we helping?

Recipients of your Christmas gifts include families from our own parish community, St. Aloysius School, Zelig's Home (formerly 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 or purchase a gift card for a St. Aloysius School family.

To obtain the names of these children, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247 or Judi Westerburg at 216-642-0134. Or you can complete and submit the form on our parish website.

When is drop-off?

Gifts are to be wrapped, tagged and dropped off at the Parish Rectory or the church at mass times. Rectory hours are: Mon-Fri, 9 am-3pm; Sat, noon-5:30pm; Sun, 9am-12:30pm. If purchasing gift cards, please take them to the rectory. All gifts are due by Thursday, Dec. 10.

Can I give money?

Monetary donations may be dropped in the boxes by the church doors or left at/sent to 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

HELP THE HOMELESS



Malachi Center at W. 25th St. and Detroit Ave. provides many services to help homeless men and women throughout the year. At Christmas, the Center distributes duffle bags to help our less fortunate friends.

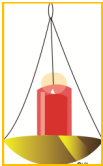
The 18-inch duffle bags are filled with personal items such as heavy socks, hats, gloves, scarves, soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, lotion, snacks, hand and foot warmers, extra large and larger sweatshirts, and many other similar items.

If you would like to donate bags and/or other items, please bring your donation to the rectory by December 6th. 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS



We are taking intentions for **Sanctuary Candle Intentions for 2021**. The donation for the candle will be \$10.00. Please only one request per family.

You can stop by the Rectory Office to request a Sanctuary Candle Intention or call us at 216-661-1006.

Have YOU been purchasing your...

Gift Cards



THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

Are you planning on using gift cards for your shopping needs? If so, you can place your order in early to assure we have your favorite cards on hand.

Supplies may be limited as we try to keep our inventory to a minimum. Cards can be ordered and received in a couple of days.

PLEASE STOP BY OUR RECTORY OFFICE AND PURCHASE SOME TODAY!



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2021 Mass Intention Book is open. Please come to the Rectory Office where masks and social distancing will be required, and schedule your 2021 Masses. You may also call the Rectory at 216-661-1006 to schedule your intentions. Each parishioner household may have four Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

CONGRATULATIONS...

to those who made the Honor Roll from

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL



- Connor DiSiena
- Jillian Kalic
- Sofia Melendez
- Madison Messer
- Lauren Osborne
- Giacomo Rolando

BULLETIN ARTICLES



Please have all bulletin articles in two weeks in advance of the publish date. Articles can be emailed to mlhauck@leothegreat.org. Thanks!

ST. LEO'S CYO SPORTS PROGRAMS

TAKE-OUT PASTA DINNER – DECEMBER 6

As you may know, because of Covid-19, St. Leo's CYO sports programs and fundraisers have been delayed, curtailed or cancelled. We had to cancel two big events, the annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast and Women's Reverse Raffle.

For the CYO sports programs, we are planning a few socially distant fundraising events to help pay for costs associated with these programs.

DINNER POSTPONED



On December 6, from Noon to 3:00, we will have a pasta dinner in the school cafeteria. Dinner will include tossed salad, garlic bread, and coffee. Dessert will be purchased separately. Cost is \$10 per dinner, \$7 for children under 10.

We ask that you please support our school's CYO Sports Programs by supporting the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser. The continuation of CYO sports at St Leo's depends on your support. Thank you.

CHRIST THE KING

