



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 25, 2018

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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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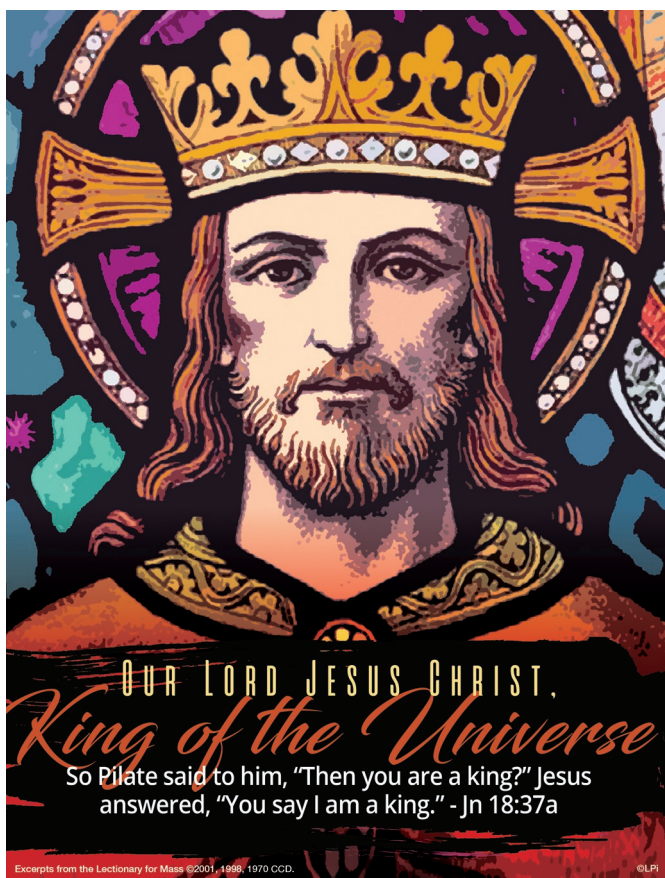
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SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

We are now taking Sanctuary Candle Intentions for **2019**. 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.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

November 25th to December 8th

**In Loving Memory of
Sebastian and Elizabeth DiBartolo**

From your daughter



PLEASE NOTE:

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Perez and Q & A regarding the clergy sexual abuse crisis is being made available for your reading. We will have copies at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, or you can find this information on our website, leothegreat.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



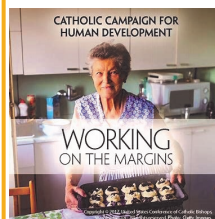
We live in interesting times. Life is constantly changing. While this can be exciting on one hand, change also presents challenges. We live in an age of relativism where people can pick and choose the truths that suit them and build their own system of beliefs. While humans certainly have the freedom to choose, losing sight of long-standing universal truths is not such a healthy course. Jesus Christ our King is our universal truth! He is the God who is nonnegotiable, our non-option! In Christ, we know what truth is. He alone points us to God, our true selves, our proper relationships with one another, and the world in which we live. Christ directs us to the poor and vulnerable and teaches us what God's kingdom is meant to be. Christ is the king who serves others. He gets dirty. He ascends the throne of the cross. We are called to do the same.

REGISTER WITH US



Have you moved into the area recently, or have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, at the rectory office, or call 216-661-1006.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to the captive and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

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.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Sarah Geier, Edward P. Gorczyca, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Larry Kuznik, Jo Hoffman, Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Diane Soler, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Charles Hakaim, Walter Milewski, Harriet Watson, August Bublav, Dennis Badar, Carol Rucinski, Bernice Kilcoyne, Cara Prokop, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, Rickey Aldridge, Donald & Dorothy Friedl, Bill Hinton, Robert Sisley, William Rebello, Cecilia Doris, Julie L., Barbara B., Julie R., Kelly B., Geraldine S., Lori Stossell, Louise Horvath, Caitlin Soucek-Kacher, Elaine Houseknecht, Diane Kalus, Gloria Karich, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli & Eugene Parks.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...



Our NEW Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing starting January 1, 2019.
We will begin to sell tickets on December 1st.

The drawing will go from January 1, 2019 thru November 10, 2019 (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, 2019.

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

John Desmarteau
St. Columbkille, Parma
First Year, Borromeo

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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, November 11th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 5,748.75
WeShare (online)	1,375.00
Total	\$ 7,123.75
All Saints.....	\$ 1,691.00
All Souls.....	\$ 1,175.00

Contribution figures for November 18th will be published in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Monday, November 26th: Weekday

7:30am Special Intention of Robert A. Setele

Tuesday, November 27th: Weekday

7:30am Bernice Kilcoyne (Friend, Rose Pelley)

Wednesday, November 28th: Weekday

7:30am Sister Helen Brown-60th Jubilee (Denise Konieczka)

Thursday, November 29th: Weekday

9:00am Intention to be announced

Friday, November 30th: St. Andrew

8:30am +Jim Gabel (Eileen)

Saturday, December 1st: Weekday

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Siekaniec Family
(Carol Siekaniec)

Sunday, December 2nd: First Sunday of Advent

8:00am +Friends & Family (Dina Family)

11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

The book of Daniel was written 150 years before Christ, when the Jews were experiencing fierce persecution. The author wanted to encourage them by telling heroic stories about a person named Daniel who lived many centuries earlier. Today's reading describes Daniel's vision of heaven, and is written in symbolic language—similar to the book of revelation. The term "Son of Man" indicated a human being chosen by God for a special purpose. Christians have applied this vision to Jesus.

Second Reading: Revelations 1:5-8

The book of revelation was not intended to predict actual people and events in later times. Rather, it was intended to be a source of hope for Christians who were suffering persecution near the end of the first century. Today's passage is from the very beginning of the book and is part of a greeting from God to the persecuted people.

Readings for the Week of November 25, 2018

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-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/Ps 98:1, 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: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

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

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/1 Thes 3:12 --4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

*God is always trying to give good things to us,
but our hands are too full to receive them.*

- St. Augustine

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The Church has a liturgical year that is different from the calendar year that begins on January 1st. The beginning of the Church's liturgical year is always the First Sunday of Advent, which this year begins next Sunday, December 2nd. So the Sunday before Advent (today), the Church concludes its liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King. This feast reminds us of the end of time when Christ our King will return and human history will be brought to an end. That may sound a bit frightening, but for us as people of faith, it is the best of news for when Christ comes again (also referred to as his "second coming,"), there will be a definitive end of evil and the experience of nothing but goodness and love in God's kingdom. This is what we hope for, pray for, and work for. It is the culmination of the Gospel, the Good News that Jesus proclaims. Even the first couple of weeks of Advent carries this theme until we get closer to Christmas and recall the *first* coming of Jesus when he was born among us. So look for the Advent candles and the purple color and the time of preparation for the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas).

It's always good to use the time of Advent preparation to grow in the understanding & appreciation of our faith. Since there is nothing more important to the experience of faith than the Mass which we celebrate every week, we want to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about how the Mass came to be & why it is so central to our Catholic way of life. Bishop Robert Barron, the greatest evangelist in our country today, has produced another series of videos on the Mass. This series is sure to hit home as we all pray the Mass every week (or more). I can't speak more highly about Bishop Barron or his videos as they are a fascinating look at why Catholicism is so rich in its history and meaning. We will view these videos in the Parish Community Center on Mondays, December 3, 10 & 17 from 7pm-8pm. I know that you will walk away with a much better understanding of the Mass & it will change the way you worship here every week! Here is some information on Bishop Robert Barron:

Bishop Robert Barron is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is also the host of CATHOLICISM, a groundbreaking, award-winning documentary about the Catholic Faith, which aired on public television.

Bishop Barron is a #1 Amazon bestselling author & has published numerous books, essays, and articles on theology & the spiritual life. He is a religion correspondent for NBC and has also appeared on FOX News, CNN, and EWTN.

Bishop Barron's pioneering work in evangelizing through the new media led Francis Cardinal George to describe him as "one of the Church's best messengers."

Fr. Jim Schnitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

Monday, November 26th

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

Tuesday, November 27th

4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
6:30pm SVDP	Conference

Wednesday, November 28th

11:00am Seniors	Great
2:45pm to 7:00pm Confirmation Retreat	Great
3:00pm 3rd Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
4:00pm 4th Gr. Girls B-Ball Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Girls Gr. B-Ball Practice	Lux
6:30pm Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm 4th Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux

Thursday, November 29th

1:00pm Woman's Knitting	Conference
4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux

Friday, November 30th

3:00pm 6th Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement

Saturday, December 1st

7:30am CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
2:45 to 3:30 pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement

Sunday, December 2nd

7:30am CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
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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 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 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.

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ST. LEO'S SENIORS MEETING



This Wednesday, November 28th, St. Leo's Seniors will meet in the Parish Community Center at 11:00 am. It will be our social meeting. **GAME DAY!!** Please join us for a fun afternoon.

Just a reminder to bring your Christmas Cards so they can be distributed at our Christmas Party on December 5th.

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 **November 24th/25th and December 1st/2nd**. 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 December 5th**. Please keep them in alphabetical order with a rubber band around them.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



THANK YOU! Thanksgiving is a time for loving and sharing what we have with others. Because of your generous donations of food and money, your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization was able to make this Thanksgiving holiday a little brighter for the 36 families we serve. Your response was very much appreciated. Thank You!!

BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall **THIS Sunday, November 25th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

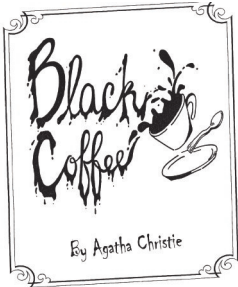
GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Retailer
Giant Eagle - \$25
Giant Eagle - \$100
Marathon - \$25
Marc's - \$25
Marc's - \$50
Shell - \$25
Speedway - \$25
Sunoco - \$50
Target - \$25
Walmart/Sam's \$25
Walmart/Sam's \$100

We encourage everyone to participate in Our Gift Card Program, as it is an excellent, easy and convenient way to help support our Parish. There is great potential in this program. Purchase cards for all of your needs, including everyday purchases, travel, and gift giving for **THE HOLIDAYS!!!**

Here are a few of our most popular gift cards. A complete list of the gift cards is available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church, on the website or at the Rectory Office. **PLEASE STOP BY AND SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

PADUA FRANCISCAN PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS Agatha Christie's *Black Coffee*:



Thursday, Nov. 29th—7:30pm
Friday, Nov. 30th—7:30pm
Saturday, Dec. 1st—7:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 2nd—1:30pm

\$9 Adult \$7 Senior \$7 Child

*Save \$1 with pre-sale tickets online or via phone.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on **Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave. Cleveland. **The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations required.** Free parking in the surface lot on Rockwell Avenue, or in the Cathedral Plaza Garage - Rockwell Ave. & E. 9th Street.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To those who made the Honor Roll at **TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL**



Tyler Chambers

Daniel Palmer

Connor DiSiena

Alexis Pickett

Madalyn Eder

Giacomo Rolando

Madeline Gercak

2019 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2019 Mass Intention Book is open. Each parishioner household may have four (4) Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

St. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition

Principal's Message

I am often quite proud of the students at St. Leo the Great School. They are learning and growing in their academics as well as their relationship with God and others. I am pleased to share with you the pictures of our students showing leadership, kindness and compassion for the less fortunate and elderly in our community. Although these are just a few examples, I am a witness to our students demonstrating such behaviors everyday. God Bless.

Mrs. Denise Burns



On Nov. 9th & 10th our school cafeteria and kitchen were full of Holiday cooking and bustle of busy helpers! Thank you to all the 8th graders and volunteers who helped prepare, cook, box and deliver over 100 meals to Homebound members in the Community!

**Gobble, Gobble,
Yum, Yum!**

Preschoolers had 'Brown Day' for their color of the month. They read "Brown Bear, Brown Bear", finger painted with chocolate pudding and made graham cracker & pudding sandwiches.



Steven Vlasaty
7th Grader, St. Leo School
Altar Server, St. Leo Church
Member of Greater
Cleveland Young Marines

Steven has been a member of the Young Marines for 4 years. He currently holds the rank of Lance Corporal, and is close to completing the course for Corporal. Steven has many medals of accomplishments. He has the Silver medal for completing 500 hours of community service and is just 200 hours away of the 1000 needed for the Gold Medal! Steven hopes to continue in either the Marines or Navy Seals.

The mission of the Young Marines is to positively impact America's future by promoting the mental, moral and physical development of young Americans. All of its activities emphasize the importance of honesty, courage, respect, loyalty, dependability and a sense of devotion to God, country, community and family. Steven, we are all very proud of you, proud of your accomplishments and the young man you have become. May God Bless you as you continue to pursue your dreams.

Our **Preschoolers** read the story "Stone Soup". It is a story about people who shared their food and worked together to make a giant pot of soup. Everyone was able to eat and all the people were happy! Students were able to play with the "Stone Soup" ingredients, ate Stone Soup for snack and we are collecting cans of soup to share with those who need food.





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 24-25 and December 1-2.

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 15. If you cannot drop off your gifts at this time, you may leave them at the Rectory anytime before December 14.

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

OGLEBAY, Wheeling WV Thursday, December 6, 2018

Report: 10:00am — Depart
10:30am Arrive 2:00pm

Free time to shop at Hilltop shops, glass museum (included), Wilson Lodge buffet-dinner included, Winter Fantasy at the Good Zoo and Festival of Lights tour included.

Depart 8:30pm (rest stop enroute)
Return 11:45pm

Cost: \$92.00 per person

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Joanne Todd at
440-526-3505

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Bingo every Friday in the Parish Center. Doors Open 4:30pm. Food & snacks available.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO—Ladies Guild Lottery tickets for February, 2019 are available for \$5.00 in the Parish Office. Any questions, please call Jacki 440-884-3030.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Join us for a night of Praise & Worship on Friday, November 30th a 7pm in the church. There will be scripture, song, reflection and will end with a procession & Benediction.