



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

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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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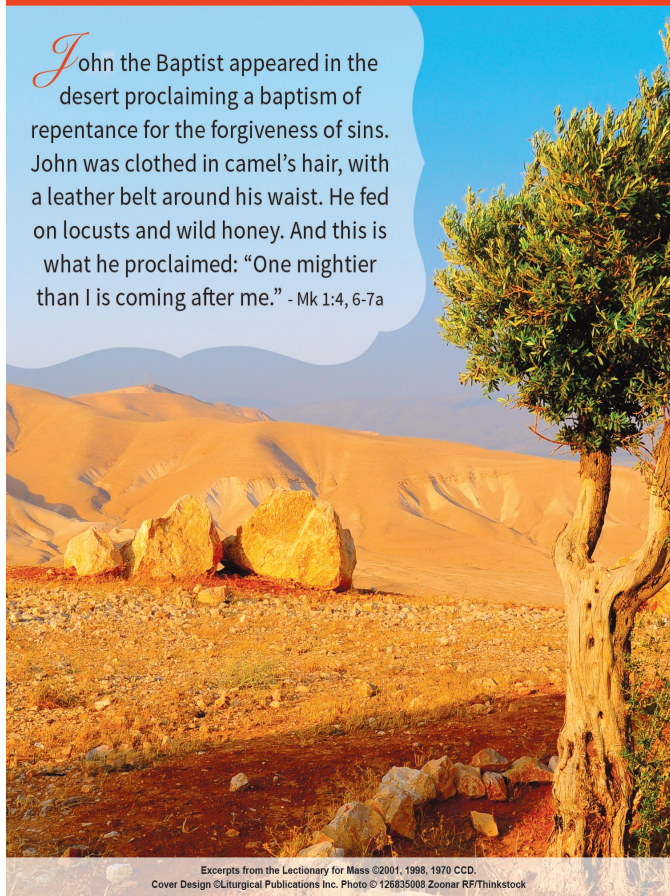


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2nd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a



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RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



Retirement Fund for Religious
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's

collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

December 10th to December 23rd

**In Loving Memory of Stan Pelley
From: Rose Pelley**

Please stop by the Rectory Office or the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church to request a Sanctuary Candle Intention.

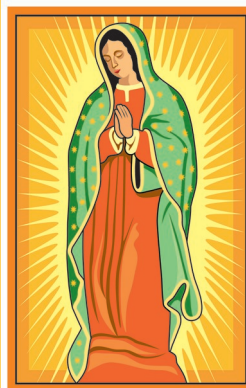
LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



John the Baptist announced, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Does preparing a way for the Lord have priority in our lives? Often we spend more time pre-

paring paths for ourselves rather than a path for God. Advent calls us to take the focus off ourselves and put it on God. We prepare a path for God by practicing and living the virtues, being holy and devoted, patient and repentant, and attentive and humble. We are asked to bring comfort and healing to people and to show others by the way we live our lives that we have a higher calling and purpose.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



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In 1531, Our Lady appeared to a simple Aztec Indian who had converted to the Catholic faith, Juan Diego. Three days later, at Juan Diego's request, Mary provided a sign in the form of roses and an image on his cloak so that all would believe that what he claimed to have seen was true. Today, Christians revere Our Lady of Guadalupe all throughout the world.

During this Advent season, we have the opportunity to provide evidence of our commitment to Christ by our actions. We must not let this season become about commercialism and material gifts. This season is about preparing our hearts to allow Jesus to touch us more profoundly in the experience of Christmas. Maybe our acts of kindness and generosity will help someone else's heart soften for Jesus. That is when real miracles can occur, just like roses growing in the winter.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WELCOME



Please welcome Father Richard Kunzman who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. This Outreach 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. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER... Sarah Geier, Edward P. Gorczyca, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Stella Sugalski, Mary Jane Funta, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Ann Sazpansky, Larry Kuznik, Jo Hoffman, Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Diane Soler, Muffie Bone, Theresa Truxall, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Charles Hakain, Walter Milewski, Harriet Watson, Megan Sunyak, Kathy Koval, Dianne Holland, Lisa Marie Rivera, August Bublavy, Miriam Fontaine, Irene Smith, Joann Holman and Dennis Badar.



Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

Marilyn Metz

December 4th, 2017 - \$100 Winner

CONGRATULATIONS!



Don't forget to sign up for our **NEW Great Sweepstakes weekly**. Forms to sign up are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or the Rectory Office. **Buy a ticket for a great HOLIDAY GIFT.**

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

Joseph Mannarino
St. Barnabas Parish, Northfield
First Year, Borromeo



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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, December 3rd

Basket Collection.....	\$ 8,390.50
WeShare (online)	875.00
Total	\$ 9,265.50

Campaign for Human Development.....\$ 407.00

Thank you for your continued support.



December 11th to December 17th

Monday, December 11th: Saint Damasus I

7:30am +Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hubert (Family)

Tuesday, December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30am +Johnny Kazimer, Jr. (Faye Kazimer)

Wednesday, December 13th: St. Lucy

7:30am Family & Friends (Dina Family)

Thursday, December 14th: St. John of the Cross

7:30am To be announced

Friday, December 15th: Advent Weekday

8:30am +Doris Pasquino (Maria Morales)

Saturday, December 16th: Advent Weekday

4:00pm Seniors

Sunday, December 17th: Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am +Anne Ambrose (Eva Bunosky)

11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

This passage from the book of Isaiah begins with God calling upon the prophet to encourage the Jewish people who are exiled in Babylon. The prophet is to tell them that they will be coming home soon, and the road of the return will pass through the desert. We will also hear God call the *people* to proclaim from a mountaintop the goodness of God.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

The second letter of Peter was written nearly 100 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. At an earlier time, Christians had expected the Lord to return in glory quickly. But by this time, they had lost confidence that the Lord would return at all. The author doesn't want people to abandon their hope, and give a positive interpretation to this delay.

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2017

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 /2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab &10, 11-12, 13-14 /Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 /Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 /Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 & 9,10-11,12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 &6 /Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 /1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Oplatki is now available in the rectory office for a donation of \$2.00 while supplies last.

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Clare Belcher on Saturday, December 2nd. When speaking to her son at the cemetery, he told me how he never once heard her use bad language and lived her life helping others. Her obituary described her as a “dear daughter”, a “beloved wife”, the “kindest mother” and a “loving grandmother.” What a great way to honor someone who honored the important relationships in her life. May she know how she is God’s beloved daughter.

The “Mary” that I asked you to pray for in last week’s bulletin was Mary Hillman, a parishioner who was in hospice at the time but who has since died. I prayed the last rites for her with members of her family and one of the Sisters who ministers at Holy Family Hospice, and we had her funeral Mass this past Tuesday. Mary would have been 104 this Wednesday! Every year since I’ve been here I’ve mentioned her birthdays in December since she reached her centennial birthday. But Mary is known for much more than her longevity. She has always been a very devout Catholic who has lived in an apartment directly across from our school building. She would walk to church even in very inclement weather and would take the bus when going longer distances. May she find rest after a long, prayerful life.

This Tuesday is my step-mother’s 98th birthday and gratefully she is doing as well as my dad is health-wise. Dad’s only 90 so he has a way to go before his 98th but I hope they both live to be centenarians. (I had a hard time finding out how to spell that word...my spell checker kept changing what I typed to “centurion.” That was a professional officer of the Roman army and are spoken of in the Bible...not quite what I was looking for!). Happy birthday to Mildred.

We received a number of very small pamphlets called the “5 Keys to Freedom from Sexual Sin” which address the very large problem with pornography in our world today. They are available on the tables of the church.

You probably knew this already, but Bishop Perez is now on Twitter! (If you don’t know what Twitter is, you can disregard this news). If you’d like to “follow” him, he can be found at @BishopNPerez in the Twitterverse.

I won’t be with you this weekend as I will be visiting some friends (and if she’s lucky, even my sister) down in Florida this week. I can tell you that their Christmas trees look so out of place in such a bright, sunny and warm climate. As for me, I say (or sing) “Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!” Yes, I actually like snow. Lots of it. But only until February. Then I want the sun back. Here’s hoping I see the white stuff when I return. In fact, I may as well stay in Florida until it starts to snow in Cleveland. Will I be home for Christmas?

Fr. Jim Schnitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO’S



Monday, December 11th

4:00 p.m. 8th gr. boys practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 5th gr. girls practice	Lux
6:45 p.m. PSR Classes	School
7:00 p.m. 3rd gr. boys practice	Lux

Tuesday, December 12th

3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys practice	Lux
4:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 7th gr. boys practice	Lux
6:30 p.m. SVDP	Conference
7:00 p.m. 3rd gr. girls practice	Lux

Wednesday, December 13th

11:00 a.m. Seniors	Great
4:00 p.m. 6th gr. boys practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 5th gr. girls practice	Lux
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Den Meeting	Great
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #71720	Basement
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	Church
7:00 p.m. 3rd gr. boys practice	Lux

Thursday, December 14th

1:00 p.m. Women’s Knitting Group	Conference
3:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys practice	Lux
3:15 p.m. Confirmation Retreat	Great
4:00 p.m. 4th gr. boys practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 7th gr. boys practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. 8th gr. boys practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus	Great

Friday, December 15th

4:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 3rd gr. girls practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. 6th gr. boys practice	Lux
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Conference

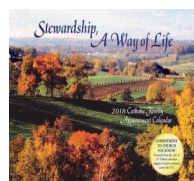
Saturday, December 16th

7:30 a.m. CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
2:45 p.m. Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Basement

Sunday, December 17th

11:30 p.m. CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
7:00 p.m. Coach Robinson Adult Open Gym	Lux

CALENDARS



Thank You to Yurch Funeral Home for once again providing our beautiful St. Leo the Great Calendars. The 2018 Catholic Family Appointment Calendars will be available this weekend in the church and rectory.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS



The Little Blue Books for the Advent and Christmas Season are available at the tables by the doors of the church. Please take one home with you.

REMEMBRANCE TREES



Ornaments in remembrance of loved ones will be available before and after all of the Masses this weekend, Dec. 10th/11th and next weekend Dec. 16th/17th. Names of loved ones can be written on the ornaments and hung on the trees in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The ornaments can be taken home at the conclusion of the Christmas season.

DAVIS SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP



We have once again received scholarship money from the Davis Foundation for students and graduates of St. Leo the Great School. Students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades have received information about the Davis Service Scholarship. However, if you are a graduate of St. Leo the Great School and interested in participating in the Service Scholarship program, please contact Ms. Dodson, mdodson@leothegreat.org or by phone, 216-661-2120, ext. 221. If there are any parents or parishioners who are interested in sponsoring a student, please contact Ms. Dodson for information. The project ends on January 26, 2018. Thanks and God bless.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

**GREAT
ROOM
FOR RENT**

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

For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our website at leothegreat.org. There you will find information, prices, and forms.

PADUA HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



Join us for **Padua Franciscan High School's first Christmas Musical – "White Christmas!"**

Featuring an all-star cast of Padua thespians, including Saint Leo's own Alyssa Lizzini, and our first-ever alumni chorus. It will be an enchanting evening of song and dance, comedy, misunderstandings, romance, and Christmas spirit as we stage one of the most beloved holiday favorites of all time.

Performances:

- Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at www.paduafranciscan.com or can be purchased the night of the performance.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow.
-St. Vincent de Paul



To "live and let live" is all right in its own way, but to "live and **HELP LIVE**" is much better. You can help others live by sharing your goods and your prayers with those in need through your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization. Next weekend, December 16th and 17th, is our monthly food collection. Our cupboard is in need of **CEREAL, PEAS AND CARROTS, PANCAKE SYRUP, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, CRACKERS, BARS OF SOAP, DISHWASHING SOAP AND LAUNDRY SOAP**. Let others know that **YOU** care by helping your Organization bring light and hope into lives that seem so dark. Thank You!

We thank you for your continued support.

SENIORS

**Please
Join Us**

Plan on joining us this Wednesday, December 13th at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Community Center. This will be our only meeting this month due to the Christmas holiday. Come and check out our entertainment.

If you are not a member this would be a great time to check us out and hopefully become part of our group. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and our dues are only \$5.00 for the year. Hope to see you this Wednesday!

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.

ST. LEO SCHOOL ANNUAL PICK 40 IS BACK!



\$5.00 enters you in 40 Daily Drawings!
(36) \$100 drawings &
(4) \$500 Drawings

Tickets may be purchased in the School or Rectory Office.
First Drawing—January 8, 2018



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PARISH & SCHOOL

**Great Sweepstakes
Tickets make Great
Christmas Gifts.**

The Great Sweepstakes

\$30 per ticket for a full years participation.

You can W\$N Multiple Times November 13, 2017 thru November 10, 2018

DRAWING DATES—\$100

2017

November 13, 20 & 27
December 4, 11, 18

2018

January 8, 15, 22 & 29
February 5, 12, & 26
March 5, 12, 19 & 26
April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Weekly Drawings



2018(con't)

May 7, 14, 21 & 28
June 4, 11, 18 & 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
August 6, 13, 20 & 27
September 3, 10, 17 & 24
October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
November 5

DRAWING DATES—\$200

New Years Day 2018
President's Day 2018
Mother's Day 2018

Special Drawings



Father's Day 2018
4th of July 2018

SUPER Drawings

DRAWING DATES—\$1000

Christmas Day 2017
Easter Sunday 2018



St. Leo's Feast Day
November 10, 2018



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The Great Sweepstakes

Please Print

NAME: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE & EMAIL _____

Please return this stub with your payment of \$30. Please make checks payable to St. Leo the Great.

Questions? Please call the Rectory Office at 216.661.1006

or, visit our website at www.leohegreat.org

ADOPT-A-CHILD

Please drop off all Adopt-a-Child for Christmas gifts at the Parish Community Center this weekend, Saturday, December 9, 3–7 p.m. All gifts must be in by 7 pm Saturday.

Monetary contributions may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Rectory. Please mark “Adopt-a-Child” on the envelope and make the check payable to St. Leo Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity.



The Rectory Office will be closed:

Monday, Christmas Day & Tuesday, Dec. 26th

We will reopen at 9:00am Wednesday, December 27th.

Monday, New Year's Day

We will be reopen at 9:00am Tuesday, January 2nd.

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE...Blue Army Holy Hour on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 2:00 pm in the Chapel. You will find it time well spent.

CHARLES BORROMEIO...POST CANA on December 15th 6:30-8:30pm in the Lower Hall with Jeff and Kierra, local recording artists, presenting “Marriage is a Journey: A night of stories, life and live music”. Register online or call 440-884-3030.

ST. THOMAS MORE...Communal Penance Service Today, Sunday, December 10th at 2:00pm.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th:
4:00pm, 7:00pm, & 10:00pm
(Vigil Masses)



Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th:
11:00am

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary :

Not a Holy Day of Obligation—Regular Schedule

Monday, January 1st:
7:30am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Individual confession each Saturday during Advent:
2:45pm to 3:30pm

Friday, December 22nd: 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday, December 23rd: 2:45pm to 3:30pm

BUS TRIP

MOUNTAINEER, CHESTER, WV.

Tuesday, January 16th—\$30 per person

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

Casino Bonus: \$20 free slot play (subject to change)

Depart: 3:45pm with meal stop enroute—on own

Arrive: 6:45pm

All passengers must have a driver's license,
or a state ID with them

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