



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018

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Father James J. Vesely
Retired

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Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM

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SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

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.



DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP!

Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

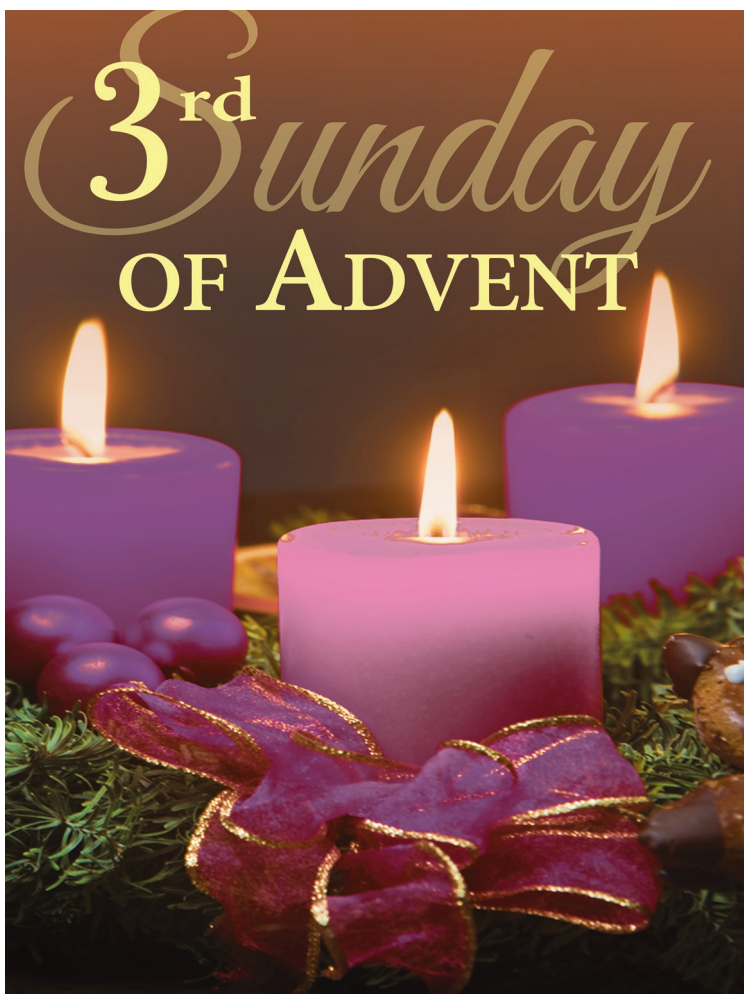
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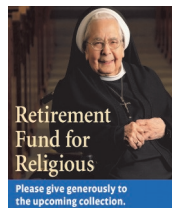


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RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS “This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!



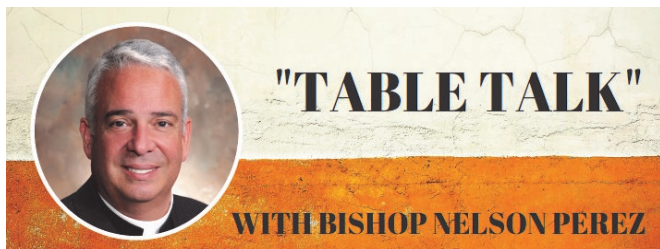
REGISTER WITH US

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.



Oplatki
Christmas
Wafers

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



WHAT WOULD YOU ASK OUR BISHOP?

What would you ask Bishop Perez if he was sitting at your kitchen table? To be part of *Table Talk* with Bishop Nelson Perez, submit your questions to tabletalk@am1260therock.com by January 1st. The next episode of *Table Talk* on AM 1260 The Rock will air January 17th at 5pm and will be re-broadcast January 19th at 1pm and January 20th at noon. For audio archive of previous episodes, visit www.am1260therock.com.

Please remember our recently deceased parishioners in your prayers.

In Loving Memory of **JOANNE C. MARSIK**

Born: June 2, 1935

Entered Into Rest: November 29, 2018

Services:

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Ripepi Funeral Home - Parma, Ohio

Interment:

Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed
Be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in
Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses as we
Forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation, but
Deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
Kingdom and the Power and the
Glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

**RIPEPI
FUNERAL HOME**
Pearl Road at Snow Road

In Loving Memory of



William "Bill" Wachenschwanz

Born: September 17, 1963

Entered Into Rest: November 29, 2018

Services: Wednesday, December 5, 2018
A. Ripepi & Sons Funeral Home
18149 Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Interment: West Park Cemetery
Section 6 Lot 951 Grave 1

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

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, 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, Rudy Dejelo & Dianne Toronski



"Our world has been filled with noise ? It is
time to enter into the classroom of silence."

- Matthew Kelly

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES



**Now is the time to BUY your tickets. Only
\$30.00 a ticket for our weekly drawing.**

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. Forms are
available at the Information Desk in Church or at the
Rectory Office.

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

Noah Furin
St. Ladislav, Westlake
First Year, Borromeo



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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, December 9th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 8,736.50
WeShare (online)	1,045.00
Total	\$ 9,781.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, December 17th: Late Advent Weekday
7:30am +Mary Pasela (Husband)

Tuesday, December 18th: Late Advent Weekday
7:30am Fr. James Vesely –Anniversary of Ordination

Wednesday, December 19th: Late Advent Weekday
7:30am +Magda Noga (John & Ela Gierlach)

Thursday, December 20th: Late Advent Weekday
7:30am Intention to be announced

Friday, December 21st: St. Peter Canisius
8:30am +Ramon P. Cancino, Sr. (Cora)

Saturday, December 22nd: Late Advent Weekday
4:00pm +Scott Novak (Chis Family)

Sunday, December 23rd: Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00am +Ed Steadley (Family)
11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

The days of the prophet Zephaniah were bad times for
Israel because of their idolatry and unfaithfulness to the law.
Zephaniah preached impending judgment, a day of doom. But
in the end, he tells them of a day when they will sing for joy,
and the Lord will sing joyfully over them.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Of all the communities founded by Paul, the one at
Philippi was his favorite. Toward the end of his letter to them,
he advises them how to live as they await Christ's return in
glory.

Readings for the Week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk
1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/Heb 10:5-10/
Lk 1:39-45



WEDDING BANNS

**I Gillian Halusker (SLG) and
Patrick Cooley**

Dear Parishioners,

Our St. Leo's Seniors really know how to party. They had their annual Christmas Party at Copper Stone Catering & Event Center & it was a wonderful meal accompanied by a DJ who provided the expected Christmas music. Everyone seemed to be enjoying each other's company and I was happy to be a part of it. If you are a Senior, you may want to consider joining them. They meet twice a month in our Parish Community Center and it's a time for companionship and mutual support. And of course every gathering includes food to enjoy. They have guest speakers and entertainers from time to time & seem to have a lot of fun. Please call Barb Mudrey if you're interested (216-398-7709) or the Rectory Office (216-661-1006).

Several people have been coming to the video series on Monday evenings during Advent where Bishop Robert Barron explains the parts of the Mass. It really helps us to engage more in this central act of Catholic Worship when we grow in our understanding of what it's all about. We'll have our last viewing this Monday at 7pm so feel free to join us even if you haven't seen the other 2 videos. This one will be on the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the 2nd part of the Mass. If you would like to view the videos at home, you're more than welcome to come to the Rectory Office & request them (they're DVD's). We'd be very happy to have people watch them on their own time & perhaps can even invite some others over to view them with you.

This week my cousin Father Dan Schlegel will be joining my sister and I in making homemade ravioli & soup noodles, the staple of the Schmitz Christmas (& Easter) family meals. My mom was the real expert at these Italian dishes though & even though she taught us how to make it before she died, we still can't get them to taste exactly like hers. Of course her recipe was typically Italian which means they don't use measuring cups or worry about ounces or any of those details. It's pretty much "a dash of this & a dash of that." Maybe it doesn't call for a bottle of wine but we're trying to be as creative as she was. Better to just stick to the ingredients she gave us, even if we're not sure of their exact measurements. But I'm glad that the recipe and the tradition has stayed with the family all these years & that my cousin wants in. We should probably charge him for the privilege since it is proprietary information but it is Christmas after all. Of course he'll have to do the kneading and the more tedious parts like forking the raviolis after the cheese has been placed between the layers of dough. But that's the cost of being included in secret family recipes. Hope he's up to the task.

Our 4th week of Advent this year will be very short since the final week of Advent which begins with our Masses next weekend is interrupted by Christmas Eve next Monday. That also means we have less time to get our Christmas shopping done. I'm glad I have a lot of elves to help with mine.

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, December 17th

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
7:00pm ADVENT VIDEO SERIES	Great

Tuesday, December 18th

8:30am SVDP Packing/Receiving	Church
6:30pm Girl Scouts #71416	Basement
7:00pm School Christmas Concert	School

Wednesday, December 19th

8:30am School Christmas Concert Repeat	School
3:00pm 3rd Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
4:00pm 4th Gr. Girls B-Ball Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Girls B-Ball Practice	Lux
6:00pm Cub Scouts-Den Meeting	Cafeteria
6:30pm Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm 4th Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux

Thursday, December 20th

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

Friday, December 21st

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

Saturday, December 22nd

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

Sunday, December 23rd

REMEMBRANCE TREES



Ornaments in remembrance of loved ones will be available before and after all of the Masses this weekend, December 15th & 16th and next weekend, December 22nd & 23rd. 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 in January at the conclusion of the Christmas season.



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

We will be closed on:

Monday, December 24th —Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25th—Christmas Day

& Wednesday, Dec. 26th

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

Monday, December 31st—New Year's Eve

Tuesday, January 1st— New Year's Day

We will reopen at 9:00am Wednesday, January 2nd

**GIFT CARD PROGRAM
INVENTORY REDUCTION CLEARANCE SALE**



We are looking to reduce our gift card inventory. We are offering the following cards at a discount. The discounts will be in effect until we are sold out.

Burlington Coat Factory \$25—selling for \$20
Eat-n-Park \$10—selling for \$8
Overstock \$25—selling for \$20
Rite Aid \$25—selling for \$20



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!!!** 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.**



Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union is proud to announce that ST LEO THE GREAT CHURCH

will receive \$250.00 as part of our Giving Back Auto Loan program. From September 2017 through May 2018 you had 5 member's tell us that they wanted \$50 to go to your organization when financing a car with us. This year we are donating more than \$8,000 to 58 schools and churches just like yours. Please visit www.unitycatholiccu.org or call 440-886-2558 to learn more. Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union ... Community Minded, Faith Driven.

ADOPT-A-CHILD

Please drop off all Adopt-a-Child for Christmas gifts at the Parish Community Center this Saturday, December 15, 3-7 p.m. All gifts must be in by 7 p.m. 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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

TIME TO REMEMBER...In this Advent Season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of the Son of God into our lives. It's a joyous and busy time, but, it is a time too, for some quiet reflection on what that really means, the Son of God has come into our lives. In your quiet time and your prayerful reflection, please remember those who are hungry, forgotten, lonely or deprived. Help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization with your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes. Thank you very much for your help.



JENNINGS COMMONS FIRE

We are saddened that one of our clients died in a fire on Thanksgiving morning in the Jennings Commons fire. As the St. Vincent de Paul Organization we are attempting to offer funds to assist with some of their needs. If you would like to assist us please put your donation in an envelope marked "Jennings Fire" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the rectory office. We sincerely thank you very much for assisting us with this endeavor.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



The Davis Foundation has once again awarded 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, 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. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition

It Wasn't a Browns' Game

The afternoon was somewhat cold. Sporadic snowflakes fell as we walked through the parking lot which was filled to capacity with cars. There was excitement in the air! No, it wasn't a Browns' game. It was much more magnificent! It was the first OMA (Opening Minds through the Arts) Art Show at Broadview Multi-Care Nursing Home.

14 students in our 8th Grade class spent one afternoon a week helping residents with dementia. The focus of their time together was the completion of an art project each week. However, much more was accomplished, that is, the residents and students became friends.

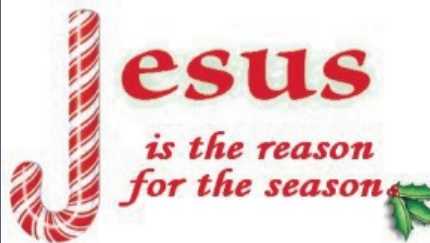
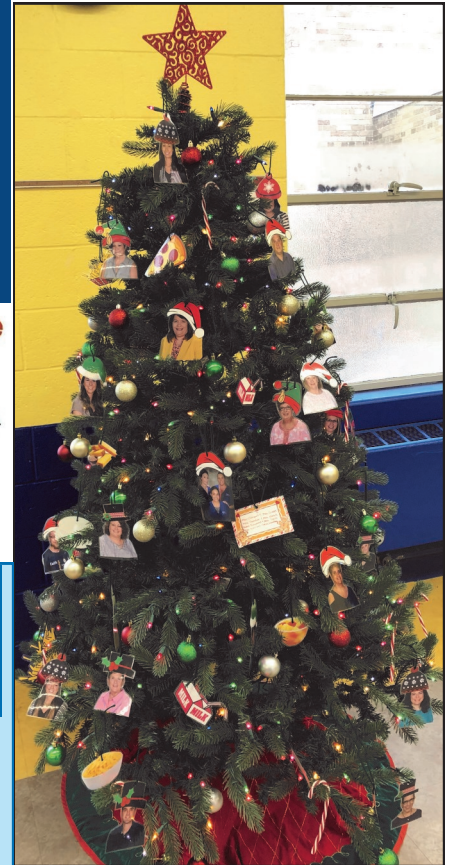
The art show was a culmination of the 6 weeks of art and friendship. Paper and paint were transformed into spectacular works of art. The art show was festive with resident artists, their families and students with their families in attendance. It was magical!

Our thanks to the staff at Broadview-Multi Care for inviting our students to participate in this profound experience! Our thanks also to Mrs. Burns for supporting our endeavor in bringing the love of Christ to others!



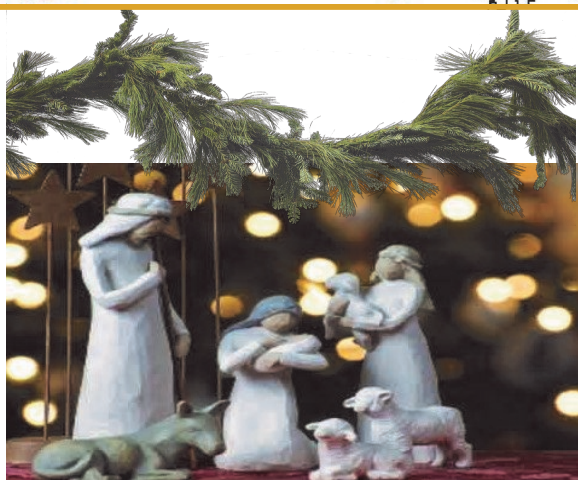
*A sweet Friendship
Refreshes the Soul*

It was a normal night in the halls of St. Leo School. No children laughing, no teachers teaching, no lunches being served. Just silence and darkness resting from the days activities. The faculty and staff entered the school the next morning, and with joy and amazement, saw that their pictures were adorned with Holiday Hats and hanging on the Christmas Hats tree in the school cafeteria. Had Santa come early? We think so. Thank you "Santa" for our special gift.



The Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at a candy cane and what do you see?
Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me.
White for my savior, who is sinless and pure.
"J" is for Jesus, my lord, that's for sure.
Turn it around and a staff you will see-
Jesus, my shepherd, is coming for me.



St. Leo the Great
Christmas Concert
Tuesday, December 18, 2018
7:00 pm - St. Leo School
All are Welcome

Need a Stocking
Stuffer for your
St. Leo Alumni?
Gift Exchange
Idea?

\$5.00 shows your support for
St. Leo's.

Contact the school office
before Dec. 20th!



**Mrs. Kirby's 1st
Grade Class**
planted seeds in
Science class.

The students use
their hand lens to
observe changes
as the seeds
begin to sprout
and grow.



DECEMBER 16, 2018—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

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



Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th:
11:00am

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary :

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 31st—4:00pm Vigil Mass
No 7:30am Mass

Tuesday January 1st—11:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

CLUSTER CORNER

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

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—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 on Friday, December 21st at 7pm in the church for a night of worship and praise of Our Lord.

BOAR'S HEAD & YULE LOG FESTIVAL



Join us for the 56th presentation of the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, a Cleveland Christmas tradition at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave. Cleveland on Saturday, December 29th. Performances are at 3pm and 5:30pm. The Festival, a volunteer production, is a multi-sensory Elizabethan Christmas experience with pageantry and music that celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world. To learn more, please email the Festival committee: boarsheadfestival@hotmail.com

BUS TRIPS—COLUMBUS OHIO BACK TO BACK

SCIOTO DOWNS—Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Report: 8:30am — Depart 9:00am — Arrive 12:00pm

Casino bonus: \$20 free slot play & 1/2 off the buffet

Depart 5:00pm (rest stop enroute-on own)

Return: approx. 8:00pm

HOLLYWOOD CASINO—Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Report: 8:30am — Depart 9:00am — Arrive 12:00pm

Casino bonus: \$5 free slot play & \$5 food

Depart 5:00pm (rest stop enroute-on own)

Return: approx. 8:00pm

Cost: 32.00 per person for both trips



ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Contact Joanne Todd at
440-526-3505**

for more information or to book your trip.