



## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2017

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**Father James J. Vesely**

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### RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—7:00PM

Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM

Sunday ~ 9:00AM—12:30PM

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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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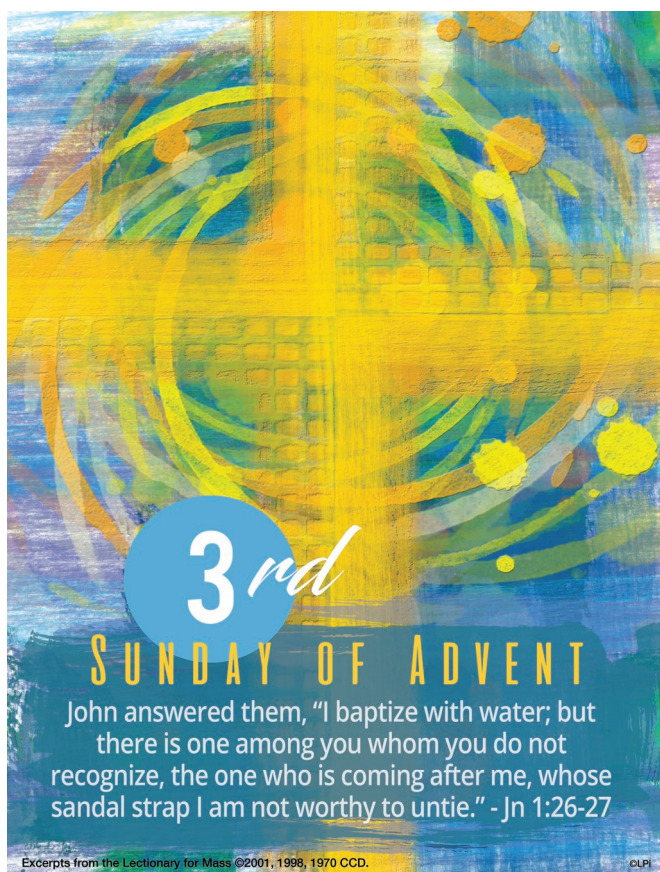


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### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Religious give thanks.



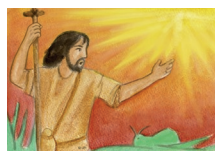
A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for religious collection.

### ROSARY



Please join us in honoring Mary with the recitation of the rosary at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29th. Please enter through the doors closest to the rectory. 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

### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



John the Baptist came to testify to the light, who is Jesus Christ. Like John, we are called to testify to that same Light. We do so by living lives of faith and bringing the joy of the Gospel to everyone we meet. We are people of joy who rejoice at his birth and eagerly await his coming again. We share that joy by tending to the needs of the poor, helping those who are broken, and witnessing to the freedom that a life in God brings. May we take our task of being joyful witnesses to the good news seriously as the celebration of Christ's birth fast approaches.

### 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.



Merry Christmas from your friends at AM 1260 The Rock! Make your Christmas more meaningful by joining AM 1260 The Rock for a variety of special programming on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from EWTN celebrating this joyous season! To see the complete schedule visit, [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com).

### O COME LET US ADORE HIM

Eucharistic



Adoration

Please come for a little while this First Friday, January 5th, and visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

This devotion is held every month on the First Friday at St. Leo's, from just after the 8:30 am Mass until 5:00 pm.

Jesus MUST not be left alone! Please come and spend a few minutes, an hour, or whatever time you can give to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We especially need people to come in the afternoon, from 1:00 until 5:00 pm, but whenever you are able to fit it into your schedule will be great.

There are many graces received from spending time in adoration. After all, if God gives us life for so many ours and day and weeks and years, can't you give Him back a little bit?

Any questions, call the rectory office.



## 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, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Charles Hakain, Walter Milewski, Harriet Watson, Megan Sunyak, Dianne Holland, August Bublavy, Miriam Fontaine, Irene Smith, Joann Holman, Dennis Badar, Barbara Perez & Family and Dagen McCormick



*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!

**Tricia Vance**

December 11, 2017 - \$100 Winner

### CONGRATULATIONS!



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. 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.

**David Verbsky**  
St. Mary, Chardon  
I Theology, Saint Mary



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



### PARISH SUPPORT

**Sunday, December 10th**

Basket Collection.....	\$ 6,361.68
WeShare (online) .....	1,275.00
Total .....	\$ 7,636.68

Immaculate Conception.....\$ 1,460.00

**Thank you for your continued support.**



**December 18th to December 24th**

**Monday, December 18th: Late Advent Weekday**

7:30am Fr. James Vesely (Anniversary of Ordination)

**Tuesday, December 19th: Late Advent Weekday**

7:30am +Gloria Panik-Gallagher (Carol Graves)

**Wednesday, December 20th: Late Advent Weekday**

7:30am +Ramon Cancino, Sr. (Cora Cancino)

**Thursday, December 21st: St. Peter Canisius**

7:30am To be announced

**Friday, December 22nd: Late Advent Weekday**

8:30am +Joseph & Rosemarie Hamski (Family)

**Saturday, December 23rd: St. John of Kanty**

4:00pm +John Rocha (Phyllis Rocha)

**Sunday, December 24th: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00am +George Malachin & +Theodore Zielinski (Family)

11:00am People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 24th: Christmas Eve**

4:00pm People of the Parish

7:00pm People of the Parish

10:00pm People of the Parish

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11**

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who preached after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. In today's reading the prophet describes how God called him to encourage the people in this desperate time.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Our second reading comes at the end of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. Just as a parent might give last-minute instructions as their child heads out the door, so Paul has a list of last-minute instructions for these people whom he loves.

**Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017**

**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

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

**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17/Lk1:5-25

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

**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 /Lk 1:39-45

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

**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66

**Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 /Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



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

FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the 81st birthday of Pope Francis. We didn't get him a cake but the next time we have donuts we'll eat them in his honor. May God bless the work he does as Chief Shepherd of the Church.

Our school and PSR students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday. Confessions will be heard for any one else this Friday, December 22nd from 6-7pm and Saturday, December 23rd from 2:45 until 3:30pm (our normal time for confessions). It's always a good opportunity to prepare for Christmas by allowing God to cleanse us from our sins and to welcome us back into His grace.

We were recently informed by the Diocese that we need to change our procedure regarding the collection for assessments. Each parish in the Diocese is required to give a certain percentage of it's collection income back to the Diocese in order to pay for the services that the Diocese provides to each parish. Some may think that the Diocese pays US. That would be nice but it's quite the other way around. It is "right and just" for us to pay for the many services that the Diocese provides for us so we return about 16% of the contributions we receive from you through the weekly collection. We have had an envelope included in the packet you receive which is marked "Assessments" & this money was used to pay back that percentage that we owe to the Diocese. However we were informed that we may not use a separate envelope for this purpose. Therefore we will no longer be including this Assessment envelope in the future (starting some time in 2018). In order to work around this, we would ask you instead to contribute to the envelope marked "Capital Improvements." Either way, the money donated is still going into the same "pot" but it helps us to clean up our accounting procedures. Besides, due to the large capital expenditures that we are making this year with the repair of our HVAC systems in the church & school buildings, and to our church roof in the near future, we could certainly be helped by your generosity to these particular financial needs. As always, I am so grateful for your faithful and generous contributions and I work diligently with the Business Manager & Finance Council to make sure we save and spend money responsibly toward the repairs and upkeep of our parish buildings and property.

Thanks again to all those who take advantage of the opportunity to use our online contribution program known as "WeShare." It is an easy and convenient way to make your weekly (or monthly) contributions, including to our special collections, flower fund, St. Vincent de Paul, etc. Just click on the WeShare icon on our website or ask for help in our rectory office. It saves us the money from sending envelopes to you each month & helps you to automate your charitable giving.

*Fr. Jim Schnitz*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

**Monday, December 18th**

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 19th**

8:30 a.m. SVDP Packing/Receiving	Church
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
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	Conference
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	Basement
7:00 p.m. School Christmas Concert	Church
7:00 p.m. 3rd gr. girls practice	Lux

**Wednesday, December 20th**

4:00 p.m. 6th gr. boys practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 5th gr. girls practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	Church
7:00 p.m. 3rd gr. boys practice	Lux

**Thursday, December 21st**

1:00 p.m. Women's Knitting Group	Conference
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
7:00 p.m. 8th gr. boys practice	Lux

**Friday, December 22nd**

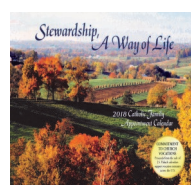
4:00 p.m. 5th gr. boys practice	Lux
5:30 p.m. 3rd gr. girls practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. 6th gr. boys practice	Lux
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Conference

**Saturday, December 23rd**

2:45 p.m. Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Basement
6:30 p.m. Choir & Instrument Practice	Church

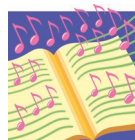
**Sunday, December 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE**

## CALENDARS



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

## SCHOOL MASS PRACTICE



The school community will practice hymns/songs 15 minutes before Mass begins on Friday, December 22nd. We ask those who attend daily Mass to use the side chapel for silent prayer, if they choose, during practice and to sit in the side pews before Mass begins. Thank You.

### REMEMBRANCE TREES



Ornaments in remembrance of loved ones will be available before and after all of the Masses this weekend, December 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://leothegreat.org). There you will find information, prices, and forms.

### 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



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to the following student  
who made the Honor Roll at

**ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL**

Joshua M. Graves

### 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.

### BISHOP PEREZ'S TWITTER ACCOUNT



Taking advantage of one of the most popular modes of communication in the world, the Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez, Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, launched his new Twitter account. Follow

Bishop Perez on Twitter: @BishopNPerez.

Bishop Perez's Twitter account is the latest way to stay engaged with the Bishop and the Diocese of Cleveland. The diocese posts to its established social media platforms on Twitter (@dioceseofCLE), Facebook ([facebook.com/dioceseofcleveland](https://facebook.com/dioceseofcleveland)) and Instagram (@dioceseofCLE). In addition, the diocese publishes a free weekly e-newsletter filled with Catholic news and events. Sign up at [dioceseofcleveland.org/enewsletter](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/enewsletter).

### ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!



Online Giving is now available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website ([www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org)) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

### GIFT CARD CERTIFICATES



The Gift Card Program is an excellent, easy and convenient way to help support your Parish so we encourage everyone to participate. 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. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



ST. LEO THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWS

7th GRADE  
FIELD TRIP



ST. JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL

RETRouvaille WEEKEND - January 19-21, 2018



Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.

**RETRouvaille (rediscovery)**, which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION - MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Faith Hope Remembrance

Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. . We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m., except on holidays, then we meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. **The next Support Group is this Sunday, December 17th** at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon, Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron, and Holy Cross Cemetery in Brook

Park. **December 17th Topic: EMANUEL - GOD'S PRESENCE: You are not alone.** No registration is required; Just come and join us. For more information, visit our website <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or contact Rhonda at 216.930.4866 [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org).



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.

#### BUS TRIPS

##### **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 back at St. Leo's

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



##### **HOLLYWOOD CASINO, COLUMBUS, OH**

**Thursday, February 16th—\$30 per person**

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

Arrive at Casino: 11:45am

Casino Bonus: \$5 free slot play & \$5 food  
(subject to change)

Depart: 5:15pm with rest stop enroute—on own

Arrive: 8:00pm back at St. Leo's

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.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

#### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

##### **Christmas Eve**

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



##### **Christmas Day**

Monday, 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

#### CLUSTER CORNER

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE...**Plan on joining us at the Blue Army Holy Hour this Sunday, Dec. 17th at 2:00 pm in the Chapel as prayers and devotions are offered to Our Lady of Fatima.

**CHARLES BORROMEO....**Save the Date - Mark your calendars for the St. Charles Sports Boosters Night at the Races on Saturday, January 20th at 6pm in Corrigan Gym.

**ST. THOMAS MORE...**Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for world peace.