



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

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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.



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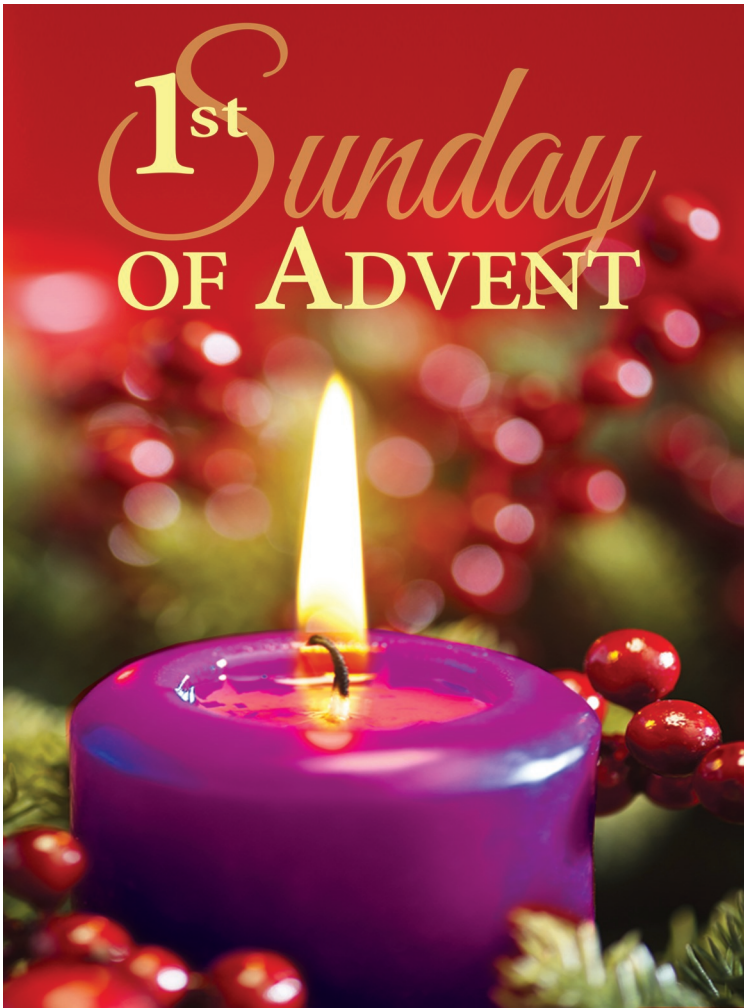


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THE FEAST OF THE
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



This Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. The title "the Immaculate Conception" was bestowed upon the Blessed Virgin Mary because of the Church's belief that Mary was conceived without original sin since she was destined to be the Mother of God. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is also the patron saint of the United States. The Masses scheduled for this holy day of obligation are 7:00pm on Friday, December 7th, and 8:30am on Saturday, December 8th.

Please remember our recently
deceased parishioner
in your prayers.

In Loving Memory of
Charles R. Rooks

Born

December 26, 1935

Entered into Eternal Rest

November 16, 2018

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Leo the Great Church

November 24, 2018 at 10A

Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery

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Remember Me

Remember me in quiet days
When raindrops whisper on your pane,
But in your memories have no grief
Just let the joy we knew remain.
Remember me when evening stars
Look down on you with steadfast eyes,
Remember me if once you wake
To catch a glimpse of a red sunrise.
And when your thoughts do turn to me,
Know that I would not have you cry,
But live for me and laugh for me
For when you are happy so am I.
Remember an old joke we shared
Remember me when spring walks by
Think of me when you are glad,
And while you live, I shall not die.

TOMON & SONS FUNERAL HOME
7327 Pearl Road - Middleburg Hts., Ohio 44130

ADOPT-A-CHILD



Many names are still available for St. Leo's Adopt-A-Child for Christmas Program. Please call so each child will receive a gift. If you wish to purchase a gift for a needy child, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247 or Judi Westerburg at 216-642-0134.

GIFTS ARE TO BE WRAPPED & DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER FROM 3-7 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH.

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

Monetary contributions may be placed in the collection basket. Please mark "Adopt-A-Child" on check payable to St. Leo Parish.

This year we are again very fortunate to have The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Jr. Branch 014, as a sponsor of Adopt a Child. They will donate up to \$600 in matching funds. We are most grateful for their generosity.

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 Bublavy, 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 Dejele

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...



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

Anthony Donatelli
St. Mary, Hudson
First Year, Borromeo



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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, November 18th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 7,875.13
WeShare (online)	900.00
Total	\$ 8,775.13

Sunday, November 25th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 4,945.50
WeShare (online)	555.00
Total	\$ 5,500.50

Human Development.....	\$ 423.00
Thanksgiving (SVDP).....	\$ 698.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Monday, December 3rd: St. Francis Xavier

7:30am +Frank Gallo (Don Moner)

Tuesday, December 4th: St. John Damascene

7:30am End of the Year Thanksgiving (Ela Gierlach)

Wednesday, December 5th: Advent Weekday

7:30am +Fr. Mark Armstrong C.P.P.S. (Friend)

Thursday, December 6th: St. Nicholas

7:30am Intention to be announced

Friday, December 7th: St. Ambrose

8:30am +Frances Szymanski (Family)

9:00am to 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm People of the Parish—Vigil Mass

Saturday, December 8th: Immaculate Conception

8:30am +Thomas Dowd (Fr. James Schmitz)

4:00pm +William LaGodney Sr. (Wife, Son & Family)

Sunday, December 9th: Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Elizabeth & Ray McDermott (Family)

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The prophet Jeremiah lived at a difficult time in Jewish history. Jerusalem, their beloved capitol, had been destroyed, and most of the people taken captive to far-off Babylon, which is in present-day Iraq. Despite this gloomy setting, Jeremiah expresses the conviction that the Lord will raise up a new leader from the line of David to restore and rebuild their native land.

Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

The date was some 30 years after Christ's death and resurrection. The place was a city in northeast Greece called Thessalonica, where Christians were being persecuted. Paul, who had brought the Gospel there, heard about their perseverance and sent a letter of encouragement.

Readings for the Week of December 2, 2018

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

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a /Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk :26-38

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



"The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before."
- Jan Richardson

Dear Parishioners,

We have had 4 funerals since Thanksgiving. How hard it is for the families to experience the loss of a loved one at the first holiday, especially Thanksgiving & Christmas, following their death. But God's grace helps us to retain our gratitude for the life of those we love and to live in hope of their resurrection.

So first we remember Charles Rooks & extend our sympathy to his family. One of Chuck's children (also named Chuck) lost his wife in December of last year so this is an especially difficult time for him. May they rest in peace.

Robert Treska had been ill for 1 ½ years but persevered in his prayer and his hope. He was devoted to his wife of 46 years, Dianne, and to his 3 children & 4 grandchildren. They had made a blanket with the pictures of the grandchildren on it so that he could look at them when in the hospital. May Bob find freedom from illness & death in God's kingdom.

Bernice Kilcoyne was a very active parishioner of St. Leo's. She was a sacristan, and she was involved in Bereavement ministry, among other things. She had a kind and gentle disposition and was at Mass whenever she was able. I was amazed to see her walking around at our parish festival with her walker, accompanied by her son Chris. We extend our sympathy to Chris and pledge our prayers for her.

Carolyn Geniusz was a teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel and was named "Teacher of the Year" in 1996-97. She found her joy not only in teaching for over 33 years but also in being with her husband Ken of 54 years & her 3 grandchildren. May she rest in God's peace.

As we begin the joyful season of Advent this weekend, please remember that there will be a wonderful video on the Mass shown on 3 Monday evenings from 7-8pm in the Parish Community Center starting this Monday, December 3rd. These videos will really help you to better understand and appreciate this prayer that is so central to our Catholic life. Questions about the Mass will be welcomed. Come spend just one hour for 3 weeks learning more about our great faith.

Next Saturday, December 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a holy day of obligation (even though it falls on a Saturday as she is the Patroness of our country under this title). Mass will be at 7pm on Friday, December 7th and at 8:30am on Saturday, December 8th. Our normal 4pm Saturday Mass will still be celebrated on December 8th but that will not fulfill the holy day obligation.

I know we just finished our Thanksgiving holiday but want to offer you the times of our Christmas Masses so that you can plan ahead as you make plans with your family & friends to celebrate this great feast. As we had last year, we will have a 4pm, 7pm & 10pm Mass on Christmas Eve and one Mass at 11am on Christmas Day. Yes, our "Midnight Mass" is at 10pm. Yes, we still get calls asking if our Midnight Mass is at 10pm. Catholics can be a funny lot.

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, December 3rd

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 4th

4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
6:30pm SVDP	Conference
6:30pm Girl Scouts #71416	Basement

Wednesday, December 5th

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
6:30pm Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm 4th Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
7:00pm Girl Scouts #70220	Basement

Thursday, December 6th

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

Friday, December 7th

9:00am to 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	Church
3:00pm 6th Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement

Saturday, December 8th

8:30am CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
2:45 to 3:30 pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement

Sunday, December 9th

12:30pm Couples for Christ	Great
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HELP THE HOMELESS



Malachi Center at W. 25th St. & 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.

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
Schoolbelles \$25—selling for \$20
Sears/Kmart \$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.**



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

We are now taking Sanctuary Candle Intentions for 2019. The donation for the candle will be \$10.00.

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 this weekend **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.

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER



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 DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY



Let your heart and your means dictate what to share. Your contributions will enable the St. Vincent De Paul Outreach Organization to deliver your Christmas message of good cheer to our needy neighbors. The Poor Boxes can be seen as the “bread boxes” of the poor.

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION THANK YOU

We would like to THANK YOU for your overwhelming donations of money that we used towards the purchase of gift cards and other Thanksgiving food for our clients. Your kindness to those who might not have had a turkey and other Thanksgiving food is very much appreciated. Thank you again!

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.

THANK YOU!



A special THANK YOU to the ladies of the St. Leo Knitting Club. They have so generously donated beautiful handmade items-afghans, scarves, mittens, etc.-to help those in need. Year after year these wonderful ladies continue to use their creative talents and share them with others. Malachi Center, Maggie's Place and the Adopt-a-Child program have been the grateful recipients. If anyone wishes to make any yarn donations, the Knitting Club will gladly accept them.



CONGRATULATIONS...

To those who made
the Honor Roll at
**PADUA FRANCISCAN
HIGH SCHOOL**

Jeffrey Chinn

Fabian Onativia

Emmalee Clark

Hunter Vah

Addison Conroy

St. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition

Be Kind - Stick Together Against Bullying

All students at St. Leo the Great School participated in an anti-bullying program sponsored by Project Love and the Duct Tape Corporation. Project Love is an organization which promotes kindness as a means of changing our world for the good of humanity. The Duct Tape Organization promotes multiple uses for duct tape. Our students learned that when we stick together, like duct tape, it makes every-one's life better.

The presentation included a video called, "Life Vest" which clearly demonstrated how a kindness chain works. The group discussion then moved to examples on how meanness can have a similar chain, but instead have a chain reaction of meanness and bullying.

Our students concluded the presentation by taking the "Stick Together Pledge" followed by our students signing their name to a piece of duct tape which was attached to a banner that is now hanging in our school cafeteria. We plan on re-visiting the pledge throughout the year

We are grateful to all the teachers and staff who helped with the presentation of the program including Noah Salem who is currently a Senior at Trinity High School. Our hope is that all of us will stick together to make our school the best in the city of Cleveland and that we will promote a kindness chain which will impact our world in a positive way.



I Pledge to:

- Stick together against bullying
- Stop hurtful teasing and encourage others to do the same
- Do my part to make my school a safe place by being kinder to others
- Not let my words or actions hurt others
- Treat others the way I want to be treated

Here they are - the 2018 Bitty Basketball Team!

This Preschool to 2nd grade Annual Basketball Camp was a success! The students have fun while learning the basics!



Want to show your St. Leo pride? Our school PTC is having a Spirit Wear Sale. You can get order forms from the Rectory or School Office. Also Order online

<https://www.pressworkgraphics.com/stleothegreat>
password: thegreat. Orders Must be received by Dec. 12th for Christmas Delivery.

Mark Your Calendars - Please Join Us!

Dec. 16 - Lunch with Santa - Details to follow
Dec. 18 - Christmas Concert - 7 pm - Church

Fall Welcomed by Cub Scouts!

Cub Scout Pack 374

had another successful Annual **Yard Charge!** They receive names from the Parish of families needing help with their yard.

This year they completed 3 yards, front and back. They bag the leaves and take them to dispose of. They only use their muscles (no leaf blowers) and rakes to get the jobs done. After a quick 2 hrs, they end their day at McDonald's for a well deserved lunch!



1st Sunday of Advent



The **four candles** represent the **four weeks** of **Advent**, and one **candle** is lit each Sunday. Three of the **candles** are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The first **candle**, which is purple **symbolizes** hope.

DECEMBER 2, 2018—FIRST 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

BUS TRIP— COLUMBUS OHIO

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

Cost: 32.00 per person- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Joanne Todd at

440-526-3505

for more information or to book your trip.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

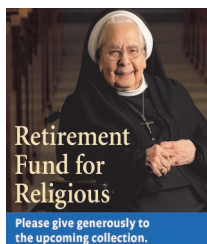
Friday, December 7th



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 8:30am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 5:00pm. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere. May you find peace during this time.



SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs

while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's collection.

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—Chico's Bus Trip: Wednesday, December 5th to Presque Isle. Cost is \$30/person. Casino Bonus: \$30 free play. Call Chico at 216-551-7561 or Betty Konopka at 216-459-1434 to book your trip.