



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 29, 2019

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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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of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Families can be challenging. As much as they can be places of love, growth, and life, they can also be places of hurt, conflict, and despair. What has been your experience of family? There is no way around it: being human requires family life. We have to learn how to celebrate and embrace as well as forgive and understand. Virtue is required. St. Paul asks us to “put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” We are asked to bear with one another and forgive one another. These are tall orders for anyone, but they are not impossible achievements. If we keep our eyes on Jesus and trust in God as the Holy Family did, St. Paul’s vision is obtainable. Our families can take on a sacramental character and become places where God’s love is revealed.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, January 3rd



Please come for a little while this First Friday, January 3rd, and visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

This devotion is held every First Friday of the month at St. Leo’s, from 9:00am until 5:00pm in the chapel area of the church.

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.

New Year’s Day
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:
Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, December 31st—4:00pm Vigil Mass
(No 7:30am Mass)

Tuesday January 1st—11:00am Mass



The Rectory Office will be Closed

Tuesday, December 31st—New Year’s Eve
Wednesday January 1st—New Year’s Day &
Thursday, January 2nd

We will reopen at 9:00am Friday, January 3rd



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Ed Gorcyka, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, Jo Hoffman, John Risko, Glenn “Joe” Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Steve Kostrubanic, Marge Menge, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Sharon Kopal, Jeanne Karasek, George Aloschen, Herb Mayville, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Walter Milewski, Dorothy Forister & Don Donelon.



Monday, December 30th - 6th Day within the Nativity of the Lord

7:30am +Patricia Nelson (Daughter)

Tuesday, December 31st - St. Sylvester I

4:00pm + John Kozlowski (Family)

Wednesday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

11:00am +Matthew Stuczynski (Colleen Stuczynski)

Thursday, January 2nd SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:30am Communion Service

Friday, January 3rd - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00am to 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

8:30am +Stanley Gierlach (Family)

Saturday, January 4th - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

4:00pm +Caitlin Soucek Kacher (Family)

Sunday, January 5th -The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Bozena Rzewucka (Family)

11:00am People of the Parish



WEDDING BANNS

II Becky Caraballo & Marvin Beavers IV

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES



Now is the time to BUY your tickets. Only \$30.00 a ticket for our weekly drawing. New Year's Day will be our first drawing. The drawing will go from January 1, 2020 thru November 10, 2020 (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, 2020. Forms are available at the Information Desk in Church at the Rectory Office and in this bulletin

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

Patrick O. Hyland, SJ
Society of Jesus
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Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he advises his students on the proper way to honor their parents.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

The letter to the Colossians was written around the year 80 A.D. A major concern in this letter is how the Christian community appears to outsiders. The author offers guidelines so that Christian families will live in such a way that others will notice the difference.

Readings for the week of December 29, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 /Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Sunday, December 15th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 5,729.00
WeShare.....	\$ 1,050.00
Total.....	\$ 6,779.00

Religious Retirement.....\$ 2,358.00

Due to the early publication of this bulletin, the financial information for December 22nd will be included in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support!



ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

It's always hard to write these bulletin columns so far in advance of their publication, but the bulletin company needs to print them before the holidays, so I write this on Tuesday, December 17th, almost two weeks before you read it. I'll do my best to predict the future but I do so aware that I'm guessing a bit here.

So first, I'm going to presume that you enjoyed our Christmas celebrations here this past week. I believe that this is the time of year (besides Easter) when our music ministry really shines. So without yet hearing them, I thank our music ministers in advance for their hard work and the dedication of their time in preparing for our Christmas liturgies. I am particularly thankful for the efforts and gifts that Mickey Stitt, our Music Director (and Michaela's Granny) puts into this important work. What lifts up our spirits and our praise more than the music and songs of Christmas? To her and to our Associate Musician, Mary Piechowski, who also brings great talent to our music ministry, I say thank you on behalf of the parish. We also acknowledge Rick Wiegand, who directs the choir (and who also cantors beautifully for many of our funerals and weddings). We are also blessed to have 4 young men join us every Christmas for the past few years and who play trumpet & guitar. They are Mark & John Zebro (brothers) and Morgan & Connor Boyle (also brothers). This adds great pomp and solemnity to our liturgical music. They are from the parish where I was Pastor before coming to St. Leo's. I knew them when they were young men and I'm so proud to see them using the wonderful musical gifts God gave them! We are so blessed for their willingness to join us each year and they add so much. Finally, each choir member adds their particular voice to make one beautiful sound that rises up to the Glory of God so to all of them, we offer our sincere thanks.

A reminder that this Wednesday, January 1st, is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 4pm and on Wednesday at 11am. Let us pray together for God's blessings during the New Year of 2020.

Finally, January 1st marks the end of my 6th year as Pastor of St. Leo's. I am incredulous at how fast the time has gone. It also marks the end of my 6 year term according to the policy put in place by Bishop Lennon. Since I have not heard anything regarding the renewal of a second six year term, I inquired of my cousin as to the status of my assignment. He requested that I write a letter to the Bishop, informing him of where our parish has been during these last six years and suggesting the direction I would like to go in for the next six years. Though not yet official until I receive a letter in return from the Bishop, I am confident that I will be permitted to stay for a second term. So let me thank you as sincerely as I can for the great joy you have brought into my life and ask your forgiveness for any way I have not ministered well to you. I hope and pray I can continue to serve you as we celebrate the Eucharist as we have for the last 50 years.

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

Monday, December 30th

7:00pm 5th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux

Tuesday, December 31st - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1st - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, January 2nd - Parish Office Closed

4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice Lux

5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux

7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice Lux

Friday, January 3rd

9:00am to 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

3:00pm 3rd Gr Boys BB Practice Lux

4:30pm 5th Gr Girls BB Practice Lux

6:00pm 8th Gr Boys BB Practice Lux

7:30pm Recovery International Basement

Saturday, January 4th

7:30am to 4:00pm CYO Site Center Lux

2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions Church

3:00pm Grapevine Basement

Sunday, January 5th

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR



There will be a Pro-Life Holy Hour on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00pm in the church. Please join us for an hour of prayer to end abortion and an acceptance of all life from conception to natural death.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**In Loving Memory of
Gail M. Bresnahan**

July 1, 1944

December 13, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial

*St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
Thursday – December 19, 2019 at 10 a.m.*

Burial

*Holy Cross Cemetery
Section: 40 Lot: 585 Grave: 1*

Hail Mary

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is
with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*

Amen

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ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

The Great Sweepstakes - 2020

\$30 per ticket

You can W\$N Multiple Times January 1, 2020 thru November 10, 2020

DRAWING DATES—\$100

2020

January 6, 13, 20, & 27
February 3, 10, 17, & 24
March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
April 6, 13, 20, & 27
May 4, 11, 18, & 25

Weekly Drawings



2020(cont.)

June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
July 6, 13, 20, & 27
August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
September 7, 14, 21, & 28
October 5, 12, 19, & 26
November 2, & 9

DRAWING DATES—\$200

New Years Day 2020
Easter Sunday 2020
Mother's Day 2020

Special Drawings



Father's Day 2020
4th of July 2020

Super Drawing



ST. LEO'S FEAST DAY
November 10, 2020



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PARISH & SCHOOL

The Great Sweepstakes

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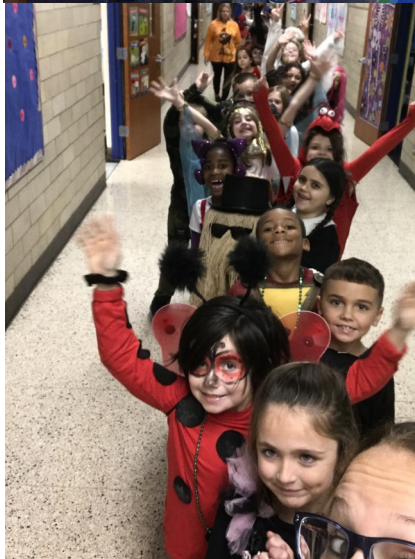
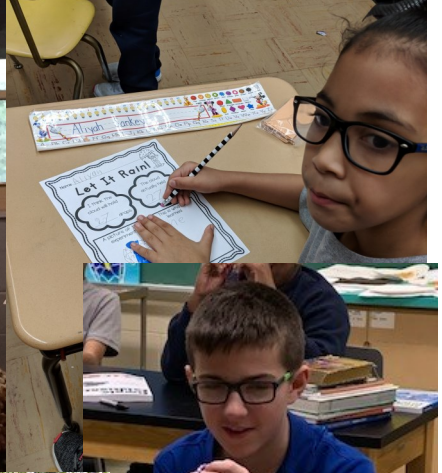
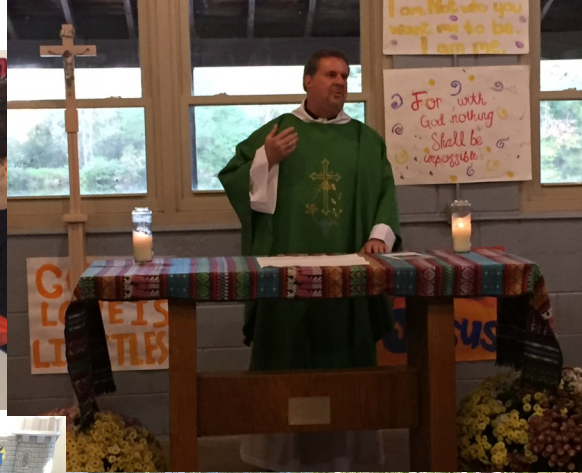
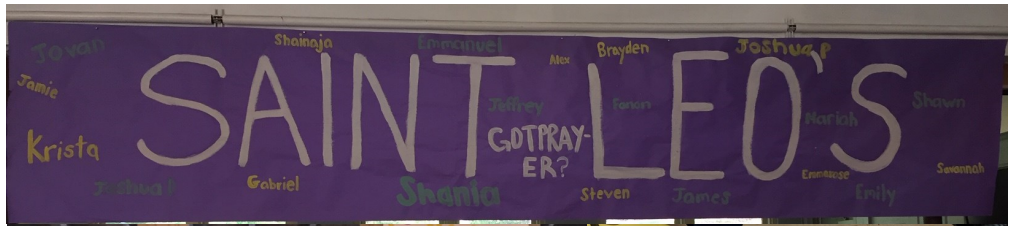
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Questions? Please call the Rectory Office at 216.661.1006
or, visit our website at www.leothegreat.org

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Some of our favorite memories of 2019! Our Staff, Faculty and Students wish you a very healthy and Happy New Year!



DECEMBER 29, 2019—THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

LOVING IS.....

- ♥ Loving is the Art of Caring,
- ♥ Caring is the Art of Sharing,
- ♥ Sharing is the Art of Living,
- ♥ Living is the Art of Loving.
- ♥ Share your Love, your Caring and Living by helping the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization here at St. Leo's as we care for the poor among us.



Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or by email at jberigan@leothgreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



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 needs, including everyday purchases, travel, and a wonderful way to say thank you to someone. 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.

HOMEBOUND VISITS



Do you have a loved one confined to home or in a local nursing home? Would they like a visit from the pastoral staff at St. Leo the Great? Contact Deacon Pat or

Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) and leave us the details.

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 leothgreat.org.

ONLINE DONATIONS



If you haven't already set up your donation online, **NOW IS THE TIME!** No need to worry about bringing your envelope to church, but you can print off a donation slip to put in the basket with you every weekend. You can easily change the amount of your donation right from your computer. See the directions below to set up your online donation account. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Brenda at the Parish Office 216-661-1006 or email her at bbasalla@leothgreat.org. She will be glad to assist you.

2020 MASS INTENTIONS

OUR MASS INTENTIONS 2020 Mass Intentions are available. Please stop by the Parish Office to get your intentions. The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

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