



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH

December 30, 2018

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Retired

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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.



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Families are complicated systems. They can be the most transforming or the most hurtful of experiences. Our families of origin have a huge claim on who we are and who we will become. While families need to help us fulfill some of our human needs, this cannot be their sole purpose or focus. Healthy and happy families consist of folks who always have their eyes on the needs and best interests of the other individuals who make up their family unit. We live in the greater family of the world, which is also God's family. It can't only be about us. We must focus our gaze on the needs and well-being of our brothers and sisters. This whole seeing allows us to see others as God sees them. The Holy Family is the perfect example of how all families can work: our families of origin, the families in which we now find ourselves, and the family of our world. May we look to their example in helping us fine-tune our systems of family life so that God's presence can truly be revealed in and through them!



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.

Friday, January 4th

Eucharistic



Adoration

Please come for a little while this First Friday, January 4th, and visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

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

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!

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



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

The Rectory Office will be closed:

Monday, December 31st—New Year's Eve

Tuesday, January 1st— New Year's Day

We will reopen at 9:00am

Wednesday, January 2nd

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.



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, Jo Hoffman,
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, Bill Hinton,
William Rebello, Cecilia Doris, Lori Stossell, Louise
Horvath, Caitlin Soucek-Kacher, Elaine Houseknecht,
Diane Kalus, Gloria Karich, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma
Zappitelli, Eugene Parks, Rudy Dejel, Dianne
Toronski and Rick & Barb Miliam.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES



Now is the time to BUY your tickets. Only \$30.00 a ticket for our weekly drawing. New Years Day will be our first 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, at the Rectory Office and in this bulletin.



We pray that these men, studying to be priests in the Diocese of Cleveland, may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

We also continue to pray for all those who are discerning a call to religious life.



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, December 16th

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| Basket Collection..... | \$ 6,730.00 |
| WeShare..... | \$ 1,020.00 |
| Total..... | \$ 7,750.00 |

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| Religious Retirement..... | \$ 2,558.00 |
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Due to the early publication of this bulletin, the financial information for December 23rd will be included in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support.



Monday, December 31st: St. Sylvester I

4:00pm +John Kozlowski (Family)

Tuesday, January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

11:00am +John Pauloski (Wife & Children)

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

7:30am +Tom Dubiel (Tom & Debby Voldrich)

Thursday, January 3rd: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30am Intention to be announced

Friday, January 4th: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30am +Stanley Gierlach (Gierlach Family)

Saturday, January 5th: St. John Neumann

1:00pm Wedding of Gillian Halusker & Patrick Cooley)

4:00pm +Bill Skora (Mary Ann Corlett)

Sunday, January 6th: The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am Joyce Krakora (Joyce Krakora)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22 24-28

Today's reading takes place 11 centuries before Christ at an Israelite shrine, which is referred to as a "temple" in the text. When Hannah, who was childless, visited this shrine previously, Eli the high priest had promised that she would bear a son. Today's reading picks up from there. (Christians have seen Hannah as a symbol of Mary.)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

The first letter of John was written for the community whose leader produced the fourth Gospel. Today's passage describes in very familiar and understandable terms our close relationship with God.

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 /Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

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



WEDDING BANNS

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

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Vesely, Deacon Berigan and myself wish you all a very Happy & Blessed New Year. Appropriately, we begin the new year by celebrating the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation will be at 4pm on Monday, December 31st and Mass on New Year's Day at 11am. These are different times for our usual holy day Masses but given the circumstances of new year's celebrations, I believe they will work better for most.

A week before Christmas we had a funeral Mass for Dolores Maras. She was a woman of faith who always carried the rosary and had a devotion to Mary. She had 5 children, 7 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. Though confined to a wheelchair for several years, her family knows that in the glorified body God will give to us in the resurrection, she will no longer be restricted in any way. We trust that she who had much faith will walk the halls of heaven.

A word of thanks for all the cards, cookies & other Christmas treats we received over the holidays. I guess people like to have a plump priest. No worries here.

It was on January 1st five years ago that I began as Pastor here at St. Leo's. It's unbelievable to me that that much time has passed already! But because of your support and faith, it has been a most joyful five years. So I will trust in your continuing support and prayers especially during the month of January. I learned a couple of weeks ago that I have prostate cancer. I have heard it said many times that prostate cancer is very slow growing, but unfortunately I have the fast growing kind. But after a CT scan and a bone scan, it appears that mine has not yet metastasized. Because there is always the risk that it will spread however, the doctor has recommended that I have surgery as soon as possible to have it removed so that will likely be in January. I have a consultation with the surgeon on Friday of this week so I will learn more then. I don't know how long the recovery period will be but it will be at least for a couple of weeks. Even in my Advent homilies, I have tried in my preaching to focus on the joy and peace we can experience even during challenging times, so now is the time for me to practice what I preach. I can tell you that already, God has given me the grace to receive support from many people and things have happened in such a timely way that I know it is more than coincidence. As St. John Paul II said, "In the designs of Providence, there are no mere coincidences". I can see the hand of God behind all of this and I remain hopeful that I can let faith lead me. My biggest hope is that I can use this experience to become more understanding and compassionate to all those who are afflicted with illness of any kind. May the Divine Physician heal us all.

Fr. Jim Schnitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

Monday, December 31st—New Year's Eve

Tuesday, January 1st—New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 2nd

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| 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, January 3rd

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

Friday, January 4th

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

Saturday, January 5th

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| 7:30am CYO Basketball Site Center | Lux |
| 1:00pm Wedding: Halusker/Cooley | Church |
| 2:45 to 3:30 pm Confessions | Church |
| 3:00pm Grapevine | Basement |

Sunday, January 6th

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| 12:00 Noon CYO Basketball Site Center | Lux |
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RECORD OF 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS



To receive a copy of your 2018 contribution statements please email us your request at mlhauck@leothegreat.org.

You can also stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church after Mass or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement, eg. pick up in back of church, office, or mail.

HOMEBOUND



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 leothegreat.org.



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

The Great Sweepstakes

\$30 per ticket

You can W\$N Multiple Times January 1, 2019 thru November 10, 2019

DRAWING DATES—\$100

2019

January 7, 14, 21, & 28
February 4, 11, 18, & 25
March 4, 11, 18, & 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
May 6, 13, 20, & 27

Weekly Drawings



2019(con't)

June 3, 10, 17, & 24
July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
August 5, 12, 19, & 26
September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
October 7, 14, 21, & 28
November 4

DRAWING DATES—\$200

New Years Day 2019
Easter Sunday 2019
Mother's Day 2019

Special Drawings



Father's Day 2019
4th of July 2019

SUPER Drawing



St. Leo's Feast Day
November 10, 2019



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

The Great Sweepstakes

Please Print

NAME: _____

CITY/STATE & ZIP _____

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.leothegreat.org

Our Preschoolers had a Mitten & Sock Giving tree. The children made paper mittens & socks & then when they brought in real ones they could take home their paper ones to remind them of the true spirit of Christmas - giving, just like St. Nicholas. They also made Christmas cookies for snack and Grinches for Green Day. The 7th Grade Religion class made books on the Birth of Jesus; read them to the 1st Grade and then gave them as Christmas gifts to the first graders. Both Kindergarten classes put on the Nativity play for their Parents and Love Ones. What a great job both classes did in giving such a wonderful performance.

Also, our students were able to raise enough money to provide gifts for fifteen (15) children from the Adopt-a-Child program. How fabulous it is for our students to give to those who have less than they do! We will be making this an annual tradition for St. Leo School and we look forward to 2019.

A large collage of 18 photographs capturing various moments from a school Christmas celebration. The images show students in Santa hats, a decorated Christmas tree, children in nativity costumes, and groups of students posing for photos. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with some images being larger than others. The overall theme is festive and celebratory, showcasing the school's holiday spirit.

**Please remember Dolores
in your prayers**

*Alleluia, Alleluia; For Dolores life has
not ended, but merely changed.
Praise God for His Mercy.*

**In Loving Memory of
DOLORES M. MARAS**

DATE OF BIRTH

Sunday, August 15, 1937

ENTERED INTO REST

Friday, December 14, 2018

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Leo the Great Church
Tuesday, December 18, 2018
10:00 am

Arrangements By

GOLUBSKI DELIBERATO

FUNERAL HOME

4747 TURNEY ROAD - CORNER OF GARFIELD BOULEVARD
GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO 44125
(216) 883-3900



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.

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 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.



**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

CLUSTER CORNER

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

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO—Breakfast Scripture Study on Wednesday Mornings, January 16 to February 27 @ Pappou's Restaurant (Snow Rd.) 8:00-9:15am. Call Parish Office by Jan. 13th. \$5/per person.

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