



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018

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Pastor
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Retired

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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.

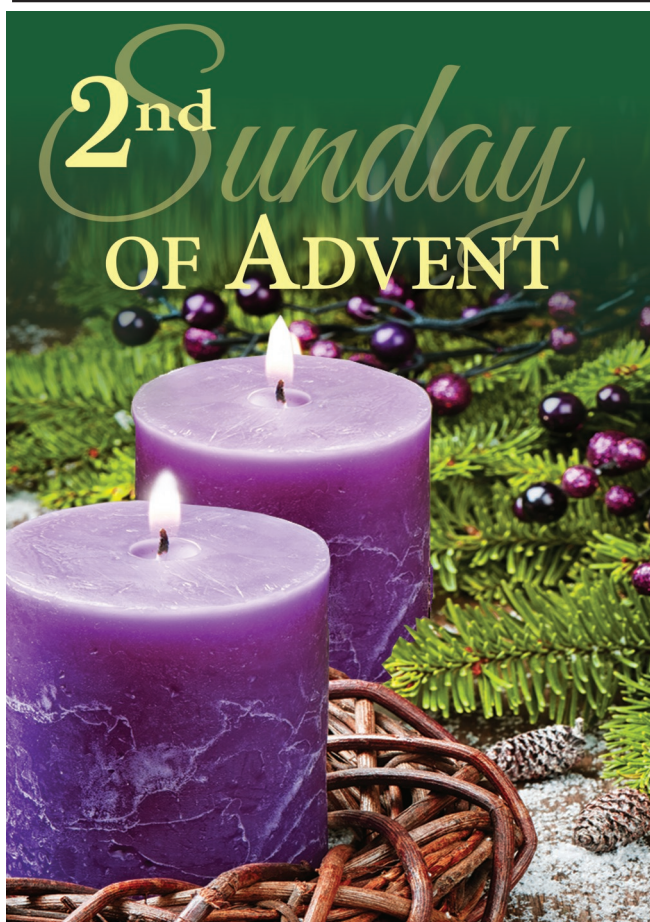
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ADOPT-A-CHILD

HELP!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! PLEASE CALL
60 NAMES are still available for St. Leo's Adopt-A-Child for Christmas program. This is the last week to call. 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 AND DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER NEXT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, FROM 3 TO 7 P.M.



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

If you would like to help deliver gifts on Sunday morning, December 16, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216 351 6247.

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.

Jesus teaches us that "Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me."

Please remember our recently deceased parishioners in your prayers.

In Loving Memory Of
Robert G. Treska
January 22, 1946
November 21, 2018

Poem Of Life

*Life is but a stopping place, A pause
in what's to be, A resting place along
the road, to sweet eternity. We all
have different journeys, Different
paths along the way, We all were
meant to learn some things, but never
meant to stay... Our destination is a
place, Far greater than we know, For
some the journey's quicker, For some
the journey's slow. And when the
journey finally ends, We'll claim a
great reward, And find an everlasting
peace, Together with the Lord.*

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216.741.7700

In Memory Of
Bernice G. Kilcoyne
April 26, 1928
November 21, 2018

Funeral Mass, November 28, 10:00 AM
St. Leo the Great Church
Interment, Calvary Cemetery
Section 42 Lot 327 Grave 2

Lord make me an instrument of Thy
peace. Where there is hatred, let me
sow love. Where there is injury,
pardon. Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope. Where
there is darkness, light. Where there
is sadness, joy. O Divine Master:
grant that I may not so much seek to
be consoled as to console; to be
understood as to understand; to be
loved as to love; for it is in giving
that we receive; it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned and it is in
dying we are born to eternal life.

ZABOR FUNERAL HOME
5680 Pearl Rd.
Parma, Ohio
884-5035



In Memory Of
Carolyn Geniusz
June 5, 1943
November 23, 2018

I shall pass through this world but
once. Any good, therefore, that I
can do or any kindness that I can
show to any human being ... Let
me do it now. Let me not defer it
or neglect it, for I shall not pass
this way again.

Arrangements By
Jardine Funeral Home

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

*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.*

Saint Teresa of Avila



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

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

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.

Jeremy Gaugler

**St. Mary of the Falls, Olmsted Falls
First Year, Borromeo**



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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, December 2nd

Basket Collection.....	\$ 8,179.50
WeShare (online)	925.00
Total	\$ 9,104.50

Capital Improvement (November).....\$ 1,504.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, December 10th: Advent Weekday

7:30am +Robert Funta (Mary Jane & Family)

Tuesday, December 11th: St. Damasus I

7:30am +Ann Szpansky (Mary Ann Corlett)

Wednesday, December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30am +Kollar Family (Kollar Family)

Thursday, December 13th: St. Lucy

7:30am Intention to be announced

Friday, December 14th: St. John of the Cross

8:30am +Rosalinda Llagas, Sister of Cora Dejele

(Eva Bunosky)

Saturday, December 15th: Advent Weekday

4:00pm Seniors

Sunday, December 16th: Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am +Martin Fontaine (Miriam Fontaine)

11:00am +Alfonso Nieves (Family)

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

The setting for today's reading is the time when the Jews were captives in Babylon. The author writes of a bright future when they will return with joy to their homeland. In this passage, Jerusalem is pictured as a joyful mother, watching her children come home.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Of all the communities Paul founded, the one at Philippi was especially dear to him. Wherever he was, they sent him moral and financial support to help carry on his work. Now confined to a prison cell, Paul writes to them like a proud parent.

Readings for the Week of December 9, 2018

Sunday: Bar :1-9/Ps126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6Phil1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab & 10,11-12,13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac,11-12, 13/Mt :12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18bcde/Lk 1:2638

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sun.: Zep3:14-18a/Is12:2-3,4,5-6/Phil4:4-7/Lk3:10-18

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

The Little Blue Books for the Advent and Christmas Season are available at the tables by the doors of the church. Please take one home with you.



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

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Back in October, parishioner John Sabol did a presentation on the history of our parish which was very interesting. John was kind enough to make a short video (about 20 minutes long) of the presentation so that you can watch it at your leisure. It can be found (with all sorts of other useful information) at our website (leothegreat.org). Our thanks to him for all the work he put into that & to him and his wife Jeanne for the great work they did with the display of old pictures (currently from Christmas past at St. Leo's) during our 70th Parish Anniversary.

Just a reminder that we started selling the new Great Sweepstakes raffle tickets on December 1st. We have a \$100 weekly winner (and again, you can win more than once in the year!). We will have \$200 winners on New Year's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and 4th of July and we will still have a \$1000.00 winner on the feast of St. Leo. Many people love to play this raffle & they make wonderful gifts, especially as stocking stuffers at Christmas.

I had hoped that Fr. Vesely would be able to celebrate one of our Christmas Eve Masses but he is already "booked" for 3 Christmas Masses at Mount Alverna! We will try to have him here again soon but it depends on several schedules working together. In the mean time, do keep him in your prayers especially as we celebrate Christmas soon.

As I type this, our maintenance people are putting up Christmas decorations in the rectory. This is my favorite time of the year. But it can also be a very sad time for those who are ill or for those experiencing a loss around the holidays. So while we welcome the joy of the season in our celebration of the Lord's birth, it is also important to remember those who are having a hard time around the holidays. I mentioned some "CareNotes" that we have made available in the vestibule of the church, in the rectory office and in the Parish Community Center. We have recently ordered ones that have to do with grief, especially around the holidays. Please feel free to take one of these for yourself or give it to someone whom you think may find it helpful.

Please keep in your prayers William Wachenschwanz and Joanne Marsik, both parishioners of St. Leo's, whose funeral services were held this past Wednesday. Geraldine Piotrowski's Funeral Service will be held this Wednesday. May they rest in peace until the Lord comes again.

This week my step mother turns 99. I had Thanksgiving with her and my dad and they both look great and are doing quite well. I'm just glad that their Christmas tree decorating days are over. I remember when Santa used to decorate our tree when we were young. He used quite a bit of tinsel (remember that?) that would stick all over you. But I'm sure my dad was glad he didn't have to do the work himself. The good old days.

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, December 10th

2:45pm Altar Server Training	Church
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 11th

4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
6:30pm SVPD	Conference

Wednesday, December 12th

9:30am Parish Catechetical Leaders Course	Basement
11:00am Seniors	Great
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

Thursday, December 13th

1:00pm Woman's Knitting	Conference
4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
7:00pm Knights of Columbus	Basement

Friday, December 14th

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

Saturday, December 15th

8:30am CYO Basketball Site Center	Lux
3:00-7:00pm Adopt-A-Child drop off	Parish Center
2:45 to 3:30 pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement

Sunday, December 16th

8:00am Adopt-A-Child	Parish Center
11:00am-1:00pm Lunch with Santa	School

REMEMBRANCE TREES



Ornaments in remembrance of loved ones will be available before and after all of the Masses the weekends of December 15th & 16th and 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.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

December 9th to December 22nd



In Loving Memory of
David Lincheck

From Pamela & Theresa Lincheck

GIFT CARD PROGRAM INVENTORY REDUCTION CLEARANCE SALE



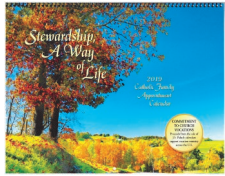
We are looking to reduce our gift card inventory. We are offering the following cards at a discount. The discounts will be in effect until we are sold out.

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

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.**

CALENDARS



Thank You to Yurch Funeral Home for once again providing our beautiful St. Leo the Great Calendars. The 2019 Catholic Family Appointment Calendars will be available this weekend in the church and rectory.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS
to the following students
who made the Honor Roll at

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Joshua M. Graves and Shane N. Macalla

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



To “live and let live” is all right in its own way, but to “live and **HELP LIVE**” is much better. You can help others live by sharing your goods and your prayers with those in need through your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization. Next weekend, December 15th and 16th, is our monthly food collection. Our cupboard is in need of **CANNED CARROTS, GREEN BEANS, PEAS, CANNED PASTAS, MASHED POTATOES, ASSORTED PASTA, PASTA SAUCES, STUFFING MIX, PACKETS OF GRAVY, CRACKERS, PANCAKE SYRUP, SALAD DRESSING, RICE and NOODLE SIDES, SKILLET DINNERS, SOUP, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, BAR SOAP, DISHWASHING SOAP AND LAUNDRY SOAP.** Let others know that **YOU** care by helping your Organization bring light and hope into lives that seem so dark.

We thank you for your continued support.

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.

SENIORS

**Please
Join Us**

Plan on joining us this Wednesday, December 12th at 11:00am in the Parish Community Center. This will be our only meeting this month due to the Christmas holiday. If you are not a member, this would be a great time to check us out and hopefully become part of our group. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and our dues are only \$5.00 for the year. Hope to see you this Wednesday!



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

St. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition

Principal's Message

Our Catholic Core Value for December is "Spreading the Good News". At St. Leo the Great School, the students are learning about the season of Advent. Our students are preparing for Jesus by learning about the Advent Wreaths, the Jesse Tree and giving to others. We are all waiting for the coming of Jesus on Christmas.

God Bless,
Mrs. Burns



Confirmation and St. Nicholas

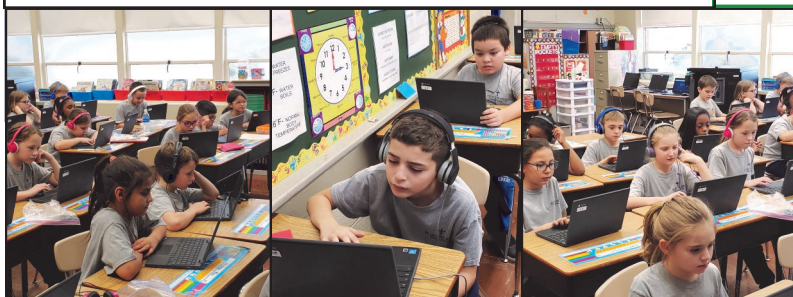
What does the sacrament of Confirmation have to do with St. Nicholas? Some might say, "Nothing." However, our Confirmation class spent some time on retreat learning about the relationship.

St. Nicholas was a man of faith, action and service! So too, are we called, by virtue of our Baptism, to be actively involved in the life of our Church.

While the retreat was facilitated by Mrs. McBride, a lay Ecclesial Minister in our diocese, Fr. Jim, also spent some time with the class. Fr. Jim encouraged our students to select their sponsors for Confirmation who are willing to give witness to Christ and will live out our Catholic faith in their lives.

We are grateful to Fr. Jim, Mrs. McBride and St. Nicholas for challenging us and walking with us on our sacramental journey!

Mrs. Nedrich's 3rd grade class are reinforcing their math skills by playing Prodigy Math on their Chrome Books. This game is aligned with the state math standards and is free to play. Who knew Math could be so much Fun!



2nd Sunday of Advent

The **four candles represent** the **four weeks of Advent**, and one **candle** is lit each Sunday. The 2nd **candle**, which is purple **symbolizes** love.



Na'ma'ste

Art Teacher, Ms. Emily DiFiore teaches Yoga to our Preschool, Kinder, and Grade 1 once per week. Here is **Ms. Daney's Kindergarten** class enjoying their lesson. Yoga enhances flexibility, strength & coordination. In addition, their concentration and sense of calmness and relaxation improves.



Join us for

Lunch with Santa

Sunday, December 16, 2018

St. Leo the Great School (enter through cafeteria)

11:00 am- 1:30pm

Experience the Magic of the Holiday through the eyes of your children!

Santa, Craft, Pixie Shop, Pizza Lunch
\$5.00 per child

\$3.00 for Parents/Grandparents/Other (Lunch Only)

MUST RESERVE SPOT. NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

Please get form from School or Rectory Office.
Must be returned with Money NO LATER THAN
December 11, 2018

DECEMBER 9, 2018—SECOND 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

AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP



Retirement
Fund for
Religious
Please give generously to
the upcoming collection.

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous today.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN



COMMUNICATING CONCERNS CAN SAVE A CHILD FROM A LIFETIME OF PAIN.

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at responseservice@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

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.



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