



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

February 13, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 8:30AM

Thursday - Communion Service ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, or anytime by request or appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses 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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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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ONLINE GIVING

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.



REGISTER WITH US

Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at leothegreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us the First Friday of every month from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. St. Leo the Great has had a long history of Eucharistic Adoration of First Fridays. Part of our Commitment as a parish is that when we have Adoration, Jesus in the Eucharist should not be left alone. We realize we are still in the midst of the pandemic, but we need your presence for as much or as little amount of time as you are able to spend in the presence of Jesus. The Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 5:00 PM. Can you spend just one hour, once a month with Jesus?



GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING

Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at leothegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you.

PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SUPPORT US.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS...

Prayer
REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavý, Harriet Franko & Ana Mendoza.

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



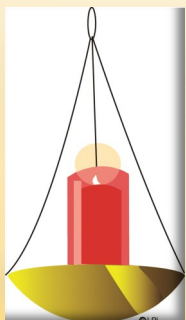
Charles Bulger
St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception, Avon
1 Theology, St. Mary

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



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6
Collection\$7,308.72
WeShare.....\$2,730.00
Total.....\$10,038.72

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**SANCTUARY CANDLE
INTENTION**

February 13th to February 27th

IN LOVING MEMORY

Rudy Dejelo
From Cora Dejelo

MASS
INTENTIONS

**Monday, February 14th—Saints, Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop**

8:30am +Ralph Rath (Chris)

Tuesday, February 15th—Weekday

8:30am +Michael Ciereszewski (Mother)

Wednesday, February 16th—Weekday

8:30am +Chet Wisinski (Jackie and Georgene)

Thursday February 17th—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday February 18th—Weekday

8:30am +Eleanor Gravette (Denise Konieczka)

Saturday, February 19th — Weekday

4:00 +Rudy Dejelo (Cora Dejelo)

**Sunday, February 20th— Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am + Carol Sladewski (Lou Sladewski)

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8

In the last years before the crushing defeat of Jerusalem and the exile of many of its citizens to Babylon, Jeremiah watched the people destroying themselves through materialism and unfaithfulness to God. Here he sets before them a clear choice.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

In last week's reading from first Corinthians, we heard the oldest written record of the Church's core tradition about Christ's resurrection. Today's passage follows directly from that, as Paul addresses concerns about our own resurrections.

Readings for the week of February 13, 2022

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13

ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO



Dear Parishioners,

It is sometimes difficult for me to hear what is being proclaimed by the lectors, cantors or Deacon Pat when they are at the pulpit, mostly because we have one speaker facing the music area of the church and only two speakers facing the nave where you are seated. I am looking into the possibility of installing a speaker facing those of us in the sanctuary (altar area) and possibly installing a couple of speakers in the rear of the church for those of you who sit in the back pews (though it would be more difficult for you to sleep back there). I would appreciate any feedback you could offer me...can you hear the lectors, deacon, organists, cantors and myself clearly and loudly, or could we improve on that? Of course everyone has different hearing abilities but I want to make sure everyone can hear without difficulty so please let myself or Deacon Pat know if what we have is sufficient for you or if you think additional speakers would be helpful.

John & Jeannie Sabol have changed the pictures in the display cabinet located in the vestibule to show photos from the parish's 40 anniversary so take a look when you're able. They reminded me that we are celebrating our 75th anniversary next year in 2023 so we'll need to start preparing for that milestone this year.

We certainly have had our fair share of snow recently, making up for a non-white Christmas when the angels were suppose to sprinkle just enough snow to make for a nice Christmas celebration. Somewhere the communication was lacking. I believe that was Deacon Pat's job. Anyway, I appreciate your accommodations in dealing with the parking lot & sidewalks after it has snowed so much. We have a new company that plows this year as the people doing it in previous years moved to Florida (can't blame them). So it always takes time to make the necessary adjustments when working with a new company.

Like so many other companies & institutions, we are struggling to find and hire people that we really need to work at the parish. Specifically, we are looking for at least 2-3 people to add to our maintenance staff as we only have 2 full time and 1 part time person presently, and we need maintenance personnel to work in the school as well as in the rectory, church and parish center. All of our buildings are used on a regular basis and need to be cleaned with so many using these facilities. It's been quite a struggle to keep up. We are also looking for some housekeeping help and for a part-time cook (with the promise that no vegetables will be harmed in the making of meals). We can always use more help in the rectory office as well. We pay a fair wage and offer benefits (health insurance and pension) to full time employees and we like everyone to enjoy what they are doing, to see how important their work is, and to know they are working with others who enjoy having them as part of our parish staff. So please, if you know of someone who needs a job, full or part time, please mention our needs to them and have them contact me so I can give them more information. Anyone who is high-school age or older can apply for we have a variety of positions available right now. If you need or want to work, even for a limited number of hours per week, and aren't sure where you can fit in, feel free to come in & talk about where you might be needed. I want to keep our buildings & grounds as clean and attractive as possible and to make our parish responsive to your needs but it takes a lot of workers to aim for these goals in our active parish. Please spread the word.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be March 2, April 6, and May 4, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

**If you have any questions,
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by
email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.**



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 email her at jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)

2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.

3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website www.leothegreat.org to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



From March 2 – April 10 you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or **Family Planning** – 462 Chardon St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Wickliffe on Sunday, February 27 at 2 pm. Keynote Speaker is Fr. Stephen Imbarrato. Contact John Noall clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

WEBSITES:

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland
www.40daysforlife.com/painesville
www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights

Please publish in Bulletin weeks of: February 13, 20, 27

Thank you - John Noall - Campaign Director - 40 Days for Life
Cleveland – Painesville – Bedford Hts

Be the LIGHT



ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND | FEBRUARY 12-13

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements

The 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin which includes our parish's goal and an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities in our communities. This year's appeal theme is *Be The Light*. Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 19-20. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Mallesic, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it and we ask you to also complete the in-pew envelope and indicate by checking the box that you have responded by mail.

We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at www.CatholicCommunity.org/2022Appeal.



Additional materials can be found at CatholicCommunity.org/ParishMaterials or by contacting Sarah Gazur: 216-696-6525 x1910, sgazur@catholiccommunity.org



St. Vincent de Paul

Almsgiving is a private thing. You share what you have with a neighbor you do not know and who does not know you, but it is an act of service to those in need. Let us share with others, especially during these trying times. Any donation you are able to make to the SVPD Outreach Organization will be very much appreciated. You can put your donation in the Poor Boxes or put it in an envelope marked "SVPD" and put it in the collection basket or take it to the rectory. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you!

BUS TRIP: Rivers Casino Monday, April 25

8:30 am—Departure from St. Leo's
11:30 am—Arrive at Rivers Casino
6:00pm—Depart from Rivers Casino
8:15 pm—Arrive at St. Leo's
\$48.00 per person * BONUS: \$20 free slot play * \$5 food credit

Coming up: Hartville Friday, May 27—\$75.00 per person
More information to follow

Save the Date: Nautica Queen—Wednesday, June 29

Contact: Sandy Diaddario (215-926-3123)
With questions and to register.

Record of 2021 Contributions

To receive a copy of your 2021 contribution statement, please email your request to info@leothegreat.org. You can also call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement—pick up in the office or back of church, email or mail.

You can also include your name on this slip, put it in an envelope and return it to the parish. We will mail your statement back to you.

NAME: _____

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun.

That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

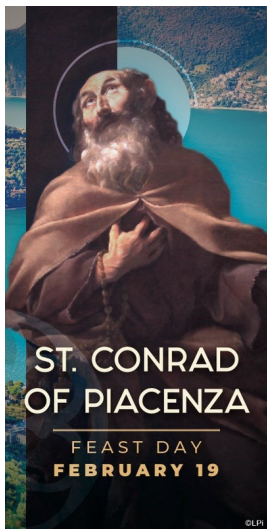
For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water.

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



St. Conrad of Piacenza | February 19

The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames.

Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make restitution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares.



St. Leo the Great School Now Enrolling for the 2022-2023 School Year

Cleveland Scholarships Available!

Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leothegreat.org or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at dburns@leothegreat.org for more information.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 13, 2022 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it.

**RAFFLE
WINNERS**



January 31, 2022

Macrina Dodson



