



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2021

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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
after Mass by request or any time 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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Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other
useful information on your mobile device.

Instagram @leothegreatorg

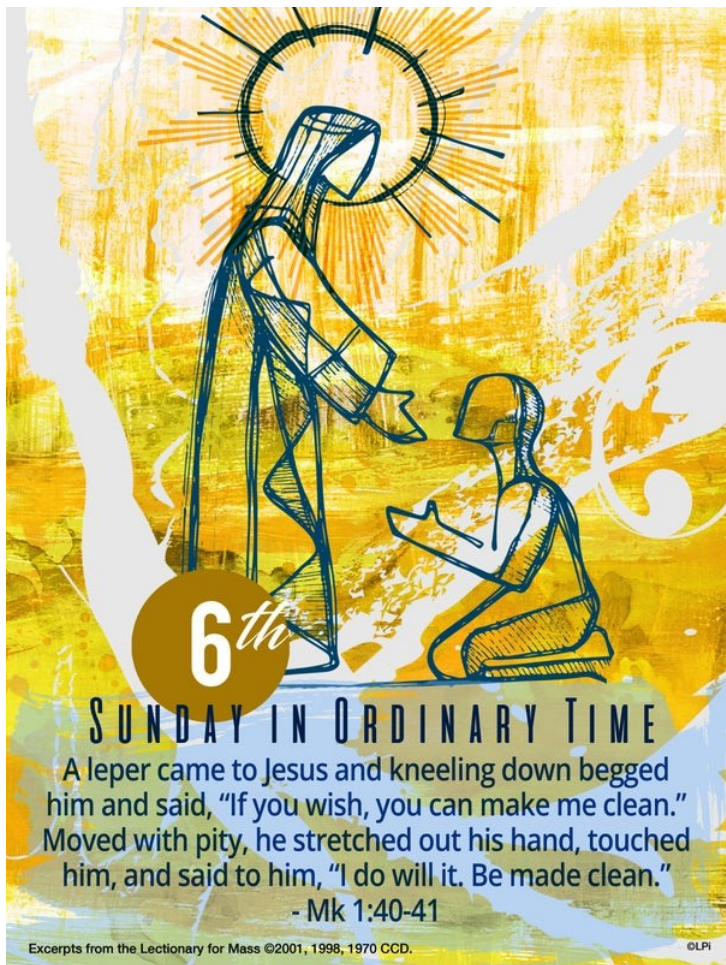


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JOSEPH GORNEY

Joseph Gorney, age 60, entered into eternal rest on January 16, 2021. Son of Joseph & Corrine, He is survived by his wife Debbie; sons, Joseph & Steven, sister of Corrine & Marge and nephew, Patrick. Joseph was a well loved man. A man who loved his family and spending time with them. He cared for a lot of people and they in return cared for him. A funeral mass was held here at St. Leo the Great Church on Saturday, February 6th.

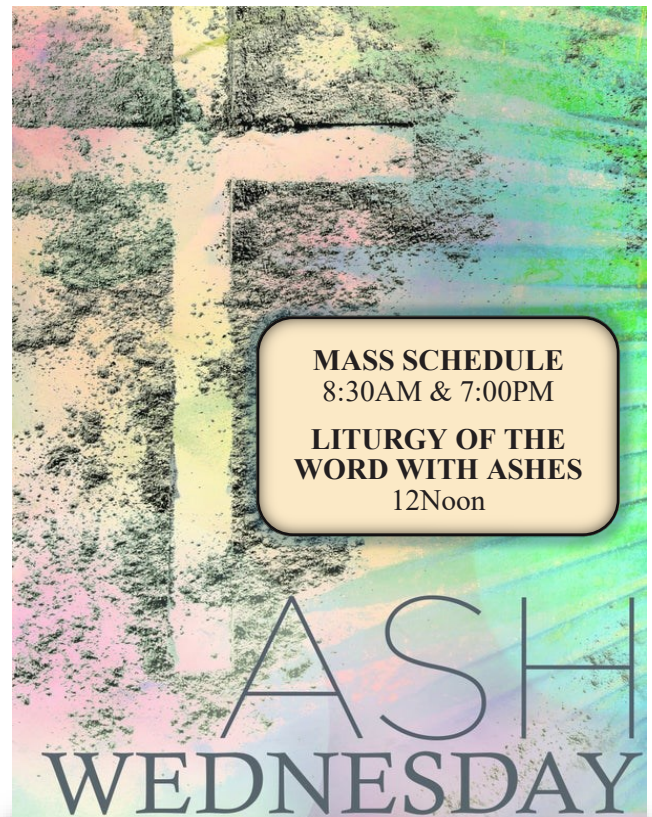
SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

February 14th to February 27th



**In Loving Memory of
Rudy Dejelo**

Cora Dejelo



MASS SCHEDULE
8:30AM & 7:00PM

**LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH ASHES**
12Noon

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

LENTEN RESOURCE PAGE

A special Lenten resource page will be available on the diocesan website beginning February 15th at dioceseofcleveland.org/lent. Included will be a daily Lenten reflection from Bishop Edward Malesic providing meaningful insight and focus for reflection during the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as well as links to relevant videos and other resources to help the faithful observe Lent in a more meaningful way.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Carol Rucinski, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Rath, Joseph Mackey, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, James Cook, Cherie Seitz, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Chuck Pacanovsky, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, Joey Rolando & Aileen Gerda.



From February 17th to March 28th (Lent) you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Call Isabel at 216-524-3163 if you are interested in carpooling to the Bedford Heights Planned Parenthood Facility at 25250 Rockside Road. If the weather cooperates, we leave St. Columbkille at 12:30pm and return by 2:30pm every Saturday during Lent. For more information you can go to www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

R. & I. LIVINGSTON

February 8, 2021—\$100.00 Winner

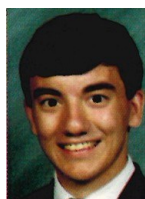


Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at online at leothegreat.org or at the Rectory Office.

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

JEREMY GAUGLER

St. Mary of the Falls, Olmsted Falls
Third Year, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st

Collection	\$ 3,947.75
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,526.00
Total	\$ 5,473.75

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



Monday, February 15th - Weekday

8:30am +Victor & Mary Ellen Stader (Miriam Fontaine)

Tuesday, February 16th - Weekday

8:30am +Nicholas Caruso (Anita Skryp)

Wednesday, February 17th - ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30am +David & Pat Scarberry (Eva)

12Noon Liturgy of the Word & Ashes

7:00pm People of the Parish

Thursday, February 18th - Thursday after Ash Wed.

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, February 19th - Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:30am +Rudy Dejelo (Cora Dejelo)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20th - Saturday after Ash Wed.

4:00pm +Seniors

Sunday, February 21st - First Sunday of Lent

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Carol Sladewski (Lou Sladewski)

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The third book of the Bible, Leviticus, is a collection of Jewish laws. Old Testament people believed that being clean or unclean (that is, kosher or non-kosher) was based on what was considered to be normal or abnormal. For example, because a snake slithered on the ground rather than walked, it was considered abnormal, and therefore unclean. By the same standards, people with disabilities or deformities were seen as unclean. We see a particular case addressed in this reading.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Today's passage concludes a long section of First Corinthians in which Paul has been addressing disputes between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians about what foods are kosher. Paul now makes a general observation that while we may in principle be free to do this or that, we should avoid those things that disrupt harmony and peace.

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: J1 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)*

Dear Parishioners,

Joe Gorney came to see me last August to tell me that he had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer & learned of this back in April of last year, just a couple of weeks after he turned 60 (I had turned 60 just a few days before he came to see me). Sadly, Joe passed away last month & we celebrated his funeral Mass February 6th. He has 2 sons, Steve & Joe, who possess his same gentleness and kindness. I had anointed Joe & prayed with him, so I know he was ready to meet the Lord. I thank God for knowing him, even for just a short time, and pray he may rest in God's peace.

We also extend our sympathies to Chris Bauhof, whose husband Tom passed away suddenly while I was on vacation. Fr. Brown was able to celebrate his funeral Mass at Mary, Queen of Peace and I'm grateful for him doing so while I was away. We pray for Tom and Chris and ask the Lord to fill them both with his peace.

This weekend we welcome Bishop Martin Amos to St. Leo's as he celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people at the 4pm Saturday Mass. I have known Bishop Amos since I started the high school seminary in 1974, where he was assigned. He was my first spiritual director and confessor, and since I always referred to him as my "model priest," I predicted to him at that time that he would become a bishop some day. And so he did! I'm so happy to have him come to St. Leo's this weekend. I understand that he grew up in this area so I'll be asking him about that after Mass. We welcome him and congratulate our confirmandi as the gift of the Holy Spirit is given to them sacramentally.

While I was in the high school seminary, we saw some changes in the practice of our Catholic faith which were the result of the Second Vatican Council that took place in the early 1960's. I remember receiving Holy Communion in the hand which became an option at that time & is now a common practice among most Catholics. I also remember going to confession "face to face" which was quite a change from the previous anonymous confessions behind the screen. You will notice another very small change as of Ash Wednesday as we begin on that day to conclude our prayers by saying, "We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever." Did you notice what was missing? The word "one" before "God." This is a more accurate translation of the Latin and is meant to clarify that we are speaking here of Christ's divinity, and so call him "God." We are not speaking of the Oneness of the Trinity, which is implied. Other languages besides English already have the correct translation.

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am (live-streamed for the school students & of course those at home) & at 7pm. Deacon Pat will have a service with ashes at Noon. Again, a small change due to the pandemic: ashes will not be placed on the forehead but sprinkled on top of your head in silence (seriously). Here is what the Diocese instructs: "This method of distributing ashes by sprinkling is a common practice in other countries, but is not well known in the United States...there is no requirement to physically receive ashes, but they (the faithful) may come forward if they so choose in order to receive them in the manner described above. I'll speak more about this at Mass this Wednesday.

Fr. James Schmitz

Love your NEIGHBOR



The 2021 Catholic Charities Annual 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 Love Your Neighbor. As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 20-21. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Malesic, 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 CatholicCommunity.org/2021Appeal. Double your impact! A generous donor, who believes in the mission of Catholic Charities, will match your gift, up to \$1 million. Do twice as much good when you give online at CatholicCommunity.org/Match. Thank you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Not every parishioner can be in the right place at the right time to help a needy family. The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization has been set up to do just that. Your help through the Poor Boxes assists your SVDP Organization in providing food or help with other expenses to those in need. When you pass by the Poor Boxes reach out a help a needy family with your donation. Your donation can also be put in an envelope marked "SVDP".

3 Ways to Grow During Lent



A 15-Minute Conversation
With Bishop Malesic

FACEBOOK LIVE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH



RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed this **Monday, February 15th**, in observance of President's Day.



During Lent St. Leo's is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program. Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17, the program will continue until Wednesday, March 24.

Listed below are the needs of organizations that will be recipients of your generosity. Due to COVID-19 restrictions,

we cannot place baskets of hearts by the church doors as we have done in the past. This list will appear in Sunday Bulletins through Lent, in *News & Views*, the parish newsletter, and on the parish website, leothegreat.org.

Please purchase the items you wish and bring them to the church or rectory by Wednesday, March 24. Remember to label the bag or container with the organization's name.

Rectory hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; Saturday, noon–5:30; or Sunday, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The following organizations will be recipients of your generosity:

♥ **Birthright**

Gift Cards for Target, Walmart, Marc's, Kohls

♥ **Broadview Multicare**

Adult Coloring Books, Word-Search Books, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Markers, Large-Piece Jigsaw Puzzles, Stuffed Animals, Playing Cards, Nail Polish, Body Wash

♥ **Catholic Charities Refugee Families**

Toilet Paper, Light Bulbs, Batteries, Alarm Clocks, Sponges, Toilet Brushes and Cleaner, Twin/Full Size Sheets, Tall Kitchen Wastebaskets, 13-Gal. Garbage Bags

♥ **Holy Family Hospice**

Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Bleach, Lestoil, Disinfectant Wipes, Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes

♥ **Joseph House of Cleveland**

Bath Towels, Washcloths, New Men's Underwear and Socks, Children's Socks (age 4-12), Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper

♥ **Malachi House**

Gift Cards: Walmart, Target, Giant Eagle, Save-a-Lot, Home Depot, GFS, Dave's Market, Amazon

♥ **Malachi BackDoor Ministry**

Canned Tuna/Chicken, Ground Coffee, Green Beans, Corn, Sweet Peas, Chicken Noodle Soup, Beef/Chicken Gravy, Grits

♥ **Parma Care Center**

Diet or Regular Cans of Pop, Large-Print Word Search Books, Markers, Colored Pencils, White Card Stock, Men's Aftershave, Men's/Women's Body Wash, Shampoo, Large-Piece Jigsaw Puzzles, Women's Hair Accessories, Medium-Size Handheld Mirrors

♥ **Providence House**

Applesauce, Canned fruits: Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail Cookies, Graham Crackers, Diapers, Sizes 5, 6, Unscented Baby Wipes, Paper Towels, Liquid Hand Soap Gift Cards: Target, Walmart

♥ **St. Colman's**

Shampoo, Dedorant, Bar Soap, Razors, Toilet Paper, Laundry/Dish Detergent, Sturdy Reuseable Shopping Bags

♥ **St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach**

Bar Soap, Boxed Scalloped Potatoes/Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Tuna, Dish Detergent, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Peanut Butter and/or Jelly, Cereal, Baked Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, Rice and Noodle Side Dishes

♥ **West Side Catholic Center**

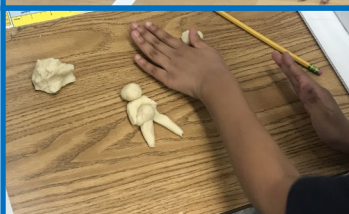
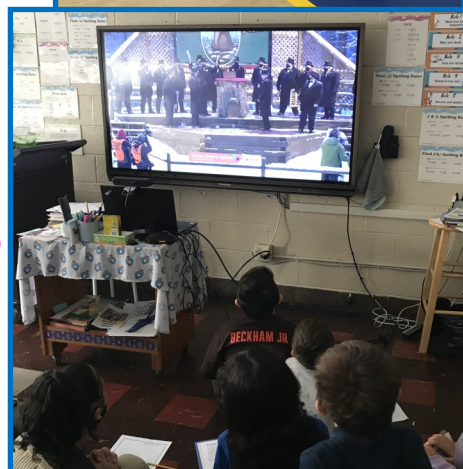
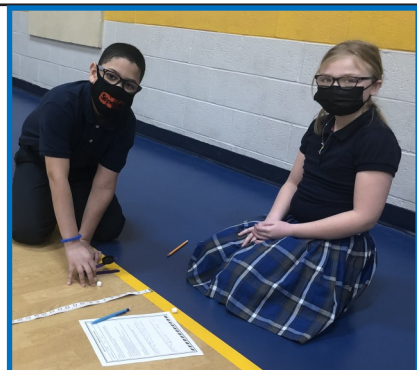
Deodorant, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes, Cereal, Ground Coffee, Pots/Pans, New Children's Shoes, New Socks and Underwear—Men, Women, Children

If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216/351-6247.

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

celebration has come to a close. Thank you to our students, teachers and staff for all you did to make the week special. We were grateful to have the opportunity to spend some time with our virtual learners as they shared their crazy hats, special team jerseys, played All School Bingo and watched a movie via Zoom with the rest of the school.

A special thank you to our **Parent Group - PTC**, for providing coffee, juice and Jack Frost Donuts for our faculty! PTC also provided gifts for an hourly lottery raffle for the teachers. While the teachers were grateful for their gifts, the students enjoyed cheering for their teachers. The teachers were also treated to a box lunch from Panera Bread by the school. Thank you to all who made Catholic Schools Week Great!



Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year is Now Open! Preschool, Kindergarten & Grades 1-8

Also open is the application period for the Cleveland, Edchoice and Jon Peterson Scholarships!

Go to www.leothegreatschool.org

to see all information you need to get started for the next school year! Call Preschool @ 216-661-5330 or the Main School @ 216-661-2120

The students had a busy week! They enjoyed Crazy Hat Day - Favorite Team Day, All School Bingo, and had Popcorn and a Movie! Along with these fun activities students were busy learning in other areas! 4th Grade was discovering the difference between potential energy & kinetic energy, they made catapults out of popsicle sticks and rubber bands. Their objective was to catapult a mini marshmallow the farthest distance using inches as the standard unit of measure. 2nd Graders watched Punxsutawney Phil to see if he saw his shadow! (he did - six more weeks of winter). Preschoolers enjoyed their Catholic Schools Week T-Shirts! 3rd Grade enjoyed writing their spelling words in the snow (really shaving cream).

Others made Valentine boxes and drew Polar Bears! Even with all the stress of COVID and



St. Leo Fish Dinners

TAKE OUT ONLY

Fridays - February 19th to March 26th
Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$8.00 choice of:

Baked Tilapia Almondine
Baked Seasoned Cod
Battered Fried Fish
Breaded Shrimp
Pierogies

Includes:

Choice of baked potato or fries,
coleslaw or applesauce,
roll and butter

\$10.00 Combo Meal-add 3 pierogies

Weekly Specials - Fish Tacos, Seafood Empanadas, Salmon Patty Dinner

Fish Sandwich - \$6.00

fried fish with cheese on
a hoagie roll served with
fries and coleslaw

Kids Meal - \$4.00

choice of: fried fish/pizza/
mac & cheese/pierogi
with fries and drink
(age 10 & under please)

A la carte menu

Baked potato	\$2.00	French fries	\$2.00
Cheese pizza	\$2.00	Pierogies (3)	\$3.50
Mac & cheese	\$2.50	Cabbage & noodles	\$3.00
Side of fish	\$5.00	Soup of the day	\$2.00
(2 fried or 1 baked)		Dessert Available	

St. Leo the Great Church - Lux Hall
4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland

FISH DINNERS

Due to the pandemic, Fish Dinners will be **TAKE OUT ONLY** this year. Masks must be worn, and social distancing will be observed. Dinners will be available from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) February 19th through March 26th.



HAPPY
Valentine's Day

