



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2020

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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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"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.'" —Mt 5:33-34a, 37

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

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

One of the greatest and most necessary gifts God gives us is free will. We always have the ability to choose. Life or death and good or evil are two of the core decisions every human being must make. We can choose to love and choose whether to pursue a relationship with God. True salvation comes when we make the choices that keep us focused on God and God's commandments. How we view others reveals what choices we have made. People are not property, and they are not dispensable. We cannot exchange them at will or use them for our own self-serving ends. For this reason, God holds high the commitment of marriage and the integrity of all of our relationships. This is the basis of God's teaching on forgiveness and reconciliation, and the reason adultery is prohibited.

AN EVENING OF CONFESSION



Wednesday, March 11, 2020 our parish and all of the parishes in the Diocese will offer "An Evening of Confession" from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm. Parishioners are asked to evangelize by inviting family or friends who are away from the Church to join in this special Lenten practice. Priests at all parishes will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. More information is available at welcometocatholics.com.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES



Please return your baby bottles to the church **THIS WEEKEND, February 15th/16th**. (If you prefer, checks should be made payable to *Womankind*.) The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and support services to pregnant women in need. For more information about Womankind, check out their website at www.womankindcleveland.com. If you have forgotten your bottles, please bring them next weekend, or drop them off at the Rectory Office. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Bringing America Back to Life *Convention*

2020 Bringing America Back to Life Convention will be held on March 6th & 7th at the Embassy Suites, Independence, Ohio. The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier diocesan-wide pro-life event: two jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, to view the impressive lineup of speakers, and to register, visit www.bringamericabacktolife.org or call 440-281-1502.

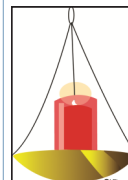


SAVE THE DATE—TRAPPER JACK



Trapper Jack is returning once again this Lent. Join us on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00pm in the church to hear what Trapper has to say about *Mary the Messenger!* The presentation will be approximately 50 minutes long and will be open for Questions and Answers afterwards.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



February 16th to February 29th

**In Loving Memory of
Rodolfo T. Dejele**

Cora Dejele

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



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

*Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!
(Ps 119)*



WE WELCOME

LIAM JOSEPH HUNTER
as he is baptized this weekend.

*May the blessings you received from
God guide you throughout your life!*



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

DANIEL LEE SEVIC

February 10, 2020—\$100.00 winner

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or at the Rectory Office.

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

Joshua Cochrac
St. Mary of the Falls,
Olmsted Falls
V Theology, Saint Mary



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

Parish Support

The financial figures for Sunday, February 9th were not available at the time of printing. They will be included in next week's bulletin.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



Monday, February 17th - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:30am Anniversary, Rose & Stan Pelley (Rose Pelley)

Tuesday, February 18th - Weekday

7:30am +Richard Brikowski (Rick Brikowski)

Wednesday, February 19th - Weekday

7:30am +Rudy Dejelo (Cora Dejelo)

Thursday, February 20th - Weekday

7:30am Communion Service

Friday, February 21st - St. Peter Damian

8:30am +Carol Sladewski (Lou)

Saturday, February 22nd- The Chair of St. Peter

4:00pm Confirmation

Sunday, February 23rd - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Sophie Regal (Family)

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

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 urges his students to make the right choices in life.

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul continues to address the Corinthian community, who criticized him because, according to Greek standards, he lacked wisdom. To the Greeks, wisdom meant a certain patterns of logical reasoning that followed fixed forms. In this reading, Paul speaks of a wisdom that is far greater than this.

Readings for the week of February 16, 2020

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

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: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

DONUT SUNDAY



Please join us for donuts and coffee next Sunday, February 23rd after the 8:00am and 11:00am Masses.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

I failed to mention in last week's bulletin that Deacon Pat would be leading the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal in my absence (as he did last year when I was recuperating from surgery). And I have come to expect that you responded very generously to our appeal for this worthy cause. With so many institutions asking for our financial help, it can be overwhelming trying to choose which causes we wish to support as so many people in many different circumstances are in need. While I believe strongly in the various specific charities we have even here in our own parish of St. Leo's, such as buying gifts for children at Christmastime or contributing to the baby bottle campaign which we introduced just a few weeks ago, what I like about Catholic Charities is its broad outreach to so many different people and needs, but within our own Diocese of Cleveland here in Northeast Ohio. I never hesitate to commit myself to this local charitable organization and again thank you for considering participating in it according to your means, if you are able. If you did not have the opportunity to be a part of the appeal last weekend, you can fill out an envelope which we will have available in the church as well as in our rectory office.

We offer our sympathy to Diane Buccier, a longtime teacher in our parish school, on the sudden illness and death of her mother, Genevieve Plona, who was 90 years old. Many of our teachers and school staff were there to offer their prayerful support to Diane and we commend her mother Gene to God's gracious love and mercy.

We also extend our condolences to Brenda Basalla, our Business Manager, and to her mother, Betty Clancy, who works in our rectory office, on the sudden death of their father and husband, respectively. Though Larry Clancy had been in declining health, his sudden death brings great sadness to his family and to their many friends. I had visited with Larry at his home as he and Betty would enjoy watching Michaela for me on my day off and during some vacations. Michaela loved to sit on Larry's lap and he enjoyed her company as well. Larry was a man I was happy to know and he will be remembered fondly. Fr. Russ Lowe, a relative, celebrated the funeral Mass at Our Lady of Angels and I was present to concelebrate. May God's peace be with Betty and Brenda as I thank God for their presence on our parish staff.

Congratulations to Kyle and Sara Hunter on the baptism of their son Liam this Sunday. We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony for Liam's godparents, Joseph & Samantha Fondriest. May God's grace be with each of them as they enter ever deeper into a relationship with the one who has always loved us.

The parish office will be closed on Monday in honor of Presidents Day, a civil holiday. And please pray for Archbishop-Elect Nelson Perez as he is installed as the new Archbishop of Philadelphia this Tuesday, February 18th. While I am very sad to lose him as the shepherd of our Diocese, I trust that God's plan will be for the good of all. As of Tuesday, we will not be praying for our local bishop during the Eucharistic Prayer until a new one has been named by Pope Francis, which is likely several weeks or months away.

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO THE GREAT

Monday, February 17th—PRESIDENT'S DAY SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm Torres Open Gym	Lux

Tuesday, February 18th

8:30am SVDP Packing/Receiving	Church
5:00pm SVDP Packing/Receiving	Church
7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
7:00pm AA Group	Basement

Wednesday, February 19th

3:00pm 3rd Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
4:30pm 5th Gr. Girls BB Practice	Lux
6:00pm Mass for Rudy Dejelo	Church
6:30pm Choir Practice	Church
6:30pm High School Boys BB Practice	Lux

Thursday, February 20th

1:00pm Women's Knitting Group	Conference
4:30pm 3rd Gr. Girls BB Practice	Lux
5:30pm 6th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux
6:30pm Confirmation Practice	Church
7:00pm 7th Gr. Boys BB Practice	Lux

Friday, February 21st—NO PRESCHOOL

3:00pm 3rd Gr Boys BB Practice	Lux
4:30pm 5th Gr Girls BB Practice	Lux
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement

Saturday, February 22nd

2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement
4:00pm Confirmation	Church
5:00pm Confirmation Reception	School

Sunday, February 23rd

1:00pm Bitty Basketball	Lux
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Join us for the fish dinners this year. Every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday), fish dinners will be served in Lux Hall between 4:30 and 7:00pm. Take out will be available as well. Look for the menu and special features in the next few weeks. If anyone is interested in volunteering—setting up, preparing the food, serving the food, washing dishes, cleaning up—please call the rectory or send an email to nzola@leothegreat.org. If you can spare some time one or more of those Fridays, it would be appreciated. Thank you!

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed this **Monday, February 17th**, in observance of President's Day .



CONGRATULATIONS to the 16 students from our parish who will be confirmed by Abbot Gary Hoover, O.S.B. on Saturday, February 22nd. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they take this step along their journey in faith.

Confirmandi
February 22, 2020

- Jamie Ayala*
Savannah Bagdon
Frederick Borkey
Madison Dopson
James Gallo
Santina Giammarco
Emily Graves
Heather Kaviak
Danielle Mach
Joseph Meisterics
Madison Messer
Alexander Norris
Emmarose Plicka
Molly Tomas
Nikolas Torres
Steven Vlasaty

The Confirmation class extends a sincere **THANK YOU** to Abbot Hoover, Fr. Schmitz, Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan, Mrs. Burns, their parents, sponsors, teachers, school and parish staff, musicians, and the reception team for helping them in their Confirmation journey. A special thank you to the “Spirit Team,” Mrs. Weingard, Mrs. Deranek and Ms. Dodson, for their leadership and dedication.



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 money and your prayers through the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization. Your donations help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization. Your donations help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization meet their needs. Thank you.

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.

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.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



The Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support our 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 your everyday purchases, gifts, or as a simple thank you. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

WERE YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN MARRIED AT ST. LEO?



If you or your children were married at St. Leo's, you could become part of history. These were important events in your life and they were important events in the life of St. Leo the Great Parish, and the St. Leo archives would like to use any photos of the marriage ceremony for display in the church vestibule. Any photos used will be scanned and copied, and the originals returned to the owner. We will consider any and all photos no matter how old (or new). If you are interested in lending your wedding photos, please contact John Sabol at 216-351-6247. And if you're not familiar with the archives display in the church, you're welcome to learn about St. Leo's history by stopping in the vestibule after Mass.

Principal's Message

The Catholic Conference of Ohio, the second-oldest state bishops' conference in the country, issued a statement this week calling for state legislators to resume negotiations to finalize the EdChoice Scholarship Program for the 2020/2021 school year. The current delay means more than 30,000 students statewide already participating in the scholarship program are unable to apply for renewal at a time when critical decisions on school enrollment, teachers' contracts and budgets must be made. Every day the program's future remains in limbo makes the situation more difficult for everyone.

Parents need to decide where to enroll their children in school. Schools need to make decisions about teachers' contracts and budgets. Every day that goes by makes the situation more difficult for everyone.

We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children. They have the right to choose the education that best meets their children's needs, and public authorities have a duty to ensure the conditions that make this choice real.

Catholic schools have long provided a vibrant, values-based education focused on forming the whole person. Ohio has long benefited by the education young people receive in Catholic schools.

Please contact our elected officials and voice your support for school choice which empowers parents, saves taxpayers dollars, and strengthens all educational offerings, public and private:

Please contact::

Sherrod Brown - 202-224-2315 / <https://twitter.com/@SenSherrodBrown>

Rob Portman - 202-224-3353 / <https://twitter.com/@SenRobPortman>

Marcy Kaptur - 202-225-4146 / <https://twitter.com/@repMarcyKaptur>



The Cleveland Scholarship Program and EdChoice Expansion Scholarship Application Period IS NOW OPEN!!

This program provides new educational choices for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The program gives students the opportunity to attend private schools in Cleveland. The State will provide reimbursement for tuition to help pay the cost of attending these schools. Even if your child already attends one of these schools, you may be eligible to apply for the program.

This is a valuable program that can aid parents in providing their children with quality education at no or very little tuition costs to them. All Information about scholarships available and the application process is available in the school office.

If you live in Cleveland, you really need to get information on this valuable program. Do you live in Parma, or other surrounding areas? There are other Scholarship opportunities that you may qualify for. Don't Wait—call the **School Office at (216) 661-2120** for more information.



This familiar logo can only mean one thing

MALLEY'S CANDY!

It's that time again for the **St. Leo PTC Annual Malley's Easter Candy Sale!** The sale starts now and continues to March 25th.

You can find order forms in the Rectory or School Office. Your continued support for St. Leo School is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS...
to those who made
the Honor Roll from



HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL

**Audrianna Sadosky
Victoria Troche**

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

**Sean P. Audley
Joshua T. Thomas**

**The Annual Catholic
Men's Conference
Answer the Call: **March 21, 2020****

**JESUS CHRIST OUR
TEACHER AND FRIEND**

Bishop Nelson Perez
Speaking at 3:00pm
Celebrating Mass at 4:00pm

Register online: www.cmfeo.com

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.

ROARING 20'S

**ST. LEO THE GREAT ATHLETICS
WOMEN'S REVERSE RAFFLE
Saturday, April 25, 2020**

****GRAND PRIZE \$3,000.00****

- ◇ Doors Open at 5:30pm
- ◇ Dinner at 6:30pm
- ◇ Dinner-Open Bar-Sideboards and More!
- ◇ \$50.00 ticket *21 and Over*
- ◇

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE
AT THE RECTORY**

*****Tickets purchased by MARCH 1st will be
entered into an EARLY BIRD DRAWING*****

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Growing through trials
and sufferings—Join us February 18th at 6:30pm as we
learn to deepen our spiritual lives in the midst of life's
sufferings in a talk given by Fr. Jacques Philippe.

ST. CHARLES BORROME0—Ladies Guild Day of
Recollection, Monday, February 17th with guest
speaker, Fr. Lou Thomas. The day will start at 9:00am
and conclude after Benediction at 2:30pm. His topic is
“Everything you always wanted to know about the
Catholic church and more!!” For more information call
Pam Bennett at 440-773-3291.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Our 14th Annual Mardi Gras
will be held on Saturday, February 22nd from 5:30pm to
Midnight. Only \$10 tickets for admission after 8pm are
available.



