



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019

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Retired

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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**

"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." We do not like hearing these words, but they are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. When we are hurt, we want to get defensive and fight back. We prefer engaging in battle with something that is negative and evil rather than returning a heart of love. It is easy to love those who will love us back and much harder to love those who may not. But there is no credit to be found in simply surrounding ourselves with friends. Jesus wants to push us out of our comfort zones. We still find ourselves judging others and condemning them when the order of the Gospel is forgiveness and mercy. Why are we so unwilling to let go of the control? Perhaps the answer is found in a failure to love and an absence of faith.



Dear Parishioners:

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. O'Malley on his recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.



Saturday, March 2, 2019

Bishop Nelson Perez will confirm 17 students from our parish at the 4:00pm Mass next Saturday, March 2nd. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they take this step along their journey in faith.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, March 1st



Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and ends at 5:00 p.m. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere. It will bring you peace.



The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning;
we need them again at its close;

We feel their warm clasp of true friendship;
we seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them,
and the hands of a king on his throne
are not equal to them in their greatness;
their dignity stands all alone.

And when we are tempted and wander to
pathways of shame and of sin,
It's the hand of a priest that will absolve us—
not once, but again and again.

Other hands may prepare a feast, but
the hand that will bless and unite us
is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy for
the Host which their fingers caress;

When can a poor sinner do better than to
ask Him to guide thee and bless?

When the hour of death comes upon us,
may our courage and strength be increased,
By seeing raised over us in blessing the
beautiful hands of a priest!

-Author unknown

From an old prayer card

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, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Charles Hakaim, Walter Milewski, August Bublav, Carol Rucinski, Cara Prokop, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, William Rebello, Cecilia Doris, Lori Stossell, Louise Horvath, Caitlin Soucek-Kacher, Elaine Houseknecht, Diane Kalus, Gloria Karich, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Eugene Parks, Dianne Toronski, Barb Miliam, Virginia Rescina and John Pahn.



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

Joseph Zuchowski

February 18, 2019—\$100.00 Winner

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

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

Cameron Ferrell
SS. Peter & Paul, Doylestown
Sophomore, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Sunday, February 17th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 5,845.50
WeShare(online).....	\$ 945.00
Total.....	\$ 6,790.50

Thank you for your continued support!



Monday, February 25th: Weekday

7:30am +Margaret Neff (Her Children)

Tuesday, February 26th: Weekday

7:30am +Ann Szpansky (Joseph & Ann Marie Meyer)

Wednesday, February 27th: Weekday

7:30am +John Pauloski (Andrea Orwig)

Thursday, February 28th: Weekday

7:30am Intention to be announced

Friday, March 1st: Weekday—World Day of Prayer

8:30am +Adeline Krakora (Joe & Joan Krakora)

Saturday, March 2nd: Weekday

4:00pm CONFIRMATION

Sunday, March 3rd: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Ann Hackstock (Mary Piechowski)

11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 2-23

In this reading we hear of Saul and David. Saul became the first king of Israel, about 1,000 years before Christ. David, best known for slaying Goliath, was also a talented musician and became one of the favorites at Saul's court. Eventually the king grew jealous of the popular David, who had to flee for his life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul's converts at Corinth had a lot of questions about life after death, and on the last two Sundays we've heard Paul addressing these. Today he uses a parallel. Just as we receive our human life from our ancestors—ultimately Adam—so we receive risen life from Jesus, who could be called the "new Adam".

Readings for the week of February 24, 2019

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 / Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 /Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 /1 Cor 15:54 -58/Lk 6:39-45

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES



If you forgot to bring in your baby bottles last weekend, please drop them off at the Rectory Office this week. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners,

With my gratitude to Deacon Pat & Joan for writing last weekend's column for me, I am happy to say that I made it through surgery and am on the way to recovery. Though I have not spoken to the surgeon yet, he told my sister after the 2 ½ hour procedure that everyone went as planned and that he did not see any other signs of cancer. My follow-up appointment with him will be on Tuesday, March 5th, when he will give me the results of the pathology reports. I remain so very grateful for all your prayers, cards and words of support. I can assure you that they brought me comfort and encouragement as I faced all the unknowns of this medical situation. I was in the hospital for two days following the surgery and was off my feet for almost a week. While I'm able to walk now, I do so slowly and carefully as I'm still trying to regain my strength and let the soreness heal. One of the most difficult parts of my recovery was trying to keep Abby (the cat) from leaping onto my lap or chest where she likes to curl up & sleep. As I hold my hands out to protect myself from her potential pounce, she stares at me as if to say, "What's up with you?" A card I received from her (you didn't know that cats can send cards?) put it pretty honestly. It said "Welcome back...but you're in my chair." I also had to be careful with Michaela as she too loves to take that leap of faith into my lap after she (or I) have been away for a while. But we're all together again & taking it one day at a time.

I'm grateful that Fr. O'Grady was willing to double up on his weekend help and that you were able to meet Fr. Klein whom I spent a year & a half with when we were both assigned to St. Bernadette in Westlake. He's enjoying retirement now and promising me that it's worth the wait (though a very long wait yet for me). I'm also thankful that Deacon Pat has been generous in assisting these visiting priests and know that he lead you through the Catholic Charities Annual Pledge last weekend. Every year we have always been able to meet the pledge goal that the Diocese gives to us (based upon our parishioner count) because you have recognized the many needs in our own Diocese that call out for our compassion and generosity. I will join you in committing to this worthy cause and thank you for your response.

I look forward to seeing you next weekend as I expect to return to work. I want to be able to welcome Bishop Perez back to our parish (he was last here on September 1st as we celebrated the 70th Anniversary of our Parish). The Bishop will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 8th grade students at next Saturday's 4pm Mass (March 2nd). I am looking forward to celebrating this special occasion with our young people and in their name welcome Bishop Perez as he confers on them the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

Monday, February 25th

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 "Spirit Night"	Great Room
6:45pm PRS	School
7:00pm Confirmation Confessions	Church
7:00pm 4th Gr. Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux

Tuesday, February 26th

4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
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Wednesday, February 27th

11:00am Seniors Meeting	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, February 28th

1:00pm Ladies Knitting Group	Conference
4:15pm 5th/8th Grade Boys B-Ball Practice	Lux
6:30pm Confirmation Practice	School & Church
7:00pm Knights of Columbus	Basement

Friday, March 1st

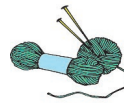
9:00am to 5:00pm Eucharist Adoration	Church
6:00pm 2019 Winter Sports Banquet	Lux
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement

Saturday, March 2nd

2:45 to 3:30 pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement
3:15pm Confirmandi meet with Bishop	School

Sunday, March 3rd

GOOD YARN NEEDED



Do you know someone who is looking for a place to drop off extra yarn that is no longer needed? Our Thursday Afternoon Ladies Knitting Group is always looking for yarn for making articles for the needy. Just drop it off at the Rectory Office at your convenience. Your generosity is always appreciated.

SENIORS

Plan on joining us this Wednesday, February 27th at 11:00am in the Parish Community Center. It's game day! Come and enjoy!

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!



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ST. LEO THE GREAT ATHLETICS WOMEN'S REVERSE RAFFLE Saturday, April 27, 2019 CHINESE NEW YEAR

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

- ◇ Doors Open 5:30 PM
- ◇ Dinner at 6:30 PM
- ◇ 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***

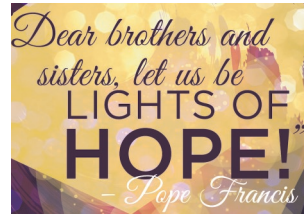
PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

**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. VINCENT DE PAUL



When the weather turns bad, people who are out of work or sick seem to drop out of sight and sometimes out of mind. Hopelessness is a chronic problem of the needy. Let others know that YOU care by helping your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization bring light and hope into lives that seem so dark with a donation to the Poor Boxes located at the entrances of the church. It will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS...

to **Joshua M. Graves**

who made the Honor Roll at
ST EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL



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.



St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent
March 8th - April 12th
Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$8.00

Baked Tilapia Almondine Dinner
Baked Seasoned Cod Dinner
Battered Fried Fish Dinner
Breaded Shrimp Dinner
Pierogi Dinner

Combo Meal - \$10.00

1 baked or 2 fried fish
with 3 pierogies
Special! Empanadas
Special! Salmon Patty Dinners
Special! Fish Taco Platters

Dinners and Combo Meal include choice of baked potato
or fries, coleslaw or applesauce, roll & butter

Fish Sandwich - \$6.00

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

Kids Meal - \$4.00

choice of: 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 & Beverages Available	

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

St. Leo Fish Dinners Present:

Lobster Dinner - Friday, March 15th, Only
Lobster Tail - Baked Potato or Fries -
Coleslaw or Apple Sauce - Roll with Butter
Advance Ticket Sale Only - \$17.00

Additional Lobster Tail
with purchase of Lobster Dinner - \$10.00

Advance Ticket Sales Only
Rectory Office
Tickets Available Until
Monday, March 11th

Regular Fish Dinner
Selections Available

St. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition



Sweetheart Dance



PTC Sweetheart Dance


The young ladies of St. Leo's danced the night away with their special sweetheart!

They enjoyed an evening together with music, food and friends.


They dressed their best and captured the special occasion with a special photo.

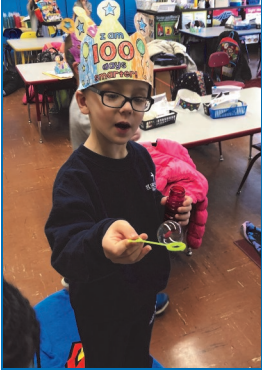
This event has always been a very special and well attended night at St. Leo's.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped to put on such a memorable night.



Kindergarten celebrates 100 Days of School!






St. Leo the Great PTC is hosting Community Garage Sale!

St. Leo School Gym
March 10, 2019

Interested in Selling your past treasures? Ready to clear out your attics and garages? Buy a spot from PTC for \$20 and keep all your profits!

More Information can be found in the Rectory or School Office or contact Heather Osborne at laurensmom113@yahoo.com

Vendors are Welcome!





The Time is NOW!

Open Enrollment is NOW!

Taking applications for New Students!

Preschool - 3 & 4 year olds
Full Time or Part Time Days!
Preschool accepts the County Voucher

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Full Day Kindergarten Thru Grade 8
Accept Cleveland & EdChoice Scholarships

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

This program provides new educational choices for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Bringing
America
Back to Life
Pro-Life Convention

March 8th and 9th, 2019
Embassy Suites
5800 Rockside Woods Boulevard
Independence, Ohio

Register on-line at:

www.BringingAmericaBackToLife.org/registration/



ST. MALACHI WALK/RUN

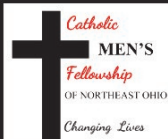
Come out and join us Saturday, March 16th, 2019 for the 39th anniversary of this Cleveland running tradition! The St. Malachi Church 5 Mile & 2 Mile Run/Walk will begin and end near the St. Malachi Church. Prior to the run, Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am in the church. We're looking forward to a festive morning filled with miles, entertainment, shamrocks, and an ALL NEW post-race celebration - just don't forget to wear your green!

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Mardi Gras Celebration is being held on Saturday, March 2nd, 7:00pm to 11:00pm. Tickets only \$20—call 216-749-2323. Join us for food, drink, fun, dancing, raffles and beads!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Join us Wednesday, March 27th (7-9pm) to learn what NOT to do, and what you CAN do to draw your loved one back to the Church. Call the Parish Office at 440-884-3030 to register.

ST. THOMAS MORE-TETÉLESTAI “It is finished” will be presented by the Cleveland Performing Arts ministries here on March 22nd/23rd at 8:00pm and March 24th at 2:00pm. Free Admission-Donations Accepted.



Catholic Men's Fellowship
of Northeast Ohio

For where two or three are gathered together in My name,
there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

“ANSWER THE CALL”

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

MARCH 23, 2019

MEN! On Saturday, March 23rd, the Catholic Men's Fellowship of NEO is holding its 19th annual “Answer the Call” conference at the centrally located Holiday Inn in Independence. Key speakers include Bishop Nelson Perez; Jon Leonetti, an internationally known Catholic speaker, author and radio host; and Pete Burak of Renewal Ministries, who seeks to form adults into international disciples of Jesus Christ.

BUS TRIP

COLUMBUS—HOLLYWOOD CASINO

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH-Cost: \$32.00 per person

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



AMERICA'S HOMETOWN-WILLOUGHBY, OH

Thursday, April 25, 2019 – Cost \$85.00 per person

Report: 8:00am—Depart 8:30am

Return: approx. 5:30pm

A step-on-guide will share with us history, culture & secrets of Little Town America. Lunch at Willoughby Brewing Company, Dessert at Baby Cakes Cupcake Shop, shopping time on little main street and end with a stop at the Irish Pub.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505
for more information or to book your trip.