



**ST. LEO THE GREAT**  
PARISH & SCHOOL

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 2021

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Pastor  
**Father James J. Vesely**  
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### RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

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### SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM  
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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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useful information on your mobile device.

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“THIS IS MY BELOVED  
SON. LISTEN TO HIM.”

- MK 9:7

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**RALPH W. RATH, JR.**

age 76. Beloved husband of M. Christine aka “Chris” (nee Grayshaw). Beloved father of Jeremy. Dear brother of Judy Aukerman (Leo Sr.) and Beverly. Dear brother-in-law of Patricia aka “Pat” Long (M.J.), Gary Grayshaw (Kathy Gross), Sharon Daschner (Ray) and Darla Talley (John). Beloved uncle and great-uncle. Retired from the City of Cleveland after over 30 years of service. The Visitation and Service were held on Thursday, February 18th at Zabor Funeral Home. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Holy Family Hospice, 6707 State Rd., Parma, OH 44134 or Birthright of Parma, 5851 Pearl Rd., #202, Parma Hts., OH 44130.

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**



How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God’s voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God’s call. We become attuned to the echo of God’s voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God’s presence. God’s call came through a cloud, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him,” This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?



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/bedford heights](http://www.40daysforlife.com/bedford%20heights).



## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

### 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, & Arlene Gerda.



### GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

KENNETH LEES

February 22, 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](http://leothegreat.org) or at the Rectory Office.

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

**BENJAMIN JACKSON**  
St. Mary, Hudson  
Third Year, Borromeo



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

## Parish Support

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

Collection .....	\$ 6,055.00
WeShare(online) .....	\$ 1,490.00
Total .....	\$ 7,545.00

Capital Improvement (January, 2021) .....	\$ 4,490.00
SVDP (January, 2021) .....	\$ 435.00

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



### Monday, March 1st - Lenten Weekday

8:30am +Jaholnycky Family (Family)

### Tuesday, March 2nd - Lenten Weekday

8:30am +John Davis (Family)

### Wednesday, March 3rd - St. Katharine Drexel

8:30am +Giovanni Rolando (Family)

### Thursday, March 4th - St. Casimir

8:30am Communion Service

### Friday, March 5th - World Day of Prayer

8:30am +Mrs. Mildred Handlovic & David Handlovic (Family)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 6th - Lenten Weekday

4:00pm +Joe Morimino (Larson Family)

### Sunday, March 7th - Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am Arielle Calvillo, and Dave Pike (Family)

11:00am People of the Parish

### First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Events in today's reading took place approximately 1800 years before Christ. In that pagan culture, child sacrifice was common. That's why Abraham believed God wanted him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Later generations constantly looked back to this event as an example of Abraham's great faith.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Today's reading is part of a hymn that celebrates God's love and which concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. In our first reading, we heard how God spared Abraham's only son; in this passage we will hear how, out of love for us, God did *not* spare *his* only son.

### Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 /Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

## SECOND WEEK OF LENT

*I will walk before the Lord,  
in the land of the living. (Ps 116)*

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

Again I want to thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness in making your contributions to the parish during the last 12 months of the pandemic. Though our collection income has been down as a result of the decreased attendance at Mass, we are doing relatively well compared to other parishes who have suffered much worse financially. Of course there is fear that the Catholic Charities Appeal will suffer as well this year as it did last year due to the pandemic, so again I thank you for doing what you can to alleviate that according to your financial abilities at this time. Again since I didn't have time to go over the Appeal instructions for Catholic Charities at the 4pm Mass last weekend, I will do that this weekend. There are many ways that you can make a pledge or donation so please see our website ([leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org)) or call the rectory office if you need help with this.

Our take-out only Lenten fish fry has gone very well so far, and many people are taking advantage of the option to pay by credit card, so we hope you can continue to enjoy our good food & reasonable prices this year. The menu along with prices are on our website.

Each day during Lent, Bishop Edward Malesic writes a Scripture reflection for the faithful of the Diocese. If you go to the diocesan website ([dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org)), there are links where you can follow the bishop on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. There is also a page there which speaks briefly about Lent in the Modern World, as well as other Lenten resources. We will put links to these on our parish website as well.

Also on our website is information regarding our annual parish "Have a Heart, Lend a Hand" program which is another important opportunity to fulfill the Lenten discipline of almsgiving, especially in helping children in our own Cleveland area. You have always been exceptionally generous with this effort and once again we appreciate your thoughtfulness in helping our young ones.

Since I'm writing so much about our website and the vast amount of information available to you there, I'll also announce that we have a new website dedicated to our parish school here at St. Leo's, and that can be accessed by clicking the "School" link at the top of the homepage. It is there where parents of our school children as well as prospective parents can find much useful information about our parish school. You can schedule a tour, make payments, get information about our athletic programs, see pictures of and contact school staff, sign up for information through Flocknote, access the parent portal and more. This website also includes much information about our Preschool as well. At nearly 300 students in our day school alone, we are thriving in the academic and spiritual formation of our young people. I am very grateful to all the staff members who make this possible under the leadership of our Principal, Mrs. Burns.

I was able to get my first COVID vaccine shot with the next one scheduled at the same time in 3 weeks (you get another really short homily!). While I'm grateful that such a vaccine is available, I continue to be mindful of those in our world who will still wait a long time before getting it, and especially mindful of those who have already died from COVID...a half million in the US alone. Mary, Help of the Sick, pray for us.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



It's not what we GIVE but what we SHARE that gives us life. A "gift" enriches the receiver, but something shared enriches everyone. Share what you have during this Lenten Season with your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization. Place your donation in the Poor Boxes or in an envelope marked "SVDP" and drop it in the collection box. You will be the richer for it.

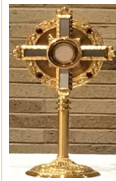
### EASTER DISTRIBUTION...



This year the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will be giving our clients a gift card to purchase their Easter ham and additional items to help make their Easter dinner more complete. Please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVDP EASTER" and drop it in the collection box or take it to the Rectory Office. We thank you very much for helping us make their Easter dinner more complete. Thank you!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

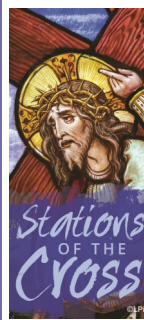
**Friday, March 5th**



Please come for a little while this Friday, March 5th, and visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

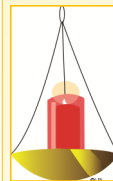
This devotion is held on the First Friday of the month at St. Leo's, from 9:00am until 5:00pm in the chapel area of the church.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join us for Stations of the Cross every **Friday during Lent at 7:00pm either in Church or at home. They will be live-streamed every week.** Please go to our website: [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org) and click on the link. Fr. Jim or Deacon Pat will be leading them this year. They will include some music as we want more people to take advantage of this wonderful prayer opportunity which helps us to unite our sufferings to those of Christ. Please consider experiencing this unique prayer that has such a long tradition in our church.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



February 28th to March 13th

**"IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL GENERATIONS OF MY BEAUTIFUL FAMILY."**

Rose Pelley



## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



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. Please purchase the items you wish and bring them to the church or rectory by Wednesday March 24th.

Remember to label the bag or container with the organization's

name. Rectory Office hours: Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm; Saturday, Noon to 5:30pm and Sunday, 9:00am to 12:30pm.

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

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



## Knitting Group

A big **THANK YOU** to the St. Leo Ladies Knitting group for donating their time and wonderful talents in making hats, scarves, lap blankets and afghans. These items have been given to area organizations such as Zelig's Home, Malachi Center, Light of Hearts Villa and Catholic Charities Refugee families, all of whom are most grateful. May God bless you, ladies, for sharing your creative skills to help others.

## GIFT CARD PROGRAM



Buying our gift cards is an excellent way to help support our Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at our office or on our website at [leogreat.org](http://leogreat.org). Gift Cards can be used for your grocery needs, drugstore items, gasoline, or used as a simple thank you.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Tuesday, March 16th from 4pm-8pm. **Please note the day and time change for this drive only.** Red Cross staff are required to take temperatures at the door, remain masked and gloved during the blood drive (changing them often) and increased cleaning of the beds and equipment after every donation. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. All donors will have to be masked as well. If you don't have a face covering, one will be provided to you. Please register online at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). Walk ins will not be accepted. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

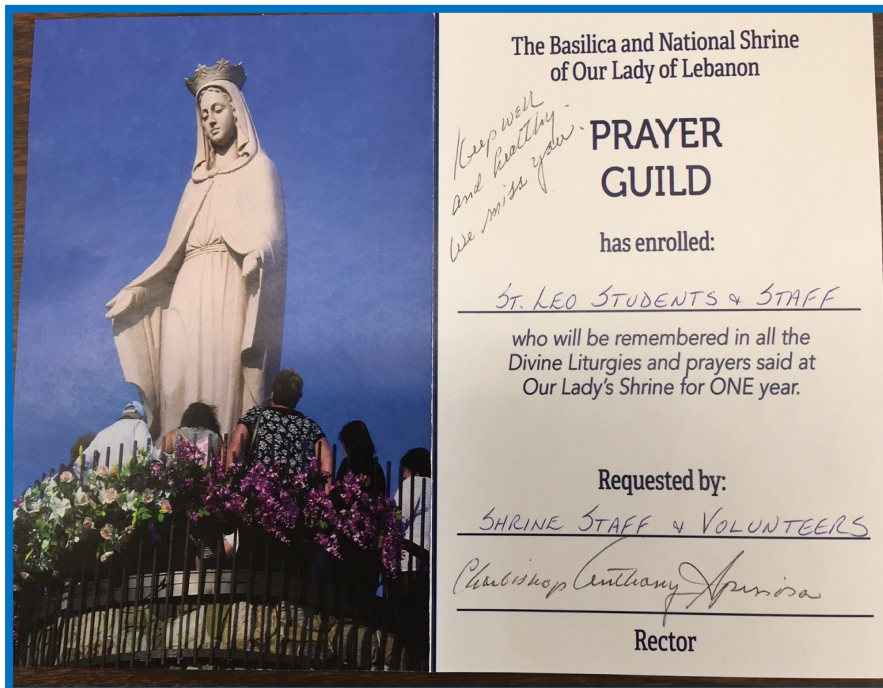
## BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE CONVENTION MARCH 12TH & 13TH

**Bringing America Back to Life**  
Pro-Life Convention

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 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 line-up of speakers, and to register, visit [www.bringingamericabacktolife.org](http://www.bringingamericabacktolife.org) or call (440) 281-1502. Join us as we Bring America Back to Life!



On February 13, 2021, we welcomed Bishop Martin Amos to St. Leo's as he celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 8th Grade Students. Congratulations and God Bless our Confirmandi.



Since 2004 the 8th Grade has stopped at the Shrine for Mass and breakfast on our trip to Pittsburgh. We missed the trip last year and will again this year because of COVID.

When Chorbishop Spinosa found out that our 8th Grade would be missing the trip again this year - the **Prayer Guild** added St. Leo's students and staff to their daily prayers for one year. This is such a **blessing and most appreciated** by everyone at St. Leo the Great!





# 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

## THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS—WEST For Adults 40 & over

Monday, March 8th



7:00pm VIA  
Zoom – Dan  
Guion, CORE  
Ministry at  
St. Joseph  
Academy in  
Cleveland

**Topic:** St. Patrick and St.  
Joseph: Their Connection to  
Christ, Church, and Culture

It is March in Cleveland, so  
what comes to mind? St.  
Patrick's Day, right? But,  
the Catholic Church calls us  
to examine the life of St.  
Joseph and his example.

Dan Guion, St. Joseph  
Academy CORE ministry  
team, will join us to take a  
look at both saints: their  
connection to Christ, the  
Church, and to our culture.  
Join us for a wonderful  
evening exploring the lives  
of these two saints. We will  
again have breakout discus-  
sion time. We hope you can  
join us! Limited to 90  
Computer Audience

**Register in advance**

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