



## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2021

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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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When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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*In Loving Memory of  
Ralph R. Mlady Sr.*

*Born: December 29, 1929*

*Entered into Rest: January 22, 2021*

*Mass of Christian Burial  
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
Wednesday – January 27, 2021 at 10 a.m.*

*Interment  
Holy Cross Cemetery  
Section: 40 Lot: 7824 Grave: 2*

**Finally Home**  
**Just think of stepping on shore...**  
**and finding it heaven!**  
**Of touching a hand...**  
**and finding it God's!**  
**Of breathing new air...**  
**and finding it celestial!**  
**Of waking up in glory...**  
**and finding it home**

**TOMON & SONS FUNERAL HOME**  
4772 Pearl Road ~ Cleveland, Ohio 44109  
216-741-6661

*In Loving Memory  
Harriet M Watson*

*April 30, 1929  
January 26, 2021*



*Funeral Mass, January 30, 11:00 AM  
St. Leo the Great Church  
Interment, All Saints  
Section 4 Lot 1552 Grave 1*

**After Glow**  
*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when the day is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun, of happy memories that I leave behind when the day is done.*

**ZABOR FUNERAL HOME**  
5680 Pearl Rd.  
Parma, Ohio 44129  
440-884-5035

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.

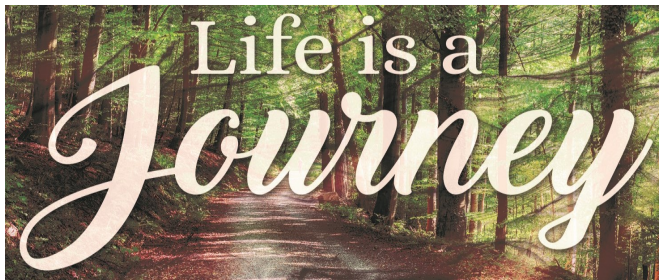


## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

### 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 & Joey Rolando.



### GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

BILL VONALT

February 1, 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.

**Noah Furin**  
St. Ladislav, Westlake  
Third Year, Borromeo



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



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th**

Collection .....	\$ 4,747.00
WeShare(online) .....	\$ 1,275.00
Total .....	\$ 6,022.00

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



**Monday, February 8th - SS. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita**

8:30am +Larry Clancy (Fr. James Schmitz)

**Tuesday, February 9th - Weekday**

8:30am +Lukesic Family (Kollar Family)

**Wednesday, February 10th - St. Scholastica**

8:30am +Bill Kordick (Family)

**Thursday, February 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes**

8:30am Communion Service

**Friday, February 12th - Weekday**

8:30am +May Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)

**Saturday, February 13th - Weekday**

4:00pm Confirmation

**Sunday, February 14th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am +Michael Ciereszewski (Mother)

11:00am People of the Parish



### First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

The Book of Job is a long parable which grapples with why bad things happen to good people. This question was especially crucial to people of that time because they didn't believe in life after death, and therefore one received reward or punishment in this life. Job has lost his children, his property and his health, and he lives at the city dump. In this passage, he gives an understandably pessimistic evaluation of life.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul's enemies frequently criticized him for the least little thing. At a time when most teachers received compensation from those they instructed, Paul was criticized because he refused financial support from the community. Because of this, they discredited him as not being a legitimate apostle. Today we hear his response.



### Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

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

*Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)*

Dear Parishioners,

Many were saddened to hear of the passing of Ralph Mlady, husband of Loretta for 58 years. They have 2 children, Ralph Jr. & Lisa, and 2 grandchildren, Jason & Zak. Ralph had been a very active member of our parish, and had served as an usher and as a member of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. He also belonged to the Holy Name Society where he was active in their social events and had organized the softball team. When younger, Ralph was a talented athlete and so later he coached football at Blessed Sacrament parish and at St. Leo the Great, where he also coached basketball. I anointed Ralph shortly before his death and as we prayed the last rites for him, we called upon the saints to intercede for him, esp. his favorite, St. Francis of Assisi. I always admired the way that Ralph was a gentle and humble man who was devoted to his family and to his God. May the Lord now reward him for a life of faith, love & service.

While I was away, Fr. Jack Carlin celebrated the funeral Mass for Harriet Watson who lived 91 years of faith. Though Harriet had been living elsewhere recently, I remember her well as another gentle and kind woman of our parish. She was the mother of 6 children, grandmother of 16 and great-grandmother of 17. We extend our sympathy to all of them and to her brother. May Harriet join with all of our departed parishioners in the praise of God in his heavenly kingdom.

I recently heard the confessions of our eighth grade students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday, February 13th, during the 4pm Saturday Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit sacramentally.

The pilgrimage to the Holy Land that we had planned for May of this year had to be postponed of course due to the pandemic. Now that everyone should be receiving the vaccine in the next few weeks, I have chosen a new date for 2022 along with Eddie Abufarha from Trinity Tour Travels whom many of you have met while looking at the olive wood pieces he sells for those living in Bethlehem where he was born. We have set aside May 16-25, 2022 for our trip to the Holy Land. Please mark that in your calendar if you were one of the people interested in going. By then the whole pandemic should be well behind us and we can include prayers of thanksgiving for that while in the place where Jesus lived. I will continue now to keep a list of all those interested so if you have not yet expressed your interest in joining us, please let me know so that I can keep you informed.

I continue to appreciate all that our Principal, Mrs. Burns, and our parish school teachers and staff have done during this year to meet the challenges of the pandemic. Along with the students, they have all made many sacrifices to get through this time with courage and faith. Our school enrollment is now at 291, an increase of almost 100 students from when I first came to St. Leo's, and the only credit I can take for that is hiring gifted and committed principals and teachers who have given their all to Catholic education and Christian formation at our parish. We should be proud and grateful to have a thriving school community

*Fr. James Schmitz*

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## FEBRUARY ROSARY



We will be praying the rosary in the church this **Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00pm.**

What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.

## 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. Please check future bulletins for a menu and additional information.



## 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To receive a copy of your 2020 contribution statement, please email your request to [mlhauck@leothegreat.org](mailto:mlhauck@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, e-mail or mail.

## ONLINE GIVING



Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website: [www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.



## RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

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



## CONFIRMATION

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the students from our parish who will be confirmed by Bishop Martin Amos on Saturday, February 13th. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they take this step along their journey in faith.

### *2021 Confirmation Class*

*Eli Antonios  
Christopher Aviles  
Anna Maria Costanzo  
Kamryn Ehrett  
Kirsten Friebe  
Austyn Frimel  
Kylie Gibbs  
Ishmael Huey  
Gianna Miller  
Grace Novak  
Joshua Novak  
Timothy Pickett  
Cara Riley  
Patience Sulecki  
Ariana Tullio  
Hayley Verhosek  
Maximilian Wheelock*

The pandemic has certainly tested our faith and endurance. While the interior of our Church for Confirmation will look very different than previous years with social distancing and the wearing of masks by everyone, we are touched by the commitment of our young teens who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! Our gratitude is extended to the Confirmation class, Bishop Amos, Fr. Jim, Deacon Pat and Joan Berigan, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Deranek, parents, sponsors, catechists, teachers, parish and school staff, the parishioners and the "Spirit Team," Mrs. Weingard and Ms. Dodson.

**Please note:** Due to the pandemic there will not be a Reception after the Mass.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food & staple collection to assist those in need is next weekend, February 13th & 14th. Items that we are most in need of are:

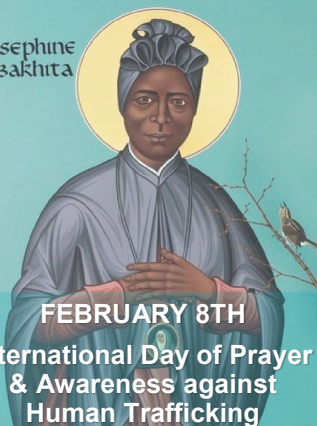
BAKED BEANS, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CANNED SOUP, TUNAFISH, CORN MUFFIN MIX, CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, PANCAKE SYRUP, BAR SOAP AND DISHWASHING SOAP. Because of you we are able to ensure others do not go without. Thank you very much for your donations.

### Love your **NEIGHBOR** Catholic Charities DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL



Love Your Neighbor. Many parishioners received letters in January, inviting their support of the Annual Appeal. Please pray for the good work of Catholic Charities and make a pledge today. Your donation makes a difference! Your support of the 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will help us serve those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable. From Matthew's Gospel: Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me. When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself. We appreciate your donation and will take special care to use it wisely in providing essential programs and services to people in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at [CatholicCommunity.org/2021 Appeal](https://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](https://CatholicCommunity.org/Match). Thank you!

Josephine  
Bakhita



**FEBRUARY 8TH**  
**International Day of Prayer  
& Awareness against  
Human Trafficking**

O ST. BAKHITA,  
ASSIST ALL THOSE  
WHO ARE TRAPPED  
IN A STATE OF SLAVERY;

INTERCEDE WITH GOD  
ON THEIR BEHALF  
SO THAT THEY WILL BE  
RELEASED FROM THEIR  
CHAINS OF CAPTIVITY.

THOSE WHOM MAN  
ENSLAVES,  
LET GOD SET FREE.



8TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The past year has certainly been different, however we were glad to continue Fall sports in a safe environment. St Leo's would like to highlight the 8<sup>th</sup> grade St Leo Girls Volleyball Team and their successes over the years in the St Leo Athletics Program. Under the direction of Head Coach Jocelyn Riley and Assistant Coaches Colin Riley & Pat Costanzo, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team has received numerous awards and recognition for their dedication, wins and community work. Here are some stats since Grade 4!



- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2020: 1<sup>st</sup> Place CYO Blue Division.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 2019: 1<sup>st</sup> Place St Bridget of Kildare Tournament.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2018: 1<sup>st</sup> Place CYO City Championship.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2017: 1<sup>st</sup> Place St Mark's Tournament & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place IWA Tournament.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 2016: CYO Sportsmanship Award Winners. Nominated by other CYO school peers for teamwork and kind-hearted CYO sportsmanship.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls started playing volleyball since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at St Leo's. Every season the team picks a community service project, specifically making cards for the sick which are then distributed by Father Jim when he visits & prays for the sick.

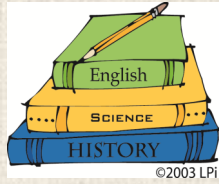
Due to the pandemic, the St Leo Athletics Program was unable to celebrate CYO Mass Day, Family Day at the CYO Games and have our annual St Leo Summer Volleyball Camp. We are hopeful to resume these activities next year and pray for continued health and safety for all students and families. We are thankful to the St Leo School, Maintenance Staff, Mrs. Burns and Father Jim for their continued support of the Athletics Program and allowing sports to continue during this unusual time. Well wishes to all of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they finish out the rest of this school year.





**CONGRATULATIONS...**

to those who made  
the Honor Roll from the  
following High Schools:



**TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL**



**Connor DiSiena**  
**Sofia Melendez**  
**Madison Messer**  
**Lauren Osborne**  
**Giacomo Rolando**

**ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL**



**Connor Gisztl**  
**Tristan Holleran**  
**Alexander Nodge**  
**Joseph Novak**  
**Justin Ortega**  
**Christopher Tipton**



**Monthly Sunday Grief Support February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on February 21<sup>st</sup> with limited seating for social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. They do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. If you are not yet able to talk about your grief, come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The February topic is "Experiencing God's Loving Embrace". We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month from 3:00pm—4:00pm at six locations:

Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (**NEW office**);  
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office);  
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brookpark (office);  
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (office);  
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield (office);  
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon (office).

Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are asked to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. We require all in attendance to wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or 216-930-4866.

