



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

March 21, 2021

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Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

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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MARCH 21, 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 29th

Mass - 8:30am

Tuesday, March 30th

Mass - 8:30am

Wednesday, March 31st

Mass - 8:30am

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 2nd

Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Food Blessing - 11:30am

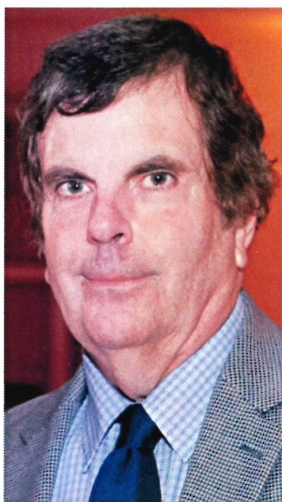
Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Masses at 8:00am and 11:00am



In Loving Memory of



DAVE VENDITTI

Born: June 1, 1954

Entered Into Rest: March 9, 2021

Services: Friday, March 12, 2021

St. Leo the Great Church – Cleveland, Ohio

Interment: Holy Cross Cemetery

Section 40 Lot 1789 Grave 2

In Loving Memory of



JEFFREY M. SCHIGEL

Age 63

Entered into Rest:
March 8, 2021

Visitation was held at
The Zabor Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass was celebrated
at St. Leo the Great Church
Saturday, March 13th.



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

There is a time for study, a time for discussion, a time for decision, a time to act. Act on the Gospel message "Love your neighbor" and share what you are able in the St Vincent de Paul Outreach Poor Boxes. You can also place your contribution in an envelope and mark it "SVDP" and drop it in the collection box or drop it off at the rectory. Act now during Lent, a special time for almsgiving.



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!

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn,, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Marie Stankiewicz,

Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Joseph Mackey, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, Cherie Seitz, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Chuck Pacanovsky, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, & Arlene Gerda.

REGISTER WITH US



Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at leothegreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

PEGGY & LES MESTER

March 15, 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.

Jeno Kiraly
St. Anthony of Padua Lorain
Year 4 - Diaconate Program



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

Parish Support

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH

Collection	\$ 7,540.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 2,652.00
Total	\$10,192.00
Black & Indian Collection	\$ 418.00

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Monday, March 22nd - Lenten Weekday

8:30am +Elmer Wisnieski (Family)

Tuesday, March 23rd - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30am +Margaret Neff (Mary Ellen Neff)

Wednesday, March 24th - Lenten Weekday

8:30am +C. & L. Choromanski (Daughter)

Thursday, March 25th

ANNUNCIATION
of the Lord

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, March 26th - Lenten Weekday

8:30am +Jane Thurston (Miriam Fontaine)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27th - Lenten Weekday

4:00pm +Devin Neumann (The Larsons)

Sunday, March 28th - Palm Sunday

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Fran & Bob McLaughlin



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The prophet Jeremiah ministered at a difficult time in Jewish history. Jerusalem, their beloved capitol, had been destroyed, and most of the people taken captive to far-off Babylon. In this gloomy setting, Jeremiah expresses the conviction that the Lord will raise up a new leader from the line of David to restore and rebuild their homeland.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

The Letter to the Hebrews was written to a Christian community that had become dispirited and whose faith was faltering. Jesus is presented in today's passage as a model of suffering and a source of strength in time of need. (This passage is also part of the second reading on Good Friday.)



Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Dear Parishioner,

I am grateful to report that I have not had any symptoms since last weekend. Though I tested positive for COVID-19 on March 10th, I have not had a fever and have been feeling very well for the past week. For the first few days I did experience exhaustion and slept quite a bit during the day as well as throughout the night. My appetite was reduced for a few days but has returned to normal. Following the CDC guidelines, I can end home isolation after at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and there is no fever so that is why I made the decision to celebrate Mass this weekend (even though I will not be distributing Holy Communion). As always, I am deeply grateful for your prayers. My thoughts and prayers continue to remain with those who have not been as fortunate as I to have gotten through this pandemic.

It saddened me greatly to hear of the death of two parishioners whose funerals I was not able to celebrate due to my own illness at the time. In fact, the last day I celebrated morning Mass, I informed the people of the impending death of David Venditti, who had been suffering from COVID-19 for several weeks & who was being taken off of the ventilator. I had made arrangements the night before to have David anointed and receive the last rites by one of the priests of the Diocese who generously volunteered to administer the sacraments to those suffering from the virus, so I asked for the prayers of those present at Mass that morning, knowing that David would be receiving the last rites that same morning. I asked Fr. Dan Schlegel to celebrate his funeral Mass as he has known the family since his time here. David was an usher who would always be seen serving his ministry in a suit and tie. He brought his father Armand here for Mass when Armand was up to it (Armand and his daughter also battled COVID-19 but both were able to recover from it). David was always a very kind and gentle man who served quietly and faithfully. I extend our sympathies to his father Armand and his sister Pat and to all the members of Venditti family who are mourning David's passing at this time.

The second parishioner who passed while I was ill was Jeffrey Schigel who died suddenly and unexpectedly. Jeff was married to Janet for 39 years and together they had 3 children and a grandchild. Jeff also had two sisters and a deceased brother. He enjoyed coaching his daughters for many years and was active with our CYO here at St. Leo's. Jeff was not someone whom I knew well but who was always very kind and supportive of me and I will miss seeing him. Jeff's funeral Mass was celebrated last Saturday & I ask you to remember him and his wife and children in your prayers. It is hard enough for me to celebrate the funerals of parishioners, but even harder when I cannot do so due to illness.

As I look ahead on my calendar, I am in disbelief that Holy Week begins next weekend with the celebration of Palm Sunday. Though the pandemic will find us celebrating Holy Week a bit differently this year, I am grateful that we can still celebrate these important rites after a year when they were all suspended. I'll include more information in next week's bulletin but can assure you that palms will be distributed and our Catholic rites celebrated in the days to come.

Fr. James Schmitz

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY



THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY IS OPEN!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

Go to: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/surveydtxc51t675>

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy of the survey in the **Rector's office** during regular business hours.

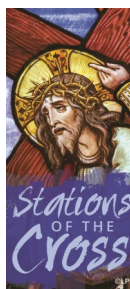
The survey will only be **available from now through this Sunday, March 21st**. It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Jim and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

THANK YOU for helping with this important project!



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 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.



The last day to drop off Have a Heart donations is Wednesday, March 24th. Please bring them to the church or rectory. Thank you on behalf of all the recipients for your generous contributions.

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



Listed here are the needs of organizations that will be recipients of your generosity. 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 are Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm;

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

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 leothegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for your grocery needs, drugstore items, gasoline, or for Have a Heart Donations! **PLEASE SUPPORT US.**



**PALM SUNDAY—PANCAKE BREAKFAST
TAKE OUT ONLY!**

**Sunday, March 28th
9:00am to 12:30pm**



Our 47th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held at St. Leo the Great from 9:00am to 12:30pm on Palm Sunday, March 28th. **Our Feature Item is Banana Bread French Toast.**

Pancake breakfast meal: Pancakes, eggs and your choice: sausage or bacon for \$6.

Banana bread french toast meal: Banana bread french toast, eggs, and your choice: bacon or sausage for \$8.

Cash or credit will be accepted.

A PRAYER TO BE OPEN TO GOD'S WILL



Good and gracious God, I know that life can be unpredictable. Sometimes I know what is good and right, but I don't have the courage to do it. Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs, I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.

Sometimes I am set in my own ways, and I resist growing and learning. Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will. When You prompt me to do the right thing, give me the courage to do it. When those around me need my help, give me Your heart to love them. When I'm stuck in my own ways, give me the grace to grow closer to You every day. Give me the trust and confidence of Mary. Let it be done unto me according to Your word! Amen.



The recent wave of warm weather brought out the artistic creativity of Mrs. Grosel's 2nd grade and Mrs. Milcinovic's Preschool students!



Visit us at Leothegreatschool.org

SCHEDULE A TOUR!
Kinder - Grade 8
Full & Part-time
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**Excellence
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Please join us to

Tour the school * Meet the principal

Apply for Cleveland vouchers

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Grades K - 8

- Safe and nurturing environment
- Before and after school care
- Tutoring and remediation programs
- Federal hot breakfast & lunch
- Cleveland voucher, EdChoice, EdChoice Expansion & Jon Peterson Scholarships.

Contact:

Mrs. Denise Burns, Principal

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dburns@leothegreat.org



LAST WEEK

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



Square



Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or email her at jberigan@leothgreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral.



Mary Queen of Peace will host their Third Sunday Community Meal this Sunday, March 21st from 1:00-2:00pm. **It will be drive-thru only.** Drive up to the back doors of the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome to come and take a meal home!

**FREE COMMUNITY
EASTER DINNER@MQP
Take-Out Only
Sunday, April 4th
12pm-2pm**



Delivery limited to the Old Brooklyn area. Call by March 30th to be added to the list 216-749-2323. Please drive to the back doors of the Parish Center and your meals will be brought out to you!

