



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2017

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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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PLEASE REMEMBER... Margaret Zisk, Sarah Geier, Edward P. Gorczyca, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Stella Sugalski, Donna Mlady, Mike Manzo, Cheri Minch, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Ann Szpansky, Larry Kuznik, Jo Hoffman, Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Diane Soler, Muffie Bone, Theresa Truxall, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Dave Zonneville, Larry Carrino, Ruth Frohlich, Michael Venditti, Stanley Kosiba, Zbyszek Spolna, Mary Jane Funta, Anna Tulenew, Michael Graham & Lisa Marie Rivera.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK... Today is Laetare Sunday, or Rejoicing Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the midpoint of our Lenten observances. In the midst of our season of penance, today provides an opportunity to express our joy as we journey along to Easter.



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

RON KOLLAR
\$100.00 - March 20th

CONGRATULATIONS! Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes**. Forms are available at the Information Desk in Church or the Rectory Office.

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

Pablo Lopez, OFM Cap.
Capuchin Franciscan Friars
Seminarian 1st Year



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



PARISH SUPPORT
Sunday, March 19, 2017

Basket Collection.....	\$ 7,598.50
WeShare (online)	640.00
Total	\$ 8,238.50

Thank you for your continued support!



March 27th to April 2nd

Monday, March 27th: Lenten Weekday
7:30 a.m. +Carol Sladewski (Lou Sladewski)
7:00 p.m. Rosary

Tuesday, March 28th: Lenten Weekday
7:30 a.m. +Anne Cvitko (Joyce Fries)

Wednesday, March 29th: Lenten Weekday
7:30 a.m. +Fr. Anthony Muzic (Fr. Jim Schmitz)

Thursday, March 30th: Lenten Weekday
7:30 a.m. To be announced

Friday, March 31st: Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. +Julia Korchofska (Maria & Tina)

Saturday, April 1st: Lenten Weekday
4:00 p.m. +Bill Kordick (Wife)

Sunday, April 2nd: Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. +Dan Stankiewicz (Family)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

It is about 1000 B.C., 250 years after Moses brought God's people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It took a long time for these people from different tribes to unify as a nation. The turning point came when David became their king. The story of how he was chosen is told in today's reading. Samuel was a venerable old prophet Jesse was a resident of Bethlehem and had eight sons, the youngest of whom was David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

The ancient city of Ephesus was located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The Christians there existed in a society dominated by pagan values, which today's reading equates with darkness.

Readings for the Week of March 26, 2017

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Dear Parishioners,

I had a funeral service for Michael Capretta last Saturday evening and promised his wife that we would keep him in our prayers so please remember him as we offer our petitions during Mass for those who have died from our parish.

This past Tuesday we also celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial for Michael Manzo who was 94. I had the opportunity to visit with him a couple of times during his recently diagnosed illness and to be with his three children as we prayed the Last Rites for him. Mike was a member of our parish for over 50 years and very devoted to his Catholic Faith. We lift him up to God as well, remembering the promise of resurrection.

As I write this I also just learned of the death of another faithful parishioner, Ken Herron. Ken and his wife Carol would have been married for 60 years this June. Ken was also a person filled with faith and the love of God and neighbor. He was active in our parish, most recently as an Adult Altar Server for funerals. I got to know Ken personally during my short time here and he will be greatly missed. As of this writing, the date for his funeral Mass has not yet been determined.

Congratulations to the young people of our parish who are being confirmed this weekend by Abbot Gary Hoover during the 4pm Mass. An Abbot is the leader or "Father" (meaning of the word "Abbot") of a monastery of monks, in this case, the Benedictine Monks of Cleveland. Though not ordained to the episcopacy, they too use the symbols associated with a bishop, such as the wearing of a mitre (pointed hat) and the carrying of a crozier (shepherd's staff). They assist the bishop of a Diocese in conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation. The gift of the Holy Spirit was first given to our candidates at baptism and is given to them again in a unique way in this Sacrament so that they may live out the baptismal call to follow Christ in His Church. May they be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Each Lent we make an effort to open ourselves up to God's grace through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. At our parish, we make almsgiving possible by offering two opportunities for you to think about the needs of others & to be generous in helping them. There are baskets at the doors of the church with plastic baby bottles that you can take home as you place your loose change (or paper money) in them. The proceeds collected will go to Womankind which offers assistance to expectant mothers. The second opportunity is called "Have a Heart, Lend a Hand." You simply take a paper heart home with you and purchase the item written on it and then bring it here on Palm Sunday (April 9th) so that we can collect and then distribute those items. My thanks to the parishioners who promote these great almsgiving acts each year so that others can benefit through them.

Fr. Jim Schnitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

March 27th to April 2nd



Monday, March 27th

4:00 p.m. High School Girls Volleyball	Lux
6:45 p.m. PSR	School
7:00 p.m. Rosary	Church

Tuesday, March 28th

6:30 p.m. SVDP	Francis
7:00 p.m. Parish Council	Rectory

Wednesday, March 29th

4:00 p.m. High School Girls Volleyball	Lux
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #71720	Francis
7:00 p.m. Choir practice	Church

Thursday, March 30th

1:00 p.m. Women's Knitting	Francis
4:00 p.m. High School Girls Volleyball	Lux

Friday, March 31st

4:30-7:00 p.m. Fish Dinners	Lux
1:45 p.m. School Shadow Stations	Church
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	Church
7:30-8:30 p.m. Lenten Mission "Catholicism"	Great
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Francis

Saturday, April 1st

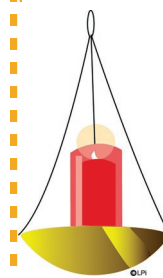
2:45 p.m. Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Great

Sunday, April 2nd

9:00 a.m. RCIA/Faith Formation	Great
7:00 p.m. Coach Robinson Adult Open Gym	Lux

PLEASE NOTE: Please join us **next Sunday, April 2nd** for our RCIA/Faith Formation session which will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. This will be our last session before Easter.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Sanctuary Candle is the candle next to the Tabernacle, which signifies the real presence of Christs within it. Starting the week of April 2nd, you can dedicate this Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for two weeks; the name will be published in the bulletin so that your intention can be prayed for by everyone during that time.

- The donation for the candle will be \$10.00.
- Please stop by the Rectory Office or the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church to request a Sanctuary Candle Intention.

ROSARY



Please join us in reciting the rosary on **Monday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. In the event of severe weather, the rosary will be cancelled. All are invited to join us.



WITNESS THE CATHOLIC FAITH
AS YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.

Video with Q & A from
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Friday of Lent
in the Parish Community Center.

Coffee and desserts will be available.

Free companion book will be distributed.

LESSON 5: *The Indispensable Men - Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure*



Father Barron calls Peter and Paul “two indispensable men, the ones without whom the church never would have emerged and survived.” In telling each man’s story, Father Barron shows how the Holy Spirit worked through apostles and disciples to build the Church.

HAVE A HEART—LEND A HAND



During Lent, St. Leo’s is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program to benefit 12 charities. Baskets of hearts are placed at all the church entrances. Please take a heart (or two) and purchase the item requested on it for the organization listed. **Items can be dropped off in the school cafeteria during mass times the weekend of April 8/9.** If you are unable to purchase anything, please take a heart and keep that organization in your Lenten prayers. If you have questions, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216/351-6247. Thank you for your generosity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. .

“Shadow Stations” by the 8th grade students will be Friday, March 31st at 1:45 p.m.



WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES



Don’t forget to bring your Womankind baby bottles (filled or not) **NEXT WEEK-END, April 1st and 2nd.** The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and a full range of support services to pregnant women in need. For more information about Womankind, check out their website at www.womankindcleveland.com. Thank you.

St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent
March 3rd - April 7th
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

NEW! Salmon Patty Dinners

NEW! 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

**LOBSTER DINNER AT FISH DINNER
ADVANCE SALE ONLY— MARCH 31ST**



Did you miss the first one? You're in luck! We're going to have another lobster dinner on **Friday, March 31st.** IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR FISH DINNERS, we will be serving lobster dinners on Friday, March 31st, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Lux Hall. **ALL LOBSTER DINNERS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY ADVANCE SALE ONLY.** The lobster dinner will consist of an 8 oz. lobster tail with baked potato or fries, coleslaw or applesauce, and roll with butter – for \$17.00. The regular selections for the fish dinner will be available for purchase. ALL Lobster dinner tickets can be purchased at the rectory through Monday, March 27th. Don’t delay – get your tickets now!

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 9th—PALM SUNDAY



Our 44th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in Lux Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 9th. **Our Feature Item this year is Banana Bread French Toast (\$7.00).** Our regular Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee. The pancakes are all you can eat! Cost for regular pancake breakfast for adults is \$5 and children are \$3. Continue the tradition or start a new one, bring your family after Mass.

PTC EASTER EGG HUNT



Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt for children in grades Pre-K thru 5th on Palm Sunday, April 9th at 12:30 p.m. Pre-Registration is required. Forms will be available at School or the Rectory Office.

Start with a Pancake Breakfast and join us for a great Egg Hunt. For more information or any questions, please contact Sarah Wolverton at 216-253-3297.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

St. Leo the Great Athletics presents

DISCO NIGHT—our Annual Women's Reverse Raffle.



- ♦ Grand Prize \$2,000
- ♦ \$40.00 per person
- ♦ Doors open at 5:30pm
- ♦ Dinner 6:30pm
- ♦ Basket Raffles, Door Prizes
- ♦ Open Bar, Sideboards & More
- ♦ Tickets on sale at the Rectory

CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to the young men and women from our parish who were confirmed by Abbot Gary Hoover this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this step along their journey in faith

CONFIRMANDI

Alexis Borkey	Kelly Finnerty
Stephanie Bosinger	Benjamin Foster
Edward Burcham	Deonta Glover
Aubrey Carr	Delaney McCandless
Kaitlin Cooper	Xavia McGhee
Ryan Cutright	Justin Pokorny
Cory Delewski	Julianna Stroemple
Aidan Dopson	Matthew Tullos
Madalyn Eder	

The Confirmation class extends a big **thank you** to all their teachers, parents, sponsors, the school/parish staff, the reception team, parishioners, priests, and Abbot Gary Hoover for helping them celebrate this milestone in their journey of faith.



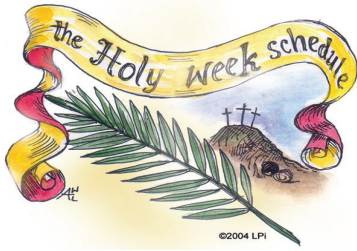
Thank you to Mrs. Weingard & Ms. Dodson, our catechists, and a special thank you to Ms. Dodson for her dedication, inspiration, and leadership of the Confirmation Program.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

OUR THANKS TO YOU... We are all poor in different ways, spiritually, materially, financially, humanly. Whatever our personal poverty, we all rely upon the help of our fellow Christians to survive. Your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach volunteers thank you for letting us and helping us be of service to the needy in our parish community during this holy season of Lent. Your response to our monthly food collection and generous donations to the Poor Boxes are deeply appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

SOCK AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE THANK YOU... The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization would like to say "thank you" for your donations to our "Sock and Underwear Drive". Thank you very much to those who donated socks and underwear and for the money, with which we were able to purchase additional items for SVDP Ozanam Center. The SVDP Ozanam Center located at 2145 Broadview Road was extremely appreciative of the donations and said "Thank you, thank you very, very much."





Monday, April 10th

Mass - 7:30 a.m.

Confessions - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, April 11th

Mass - 7:30 a.m.

Confessions - 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12th

Mass - 7:30 a.m.

Confessions - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 13th

Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

Followed by solemn exposition of the Eucharist until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14th

Morning prayer at 7:30 a.m.

Passion Play - 12:00 Noon

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 15th

Morning prayer at 7:30 a.m.

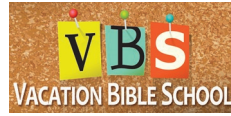
Blessing of Food - 12:00 Noon

Solemn Easter Vigil - 9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16th

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



St. Leo the Great along with St. Thomas More and Mary Queen of Peace Parishes will be presenting Summer Vacation Bible School. St. Thomas More will be the host location. VBS will be open to all children (day school and PSR) entering Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2017/2018 school year. This year's program will take place from July 10th-14th from 9am -12noon so be sure to mark your calendars. Stay tuned for further details regarding registration and volunteer opportunities. Contact Mary Perry, mperry@leothegreat.org if you are interested in volunteering.

GIFT CARD CERTIFICATES



The Gift Card Program is an excellent and convenient way to help support your Parish. A complete list of the gift cards is available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church, on our website or at the Rectory Office. **THANK YOU!**

2017 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2017 Mass Intention Book still has openings. Each parishioner household may have 4 Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER



The Great Room in our Parish Community Center is available to **rent for special events, parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.** For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our website at leothegreat.org.

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—A special Lenten program entitled "Call of the Crucified Heart: Relics of the Passion" comes to Mary Queen of Peace on Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30pm. This is a unique traveling exhibit and presentation that brings to us real relics from the Passion of Jesus.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—**Save the Date!.. Saturday, April 22nd** for St. Charles Ladies Guild's Hi-Tea Party from 12Noon—3:30pm Lower Parish Hall for ages 10-99. Entertainment by the Singing Hands. "Bring your own tea cup & saucer" Lite luncheon, raffles, prizes galore!

ST. THOMAS MORE—**Bingo...**Come enjoy a night of Bingo. Every Wednesday doors open at 5pm, Instant at 5:30pm and early birds begin at 6:30pm.

BUS TRIPS

Thursday, April 20th—Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh

- ♦ **Cost: \$31.00** — Depart - 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ Casino bonus: \$20 free play (subject to change or cancel without notice.) **MUST HAVE DRIVER'S LICENCE OR STATE ID WITH YOU.**
- ♦ 5:00 p.m. meal stop enroute home—on your own
- ♦ Return - 8:00 p.m.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!



SPIRIT AND GRACE

Ricky Manalo, CSP



1. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;
2. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;
3. Spir - it and grace, here in this place;
4. Spir - it of God, send - ing us forth;



1. you are the wind that breathes through the field.
2. you are the life that flows through the vine.
3. you are the light that shines in this space.
4. we spread your wis-dom through-out all the earth.



1. Gath - er the wheat — and form us in Christ.
2. Gath - er this drink — and form us in Christ.
3. Gath - er your peo - ple and form us in Christ.
4. Gath - er the na - tions and form us in Christ.



1. Come, be our source and breath of life.
2. Come, be our source and blood of life.
3. Come, be the heart - beat of our lives.
4. Come, be the pres - ence in our lives.



In the bread, blessed, bro-ken and shared, Christ is our



life, whose presence we bear. Come, O Spir - it, make your



grace re - vealed in this ho - ly meal.

3 to Verses