



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 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, Robert Holshue, 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, and Stanley Kosiba.



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

ROSE PELLEY
\$100.00 - February 27th

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, March 12th, from 8:30a-12:00p. Please register @ redcrossblood.org after you create a profile. It's easy! Although registering is **optional**; it ensures we have the proper staffing. People who make appointments are taken before those who don't. Please stop by and donate!

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

Robert Popik
St. Adalbert, Berea
Junior, Borromeo



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



PARISH SUPPORT
Sunday, February 26, 2017

Basket Collection.....\$ 6,766.25
WeShare (online) 425.00
Total\$ 7,191.25

February Assessments.....\$1,227.00
February Capital Improvement.....\$ 709.00

Thank you for your continued support!



March 6th to March 12th

Monday, March 6th: Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. Carol Martin (Jeanne Karasek)

Tuesday, March 7th: SS. Perpetua & Felicity

7:30 a.m. +Bob Corlett (Mary Ann Corlett)

Wednesday, March 8th: St. John of God

7:30 a.m. Kara Prokup (Jeanne Karasek)

Thursday, March 9th: St. Frances of Rome

7:30 a.m. To be announced

Friday, March 10th: Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. +Edward Stupic (Sara Stupic)

Saturday, March 11th: Lenten Weekday

4:00 p.m. +Evelyn Moneypenny (Faye Kazimer)

Sunday, March 12th: Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. +Frances Szymanski (Family)

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The account of the sin of Adam and Eve is a classic example of how everyone sins. The author recognized that there is a standard pattern: We toy with temptation...we fall...then we make excuses.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. His purpose in this passage is not to teach about original sin, but to contrast Adam and Christ. From Adam we inherited a strong pull toward sin. From Christ (the "new Adam") we received a gift that is incomparably stronger: Divine grace.

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12,14-16,23-25/Ps 138:1-3,7c-8/Mt7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



We have begun Lent, entering into a season of conversion and repentance. Like us, Jesus was subject to temptation, but he resisted with all his heart. As we celebrate our Eucharist today, let us ask God to give us the perseverance to avoid sin.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend we passed out a little black booklet to people as they came into the church for Mass. It has some brief but useful reflections for each day of Lent. If you didn't get one then or on Ash Wednesday, be sure to ask for one from an Usher or the receptionist at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church. The members of the Parish Council and I are discerning what book we want to offer everyone at our Easter Masses. We are glad to have received such good feedback on the book we gave away at Christmas. If you haven't picked it up yet, take a look at it during Lent. The chapters are very brief & it takes only a few minutes a day to read. A test will be given before Easter (just kidding but read the book or at least give it away).

The Diocese began a capital campaign a few years ago & promised that each parish would receive back a certain percentage of what the parishioners had donated each month. In total, \$423,903 was pledged to that campaign by St. Leo parishioners, and we received \$106,792 in quarterly payments over the past 5 years. And we recently received about \$16,000 from a Rooted in Faith grant that will be used to replace the original wooden doors in our school with metal ones. So thank you for your sacrificial offerings which have been a great benefit to the parish. Since we will no longer be receiving these quarterly payments we will have to adjust our budget accordingly but we continue to depend greatly upon your financial support of the parish.

Just a couple of months ago we started offering you the option of making contributions online as more & more people are hoping to make their donations electronically as they pay their bills online. We already receive hundreds of dollars each week through that option and received over \$1500 in contributions the first week of February (where some people choose to make one contribution for the whole month). It's so easy to do & so flexible that anyone can do it. And if you're not a computer kind of person, we'll be happy to get it set up for you in the rectory office. Just call us or drop in. For those who are well-versed in the internet world, just stop by our website (leothegreat.org) & click on the WeShare icon. No more searching for your checkbook or cash or forgetting to bring your envelope to church. Modern technology has you covered. But it will always be your option.

There has been some recent vandalism in the neighborhood & in our parking lot this past month. I put safety and security at the top of the list when it comes to our parish. So we are working on having some kind of parking lot security during our weekend Masses (beginning last weekend) to ensure that someone is present & watching our property carefully before & during Mass. We will also install signs that inform others of our video surveillance. Remember the show that used to be on TV? "Smile, because you're on _____!"

Fr. Jim Schnitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

March 6th to March 12th



Monday, March 6th

6:45 p.m. PSR School

Tuesday, March 7th

9:00 a.m. SVDP—sorting socks, etc Church

9:30 a.m. Catechetical Leaders Course Great

6:30 p.m. SVDP Francis

6:45 p.m. Girl Scouts #70220 Great

Wednesday, March 8th

11:00 a.m. Seniors Great

5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Great

7:00 p.m. Choir practice Church

Thursday, March 9th

1:00 p.m. Women's Knitting Francis

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Great

Friday, March 10th

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Church

4:30-7:00 p.m. Fish Dinners Lux

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, March 11th

2:45 p.m. Confessions Church

3:00 p.m. Grapevine Great

Sunday, March 12th

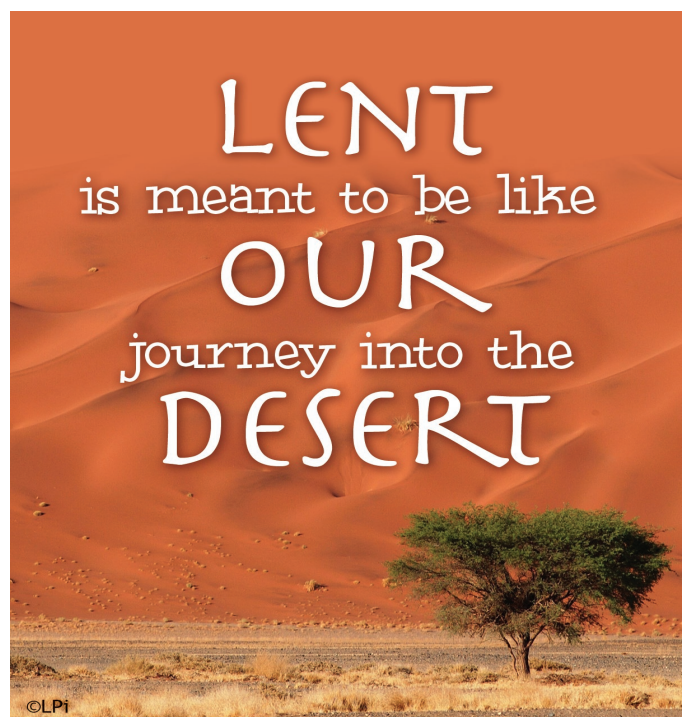
8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Bloodmobile Lux

12:30 p.m. Couples for Christ Great

1:00 p.m. Teens Encountering Christ Francis & Eylar

7:00 p.m. Coach Robison Adult Open Gym Lux

LENT
is meant to be like
OUR
journey into the
DESERT





We are pleased to announce that Eddie Burcham, Christina Collins, Kaitlin Cooper and Anjelyna Siamphone are the winners of the STEM Fair. Eddie and Christina share First Place, Kaitlin placed 2nd and Anjelyna placed 3rd. We are very proud of their work and accomplishments! Congratulations to our winners and all of our 8th graders who worked hard on the STEM Fair.

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



CONGRATULATIONS to
the following students who
made the Honor Roll.

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

**Ryan M. Audley
Joshua M. Graves**

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one less thing to worry about.**

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- 1** Visit leothegreat.weshareonline.org and click on any collection.
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If you have questions, e-mail Brenda Basalla at: bbasalla@leothegreat.org

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

**GREAT ROOM
FOR RENT**

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. There you will find information, prices and forms.

GIFT CARD CERTIFICATES



The Gift Card Program is an excellent, easy 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 the website or at the Rectory Office. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



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.



welcome *all*
Save the Date: An Evening of Confession
at all Catholic churches in the diocese.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 | 5 - 8 PM

"God never ever tires of forgiving us." - Pope Francis



Wednesday, March 15, 2017 our parish and all of the parishes in the Diocese will offer "An Evening of Confession" from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Parishioners are asked to evangelize by inviting family or friends who are away from the Church to join in this special Lenten practice. Priests at all parishes will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Francis says, "The joy of God is the joy of forgiveness". More information is available at www.welcomecatholics.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

GO IN PEACE...After the recessional hymn, please reach into your pocket or purse for a contribution to assist those in need and place it in the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization Poor Boxes. Your contribution will be used to help bring peace to a neighbor in need. "Lent is a special time for almsgiving."



"SOCK AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE"...You can place your socks and underwear items in front of the St. Vincent de Paul statue this weekend. Cash donations would also be welcomed and we will do the shopping for you. Your envelope can be dropped in the collection basket or taken to the Rectory. Be sure to mark the envelope "SVDP Sock and Underwear Drive". Thank You!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



School Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday, March 10th & 24th at 2:00 p.m.

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

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES



Once again our parish will be participating in the Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser. This weekend, March 4th and 5th there will be baby bottles at the entrances of the church. Please take the baby bottles home, fill them with your loose change, and return them to the church the weekend of April 1st & 2nd. (If you prefer, checks should be made payable to *Womankind*.) The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and support services to pregnant women in need. For more information about Womankind, check out their website at www.womankindcleveland.com. Thank you.

DISPENSATION FROM LENTEN ABSTINENCE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH—ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Out of pastoral solicitude, Bishop Daniel Thomas has formally dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop, which will be observed this year on Friday, March 17. Those who choose to partake of meat on that day are encouraged to undertake another penance that day in the form of a corporal or spiritual work of mercy. In this way, a faithful Catholic still keeps the penitential spirit of a Friday in Lent and unites oneself more closely with the suffering Christ and His Church.

SENIORS



Wednesday, March 8th St. Leo's Seniors will meet in the Parish Center at 11:00 a.m. Join us as we play our crazy dice game. Please bring 3 (new) \$1.00 prizes wrapped in newspaper. Come for the fun of it!



Just a reminder that Daylight saving time will start at 2:00 a.m. next Sunday, March 12th.

Please remember to set your clocks 1 hour ahead!

FISH DINNERS



Try our fish dinners every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday). The dinners will be served in Lux Hall between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. Take out will be available as well.

In addition to the regular menu:

- * **Weekly specials: Fish Taco Platter and Salmon Patty Dinner**
- * **Lobster Dinner (ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY): March 10**
- * **Corned Beef Sandwiches (while supplies last): March 17th**

If anyone is interested in volunteering -- setting up, preparing the food, serving the food, washing dishes, cleaning up -- please call the rectory or send an email to nzola@leothegreat.org. Thank You!

LOBSTER DINNER AT FISH DINNER ADVANCE SALE ONLY



IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR FISH DINNERS, we will be serving lobster dinners on **Friday, March 10th**, 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 DINNERS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY ADVANCE SALE ONLY.** Lobster dinner tickets can be purchased at the rectory through Monday, March 6th. Don't delay – get your tickets now!

BUS TRIP

**Tuesday, March 21st—Saints Preserve Us
Dublin, Ohio - \$80.00 per person**

- ♦ Richens Timm Dance Academy-101 Irish Dance incl.
- ♦ Bogey Inn - Lunch & Saints Preserve Us Presentation
- ♦ Dublin Library - get guide for driving tour of Dublin
- ♦ Graeter's Ice Cream - ice cream included
- ♦ Depart 7:30 a.m.- Return 7:15 p.m. approx.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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**



CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—"Great Music in a Great Space"...concert series by the Western Reserve Chorale, next Sunday, March 12th, at 4:00pm in the Church. Come hear over 90 volunteer voices as they sing "Requiem for the Living" and "Mass in Time of War." This is a free concert with a free will offering.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Bus Trip...Join us on Sunday, March 19th for a trip to Presque Isle Casino. Cost is \$35/person with \$35 in play back money. All are welcome. Reservations are due by March 13th with check payable to St. Charles Ladies Guild. For more information please call Pat Lawler at 440-843-9186

ST. THOMAS MORE—2017 Mission-Lenten Venture in Faith; Fast, Pray, Give. The program dates are March 12, 13 & 14 starting each evening at 7:00 p.m. The program last about one hour each evening. Please join us as part of your Lenten activities.



Have a Heart Lend a Hand

During the Lenten season, St. Leo's is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program. Beginning Ash Wednesday and during Lent, baskets of hearts will be at all church entrances. Please take a heart (or two) and purchase the item requested on it for the organization listed.

You can drop off your donation in the school cafeteria on **Saturday, April 8, from 3:30-5 p.m.** and **Sunday, April 9, from 8:30 a.m.-Noon.**

The following organizations will be the recipients of your generosity:

- ♥ Birthright
- ♥ Broadview Multi Care
- ♥ Catholic Charities Refugee Families
- ♥ Holy Family Hospice
- ♥ Malachi House
- ♥ Mt. Alverna
- ♥ Parma Care Center
- ♥ Providence House
- ♥ St. Colman Parish
- ♥ St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach
- ♥ Southwest Ozanam Food Pantry
- ♥ West Side Catholic Center

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