



## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

April 10, 2022

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Monday through Friday 8:00AM—3:00PM

[www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org)

### 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 Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, or anytime by request or appointment.

### NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses 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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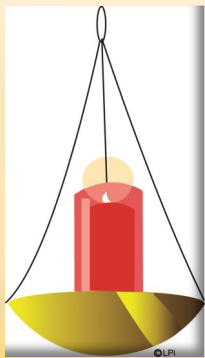
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APRIL 10, 2022 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

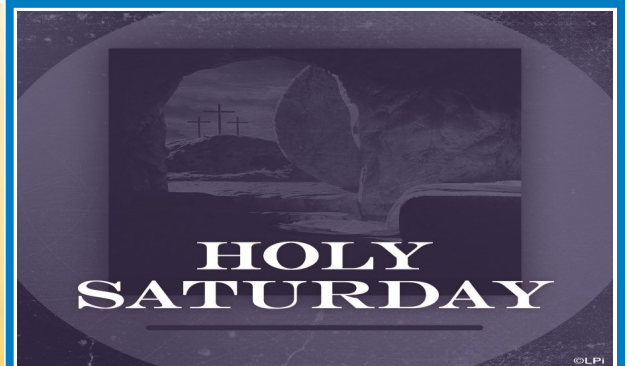


**SANCTUARY CANDLE  
INTENTION**

April 10 to April 24

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

+Joseph Hirko  
Once a Marine, Always a Marine



**St. Leo the Great School  
Now Enrolling  
For the 2022-2023 School Year**



Cleveland Scholarships Available!  
Call 216-661-2120, visit [www.leotheadgreat.org](http://www.leotheadgreat.org)  
or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at  
[dburns@leotheadgreat.org](mailto:dburns@leotheadgreat.org) for more information.

**Pro-Life Group**

The Pro-life group is planning its next meeting on Wednesday, April 13, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please note the time change as it is an hour earlier start time than previously.

All are welcome! We are discussing various life issues, including the upcoming Supreme Court decision on *Dobbs vs. Jackson Health* which will be decided in June of this year.

Other issues currently under discussion include end-of-life issues such as euthanasia, and the Church's teaching on LGBTQBT individuals and our response to this.

If you have any questions about the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2860 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR  
PRAYERS...

Prayer  
REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze & Joe Barr.

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



**Johnathan Green**  
**Holy Family, Stow**  
**Second Year, Borromeo**

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

MASST  
INTENTIONS

**Monday, April 11th—Monday of Holy Week**

8:30am +Rose Hutter (Family)

**Tuesday, April 12th—Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:30am Communion Service

**Wednesday, April 13th—Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:30am +Mark Banyasz (Colleen)

**Thursday April 14th— Thursday of Holy week (Holy Thursday)**

8:30am Communion Service

**Friday April 15th—Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

8:30am +William LoGodney, Sr. (Mary LaGodney and Bill, Jr.)

**Saturday April 16th – Holy Saturday**

4:00 Easter Vigil For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, April 17th —Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am People of the Parish

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

Chapters 40-55 of the book of Isaiah contains the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon. Several times the prophet speaks about a Servant who will one day deliver God's people. Because the Servant is portrayed as suffering, Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with him.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

In the years following Christ's death and resurrection, Christians began to develop the prayers and hymns that would become a part of their rituals. In today's passage from the letter to the Philippians, Paul appears to be quoting an early Christian hymn celebrating the dying and rising of Christ.

**Readings for the week April 10, 2022**

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12



**SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022**

**Collections will be in next weekends bulletin.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**April 10, 2022 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

#### *Gospel Meditation*

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

#### **St. Leo Pancake Breakfast**

Sponsored by St. Leo Athletics  
Sunday, April 10th - Palm Sunday  
9:00am to 12:30pm

Our **48th Annual** Pancake Breakfast will be held in Lux Hall from 9:00am to 12:30pm on Palm Sunday, April 10th. **Our Feature Items are Banana Bread French Toast (\$9.00) or Chicken and Waffles (\$11.00)**

Our **Regular Breakfast** includes pancakes, eggs, home fries, sausage or bacon, juice and coffee. **The pancakes are all you can eat!** Cost for regular pancake breakfast for adults is \$8 and children are \$6. Continue the tradition or start a new one, bring your family after Mass.



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#### **BUS TRIPS**

**HARTVILLE** - Friday, May 27 - \$75.00 per person  
Lunch at Hartville Kitchen - Included  
Shop/browse - Hartville Flea Market  
Downtown Hartville  
Harry London Chocolates

**NAUTICA QUEEN** Wednesday, June 9  
\$70.00 per person  
Lunch Cruise - included  
Shop/browse - West Side Market

**SENECA NIAGARA**  
Monday, July 11 (overnight stay)  
Casino Bonus \$35 slot play & \$15 food

**SENECA ALLEGANY**—Tuesday July 12  
Casino Bonus \$25 slot play



Contact Sandy Diaddario -  
216-926-3123

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to let you know that by God's grace, I can welcome Nina Capone as the new Office Manager at St. Leo's. She will be taking over the work of Betty Clancy whom we continue to mourn and who served the people of the parish so well 3 days a week in our rectory office, though Nina will be working 5 days a week in this position. I've known Nina for several years as I baptized her son, GianLuca a few years ago, and he is now a student in our parish school. Nina herself is a graduate of St. Leo's School and has been seeking to become more involved in the life of the parish and school, so this seems to be a great fit for her and for us. She will slowly transition out of her current job and work here on Thursdays & Fridays but will become full time here Monday through Friday. I am grateful that she is willing to take on this new ministry at St. Leo's and I ask you to welcome her when you see her in the rectory office.

At this time I must also thank the other women who work so diligently in our rectory office on a part-time basis. Mary Lynn Haldi works here on Mondays and Marie Philips is in the rectory office on Fridays. Amy Mackey works on the weekends and Mary LaGodney has recently started to work with us Monday through Friday from 2 until 4pm. They are all wonderful women whose ministry of hospitality and service is very much appreciated by pastor and parishioner alike. They all work well together in serving you and I just want to publicly acknowledge each of them and express my appreciation for all they do. There is so much to learn and know about tending to the various administrative needs in a rectory office and they are all so eager to do that well. Thanks to each and to all of them for what they do.

Though you may not see her when visiting the rectory office, another parishioner by the name of Shelly Eslick also works full time as the rectory housekeeper and cook. She keeps the staff and I well fed (as you can see from looking at me) and keeps the rectory office and residence clean and presentable. We're happy to have her with us in response to my call for more workers in our parish.

We have also recently hired a janitorial company to help clean our school and church and parish community center buildings and they will begin their work this week. Since we have many buildings to keep clean and in good order, we are happy to have recently hired more people to help with these needs. We should all be proud of the property that allows us to gather here for worship and service.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Anna Mae Stalder who had been a parishioner at St. Leo's and who sent all of her 6 children to our parish school in order to pass the Catholic faith on to them. We celebrated her life and prayed for her during her Funeral Mass last Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. May her life of faith be rewarded now by the God who promises eternal life to those who are faithful.

We hope you can join us this Sunday for our annual (except during COVID) Pancake Breakfast which is prepared by the Athletic Department of our parish. It's always good food and a great way for us to gather on Palm Sunday for the beginning of Holy Week. It will begin at 9am this Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and end at 12:30pm.

Please consider joining us for one or all of our Holy Week Liturgies so that your celebration of Easter may be full and meaningful. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be this Thursday at 7pm (no 8:30am Mass Thursday) and Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Good Friday at 3pm. Our Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 7pm on Good Friday (with the veneration of the Holy Cross) and the Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30pm on Saturday (no 4pm Mass next Saturday). We will have the Blessing of Easter Food on Saturday at 11:30am. Our Easter Masses will be at 8 & 11am as usual on Easter Sunday. We look forward to many joining us on the most important day of the year when we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection and the promise of our own rising to new life with him.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be May 4, June 1 and August 3, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

**If you have any questions,  
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by  
email: [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org).**

### PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

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@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org) for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

### HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)

2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.

3) 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. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.







## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **Palm Sunday, April 10th**

Saturday, 4:00pm  
Sunday, 8:00am & 11:00am

### **Holy Thursday, April 14th**

No 8:30am Mass this Morning  
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm

### **Good Friday, April 15th**

Rectory Office Closed  
Stations of the Cross, 3:00pm  
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00pm

### **Holy Saturday, April 16th**

Blessing of Food, 11:30am  
Easter Vigil, 8:30pm

### **Easter Sunday, April 17th**

Rectory Office Closed  
Masses 8:00am & 11:00am

### **Easter Monday, April 18th**

Rectory Office Closed



### **St. Vincent De Paul**



MEMORIES.... When today's adult parishioners were school children, you often made a small sacrifice during Lent to help the poor. If you would like to relive the spirit of those happy carefree days, the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will gladly accept your donations in the Poor Boxes. We can also accept cash or checks made payable to St. Leo's. Please put on the memo line SVDP. Act now during Lent, a special time for Almsgiving. We thank you very much!

EASTER DISTRIBUTION... This year the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will be distributing to families 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 basket or take it to the Rectory Office. We thank you very much.

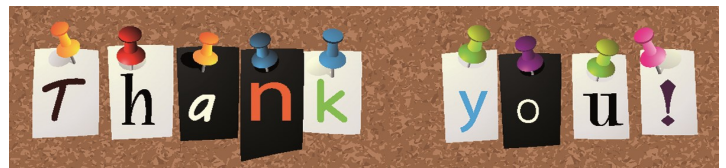
### **Seniors Group**

... HOORAY !!! St. Leo Seniors are meeting again!

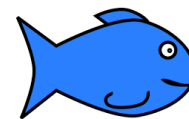
... Our first meeting since shutting down due to COVID will be Wednesday, April 13-2022.

... Lunch will be served as usual at 12 noon. (please bring \$4.00 for food costs)

... Please also bring \$5.00 for yearly Senior Adult dues costs.



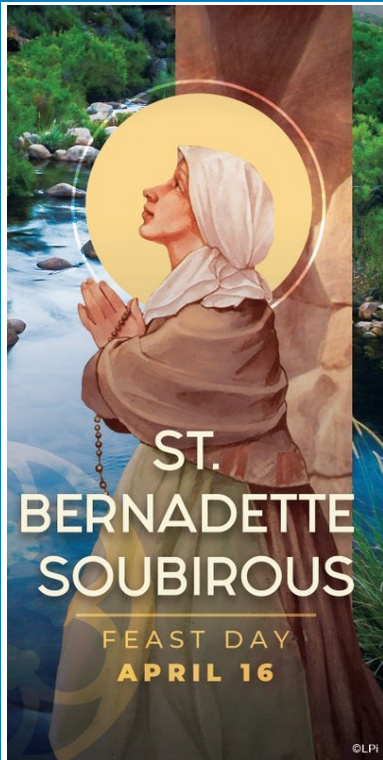
### **FISH DINNERS -- THANK YOU!**



Thank you for supporting the parish by joining us for the fish dinners this year. Whether you did take out or dined in, we appreciate your choosing to satisfy your meatless Fridays with our dinner selections. A HUGE THANK YOU to the many students and adult volunteers, and especially the maintenance crew, who gave up their Friday afternoons and evenings during Lent. Without all of you, it wouldn't have been possible. See you next year!

### **Housecleaning Opportunity**

Parishioner looking for someone to help with housekeeping. He lives at 889 Marcie Drive, Cleveland, OH 44109. Please contact Lenny at 216-534-9766.



## St. Bernadette Soubirous | April 16

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a 'Lady' at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world's most popular.

During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmiry assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.



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PARISH & SCHOOL

**Sarris Fundraiser  
Candy Sales**



The PTC is selling Sarris Chocolates Easter candy this year. The sale is currently running through April 10th. All sales are being placed online and will be shipped directly to your home. Please use the link to get to the fundraiser. Our school code is 21-3991.

<https://www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com/>

**RAFFLE  
WINNER**

**April 4, 2022**



**Eileen Kovacik**