



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL



April 12, 2020

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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 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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APRIL 12, 2020—EASTER SUNDAY



EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorcyka, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn “Joe” Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, George Aloschen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Dorothy Forister, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, & Trudy Miller.



Monday, April 13th - Monday, Octave of Easter
Bill Skora (Family)
Tuesday, April 14th - Tuesday, Octave of Easter
+William LaGodney, Sr. (Wife & Son)
Wednesday, April 15th - Wednesday, Octave of Easter
+Langa Family (Rose Zarko)
Thursday, April 16th - Thursday, Octave of Easter
No Intentions
Friday, April 17th - Friday, Octave of Easter
Walter & Mary Kulwicki (Kulwicki Family)
Saturday, April 18th - Saturday, Octave of Easter
Seniors
Sunday, April 19th - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
People of the Parish
+Bill Kordick (Wife & Children)

(Fr. Jim will offer these intentions during his private Masses during the shut down of public Masses.)



First Reading: Acts: 10:34a, 37-43

The Apostle Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. But one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to a Gentile—the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. Today’s passage is a portion of Peter’s sermon, which summarizes the life and ministry of Jesus.

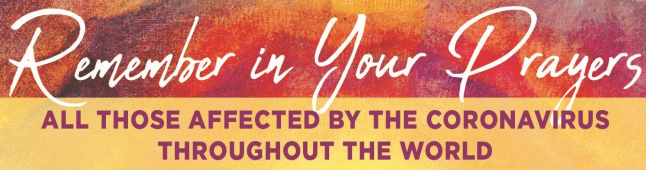
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

The letter to the Colossians depicts Christ as the only mediator between God and the world. A previous passage of the letter presented baptism as the way we are united with Christ. The author will today remind us of the heights to which Christ has raised us, and then call upon us to live up to this.



Readings for the week of April 12, 2020

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 /Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

TOM KULWICKI
April 6, 2020

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or at the Rectory Office.

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

Carlos Rojak
Our Lady of Hope, Bedford
First Year, Borromeo



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



Sunday, March 29th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 3,589.00
WeShare(online).....	\$ 1,245.00
Total.....	\$ 4,834.00
Capital Improvements (March, 2020).....	\$ 1,337.00

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT,
ESPECIALL DURING THESE
VERY DIFFICULT DAYS!

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter everyone! A couple of months ago, who would have guessed that we would not be gathering in church for this great feast of Easter, the most important feast of the Church? And who would have believed that our Easter dinners at home would be likely limited to just our immediate family members? But such is the uncertainty of life. Though the world and of course the Church along with it has experienced plagues and world-wide catastrophes in history, what we experience together in 2020 (and beyond?) is certainly unique. I don't know that the Church has ever cancelled the public celebration of Mass or withdrawn its sacramental life in its 2,000 year history. Indeed we will remember and tell of these peculiar times to those who follow after us and pray that the world will never have to experience such a pandemic again, or at the very least, will be better prepared for it should it ever happen again.

But my purpose here is not just to muse on these past days and weeks but to remind you that in the midst of the world's changes, what will never change will be the continuous presence of the Risen Lord and the proclamation of his Gospel through the Church. This we have as a promise from Christ, that "I will remain with you until the end of time." So despite all the negative and frightening news we have been hearing, reading or watching, we still can rejoice on this Easter Day that the Lord has remained with us, and has once again taught us that despite the evil that exists in the world (and even in us), he can pull life out of every harmful thing that we face, just as God brought forth (eternal) life from the death of His Son. How we need this Good News now more than ever. It is what sustains us in hope.

What a joy it was for me to see familiar faces (even ones that were partially covered by masks) as you drove by to receive palms or to venerate the cross or to have your Easter baskets blessed or wished us a Happy Easter as we handed you a book. It seemed like we had not seen you for months but it was so comforting to see how you continue to hold on to your faith and to find ways to express it, even during a quarantine when so much of the world (including our churches) had to shut down. It's a sure sign to me of the resurrection, the new life that has arisen in you despite the crosses you have had to bear.

I am encouraged by the fact that so many of you were able to participate in the Mass as we posted it online, and am grateful that you continued to support the parish financially by mailing it or dropping off your collection envelopes. I can pledge to you that we will continue to do whatever we can to help you remain connected to us in the weeks or months ahead and continue to encourage you to visit our website or to feel free to call if technology is not at your disposal. Please continue to check in on your neighbors and fellow parishioners by calling them, especially if they are elderly, live alone, or do not have internet technology available to them. We must let them know that we are here to support them, pray for them and know that they are not forgotten.

Fr. James Schmitz



EASTER

Question:

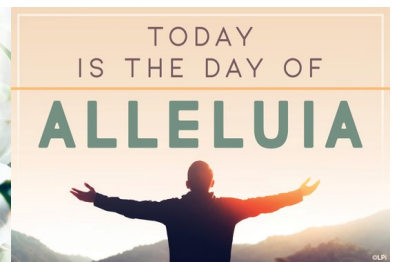
Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

Answer:

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as
if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*



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Dear St. Leo Community,

It's been quite some time since we've seen each other, and it looks as though that time has been extended even further. If you're like us, you're staying busy in the house, doing some things that would not get done otherwise. It certainly is a challenging time for all of us. Know that we are praying for all of you and your families. We are long awaiting the day when we can gather once again as a community/family. In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy.

While many of the activities that we had planned for the parish community are suspended, know that we do hope to pick up on them and we will continue to plan new activities. If you have not joined Formed, this would be a good time to join. There are many opportunities for spiritual growth, as well as movies for the entire family, including young children. Go to formed.org to join if you have not yet done so.

We would like to take this time to wish each of you and your families a very Blessed and Happy Easter. This journey through Lent has been a unique and different journey—more unique than we could have imagined. Know that this journey has strengthened all of us in ways that we do not yet know.

“Christ has risen! Truly, He has risen!”

Peace in Christ,

Deacon Pat and Joan Berigan

CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



Catholic Cemeteries Association considers it our sacred duty to serve the greater Catholic community. However, with the recent spread of COVID-19 in our surrounding communities, we have decided to cancel our Pre-Planning Seminar scheduled

for May 16, at Calvary Cemetery. This decision is made in an effort to protect vulnerable groups and to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Attendees can request pre-planning materials by contacting bdejohnc@clecem.org and may visit <https://clecem.org/Information/PrePlanning.aspx> for additional information.

We hope to reschedule this seminar soon. Please visit our website for updates.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

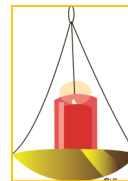
The generosity of your donations to the Poor Boxes in the Church and your very generous donations of food are greatly appreciated and certainly a sign of your desire to help those who are struggling during these difficult economic times. Our organization uses these funds to purchase food and provide other emergency assistance to those in need. Let us keep in mind and prayer those who are struggling just to keep food on the table and a roof over their heads. You can share your money via the St. Leo We Share Online Donation or dropping off an envelope marked SVPD to the Rectory in the door slot. We are attempting to still provide food and resources to our families via Gift Cards to local grocery stores. Please know that you can create an account or log into your account at <https://leothegreatweshareonline.org> There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation. Thank you for taking the time to participate in a special time of almsgiving. Every penny counts. WE THANK YOU!

THANK YOU
for donating blood

Thank you to everyone who came out to the American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, March 29th. Because of your donation we were able to collect 29 pints.

We appreciate you coming out to donate during the COVID-19 pandemic. The need is truly great!

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



April 12th to April 25th

**In Loving Memory of
Bill Kordick**

We Love and Miss You,
Wife and Children



**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE**



When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying “so what” or “alleluia”? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.” Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and “find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking “so what?” or “alleluia”?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

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**SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS
Saint of the Day for April 16th**



Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of “the Lady” brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was.

Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. Miracles were reported at the shrine and in the waters of the spring. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862.

During her life, Bernadette suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later, she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. After a period of illness she was able to make the journey from Lourdes and enter the novitiate. But within four months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She recovered enough to become infirmarian and then sacristan, but chronic health problems persisted. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35.

Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933.

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HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



We are grateful that so many have asked how they can continue with their contribute during this time. Here are some options:

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) Use our online giving option called WeShare by clicking the WeShare logo on this page. 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.

4) Call the rectory office (216-661-1006), leave a message, and someone will be very happy to help you.

TEXT OF POPE'S PRAYER TO MARY DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.



Salus Populi Romani

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

