



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

April 24, 2022

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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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Instagram [@leothegreatorg](https://www.instagram.com/leothegreatorg)



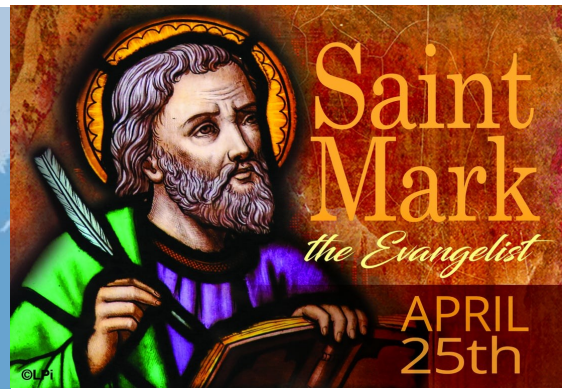
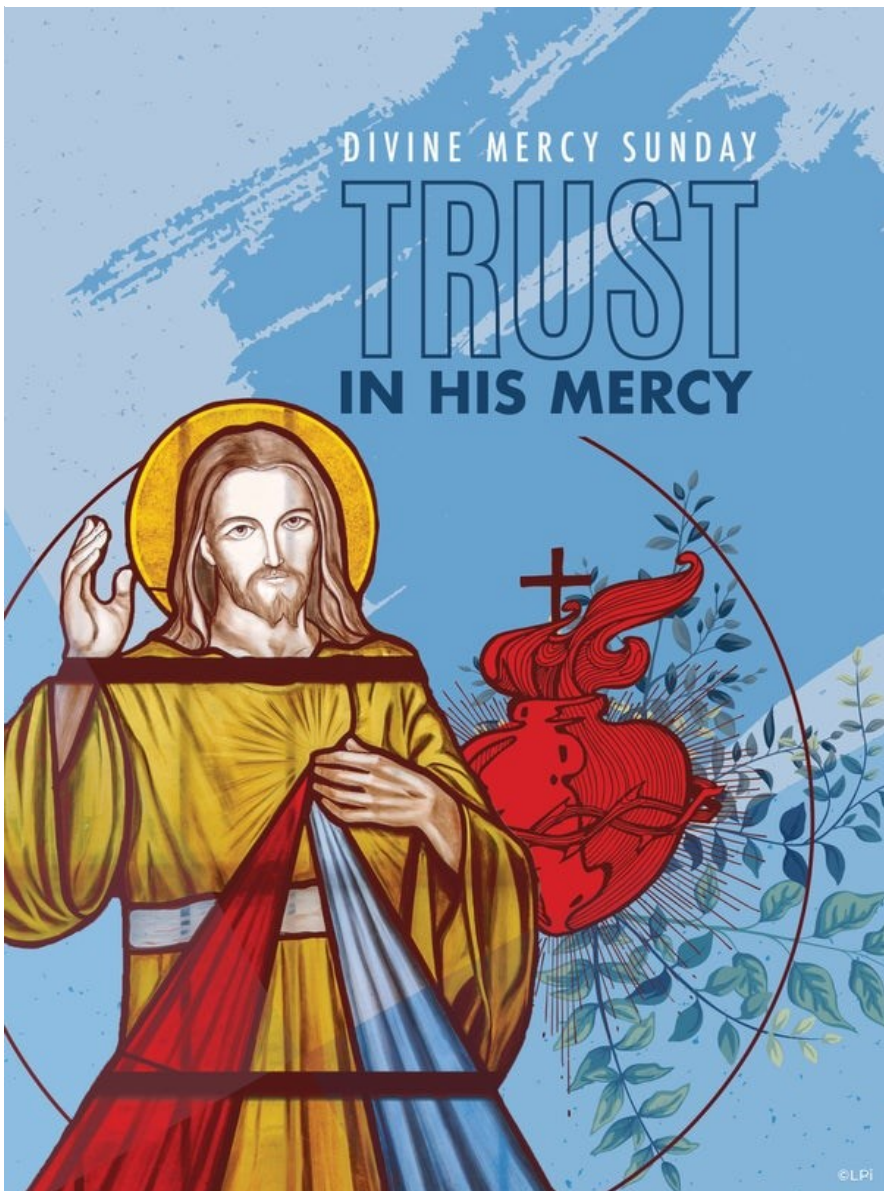
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APRIL 24, 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY



ROSARY

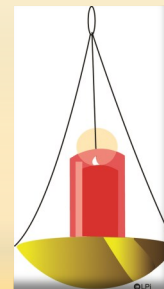
Please join us in church on Thursday, April 28th, as we say the rosary at 7:00 p.m. If you are not familiar with the rosary, we will provide you with what you need.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

April 24 to May 8

IN LOVING MEMORY

Loving you always
Mary, Bill & Family



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



Cleveland Scholarships Available!
Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leotheadgreat.org
or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at
dburns@leotheadgreat.org for more information.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES

Once again our parish will be participating in the Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Beginning the weekend of April 30th and May 1st 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 May 14th and 15th. (If you prefer, checks should be made payable to *Womankind*.) 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.



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, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavay, 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.



Mark Hansen
St. Francis of Assisi, Gates Mills
First Year, Borromeo

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



SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

Totals will be in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MASST
INTENTIONS

Monday, April 25th—St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30 am +Sara Schmitz (Fr. Schmitz)

Tuesday, April 26th—Easter Weekday

8:30 am +Bill Kordick (Family)

Wednesday, April 27th—Easter Weekday

8:30 am +Linda DeBaltzo (Family)

Thursday April 28th—Easter Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday April 29th—Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30m am +Miriam Fontaine (Senior Table)

Saturday April 30th – Saturday within the Octave of Easter

4:00 +Harriet Watson (Family)

Sunday, May 1st Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Pat Staab (Karin Staab)

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

During the seven weeks of the Easter Season, the first reading is always from the Acts of the Apostles. Its author, Luke, saw the history of salvation in three great stages. In the first stage, found in the Old Testament, God's spirit raises up *Leaders and Prophets* to guide the people; in the second stage, found in Luke's gospel, the Spirit anoints *Jesus* as God's holy one; and in the third stage, described in the Acts of the Apostles, the Spirit works in the *Church* fulfilling Christ's promise to be with us until the end of time.

Second Reading: Revelations 1:9-13,17-19

This year during the Easter Season, the second reading each Sunday is from the book of Revelations, written near the end of the first century. Revelations is an Easter book because it focuses on the Risen Jesus and our final victory over sin and death. Today's passage describes the call that the author received. He was to convey God's message of hope to Christians who were being persecuted.

Readings for the week April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE April 24, 2022 | 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

*Gospel
Meditation*

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"



St. Vincent De Paul

Please help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization help others. Through the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization we provide assistance to individuals and families throughout the year. The need continues to grow. Help us by donating in the Poor Boxes or by placing your donation in an envelope and mark it "SVPD" and take it to the rectory. We thank you very much for your continued support!



BUS TRIPS

HARTVILLE - Friday, May 27 - \$75.00 per person

Lunch at Hartville Kitchen - Included

Shop/browse - The Shops at Hartville Kitchen

Hartville Flea Market

Downtown Hartville

Harry London Chocolates

Deadline for reservations and payment: Friday, April 29

LUNCH CRUISE ABOARD THE NAUTICA QUEEN

Wednesday, June 29

\$70.00 per person

Shop/browse - West Side Market

SENECA NIAGARA/SENECA ALLEGANY CASINOS

Monday, July 11 & Tuesday, July 12

Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel—overnight stay

Monday July 11, walking distance to the falls.

Casino Bonus \$35 slot play & \$15 food credit

Seneca Allegany Casino—Tuesday, July 12

Casino bonus: \$25 slot play

\$287 per person—Single occupancy

\$196 per person—double occupancy

\$188 per person - triple occupancy

Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123





Dear Parishioners,

I was able to visit Lawrence Bronecki before he died in order to anoint him as his wife Linda and I prayed for him. Even then, Larry had a smile on his face as we talked, which was so typical of his disposition throughout life. We celebrated his Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, April 11th and he will be buried at Rittman Cemetery as he had been in service to his country. He and Linda were married for 51 years and had a daughter, Debra (who attended our parish school) and two grandchildren. May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Though this column needed to be written a few days before Easter, I can even now express my thanks to the people who work every year at making our Holy Week Liturgies prayerful. I'm grateful to Mickey Stitt and to the choir and to our visiting musicians, all of whom work very hard to provide the best possible music for our sacred liturgies. I'm grateful for those who decorated the church for Easter...the sanctuary glows with a big splash of color to celebrate the new life of Easter after 7 weeks of Lenten barrenness. Your gifts toward our flower fund make this possible. I'm always grateful to our liturgical ministers...lectors, ushers, altar servers, eucharistic Ministers and to all who setup for our liturgies & then clean up afterward. I'm grateful for our maintenance staff who do such a great job of keeping the church clean. Finally, I'm thankful on a daily basis for Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan who join me week after week in trying to serve the people of St. Leo's. Joan is our "behind the scenes" camerawoman who controls the movement of our live-streaming camera for those joining us online, but she is also very much front & center throughout the year as she meets with grieving people to help them plan the funeral for their loved one. Deacon Pat expresses his daily service to the parish in his liturgical ministry and in his preaching. And both of them prepared our catechumen and candidates for their joyful entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. There is much more that each of them do but not enough room in this column to mention all their ministerial work. On behalf of the parish, I thank them for their faithful ministry and for their friendship and support.

One of our liturgical ministers deserves special acknowledgment today as we congratulate our Associate Musician, Mary Piechowski & her husband Eric on the birth of a healthy girl! Lily Ann was born April 11th and I can't wait to see her. Mickey Stitt says she is the newest member of our choir and I hope we get to hear her singing loud & clear when Mary returns to her musical ministry. Until then, we just thank God for a healthy delivery and pray that they may enjoy their daughter immensely.

Today I will be baptizing Brinley Woody as one of the newest members of our Catholic Family. She is the daughter of Nicholas & Danielle Woody, and the great-granddaughter of John Zappitelli, a longtime member of our parish. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate baptisms especially during this Easter Season as the Lord adds more people to his Church. May Brinley know the joy of God's love and life.

Once again our display case in the vestibule of the church has been changed to show pictures from our Easter archives so thanks to John & Jeannie Sabol for doing this. Be sure to check it out and remember that our Information Desk in the vestibule of the church is open after each weekend Mass to assist you with questions from a rectory office staff member & to perhaps save you some time from calling or stopping in the rectory office. Thanks to Amy Mackey for being there to assist you.

Fr. James Delmitty

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.**



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 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 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT



The World Is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

St. Leo Seniors



It's meeting time again!!!

Please join us on Wednesday, 4/27/2022 at 11:00 am in the Parish Community Center.

Lunch at 12:00 noon (meeting to follow) and then it's GAME DAY!!!

Please bring \$5.00 for food costs and \$5.00 if you have yet to pay your annual dues...

Looking forward to seeing you all and having some fun!!!

Housecleaning Opportunity

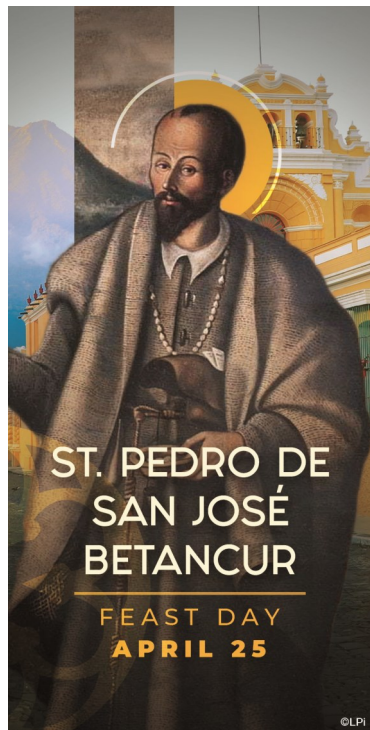
Parishioner looking for someone to help with housekeeping. He lives at 889 Marcie Drive, Cleveland, OH 44109. Please contact Lenny at 216-534-9766.

Who Can Offer Anointing of the Sick?

Question: *Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?*

Answer: The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person who is sick or dying may only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort made tangible through our acts of charity and service.



St. Pedro de San José Betancur | April 25

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of posadas, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II



RAFFLE WINNER

April 18, 2022

Don Smolen

