



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

April 3, 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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APRIL 3, 2022 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent

March 4th to April 8th

Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$9.00 choice of:

Baked Tilapia Almondine

Baked Seasoned Cod

Battered Fried Fish

Breaded Shrimp

Pierogies

Includes:

Choice of baked potato or fries,
coleslaw or applesauce,
roll and butter

\$11.00 Combo Meal-add 3 pierogies

Weekly Specials - Fish Tacos, Seafood Empanadas, Salmon Patty Dinner

Fish Sandwich - \$7.00

fried fish with cheese on
a hoagie roll served with
fries and coleslaw

Kids Meal - \$4.50

choice of: fried fish/pizza/
mac & cheese/pierogi
with fries and drink
(age 10 & under please)

A la carte menu

Baked potato	\$2.50	French fries	\$2.50
Cheese pizza	\$2.00	Pierogies (3)	\$4.00
Mac & cheese	\$3.00	Cabbage & noodles	\$3.50
Side of fish	\$5.50	Soup of the day	\$2.50
(2 fried or 1 baked)		Dessert Available	

St. Leo the Great Church - Lux Hall
4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

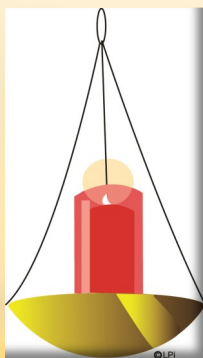


Raffle tickets can still be
purchased at the rectory! Stop by
and get yours now.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please plan on joining us for Stations of the Cross
every **Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the
Church**. Fr. Jim or Deacon Pat will be leading
the Stations of the Cross. Music will be included
as we want more people to take advantage of this
wonderful prayer opportunity. This helps us to
unite our sufferings to those of Christ. Please
consider experiencing this unique prayer that has
such a long tradition in our church.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

March 27 to April 10

IN LOVING MEMORY

of great strength and honor
Rocco A. Capone
We love and miss you,
your grateful family the Capones

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.

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, Harriet Franko, 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.

Michael Garvin
St. Hilary, Fairlawn
III Theology, St. Mary



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

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, April 4th—Lenten Weekday
8:30am +Raymond Kathy Hirsch (Fr. Jim Schmitz)
Tuesday, April 5th—Weekday
8:30am +Victor Kuznik (Kuznik Family)
Wednesday, April 6th—Lenten Weekday
8:30am +Russel Walker (Love Children)
Thursday April 7th— Lenten Weekday
8:30am Communion Service
Friday April 8th—Lenten Weekday
8:30am +St. Jude (Hinton Family)
Saturday April 9th – Lenten Weekday
4:00 +Charles Hutter (Mary Bublavy)
Sunday, April 10th —Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Sr. Dolores Stanko (Friend)

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

This section of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who addressed God's people exiled in Babylon (located in modern-day Iraq). He encourages them that one day they will be free to return home to Jerusalem. This journey will be through the desert, but God will transform this barren wasteland to ease their passage home.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

The city of Philippi was located in what is today northeastern Greece, a country where Olympic-type games were popular. Paul draws upon this image to motivate the people to keep pressing forward in their spiritual growth.

Readings for the week April 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56



SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$5,154.00
WeShare.....\$3,251.00
Total.....\$8,405.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 3, 2022 | 5th Sunday of Lent



We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.



It's not what we GIVE but what we SHARE that gives us life. A "gift" enriches the receiver, but something shared enriches others. Share what you have during this Lenten Season with your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food collection next weekend, APRIL 9th and 10th. We are especially in need of: ELBOW MACARONI, RICE AND NOODLE SIDES, SKILLET DINNERS, MACARONI AND CHEESE, SPAGHETTI NOODLES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED POTATOES, ASSORTED SOUPS, RAMEN NOODLES, TUNA FISH, STUFFING MIX, CANNED VEGETABLES,

CANNED TOMATOES, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, CANNED FRUIT, PANCAKE SYRUP BAR SOAP AND DISHWASHING SOAP. Whatever you are able to donate will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

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 very sad to let you know that one of our parish staff members died suddenly last Friday, March 25th. It was announced at last weekend's Masses that Betty Clancy, mother of Brenda Basalla, had died, but many of you may not know Betty or Brenda by name. Brenda is our Business Manager & has been here with me since January of 2014 when I arrived as Pastor. She was actually recommended to me by her cousin, Fr. Russ Lowe, who was leaving the pastorate here at St. Leo's to become Pastor at Our Lady of Angels or "OLA" on Rocky River Drive, close by where I grew up in West Park. Betty had worked in our rectory office one or two days a week previously but then started working Tuesday through Thursday during the past year. She sat at a desk just a few feet from where I sit in my office & we would speak frequently throughout the day. She would watch my dog Michaela on my day off and during my vacations for me. She became a good friend besides a great worker in our rectory office. In fact, she and Brenda and I had plans for dinner & a movie on the night her daughter discovered she had died at her home. So it is a great loss for our parish, parish staff, for Brenda of course, and for myself. I will be celebrating her Funeral Mass on Friday, April 1st at Our Lady of Angels church. I thank God for her ministry of being a friendly, welcoming and helpful person in our rectory office, and I will always be grateful for her friendship. She was a woman of deep faith who cared deeply for others. Her husband Larry died just two years ago, so we express our sympathy to Brenda on the loss of both her parents, and assure her and her family of our prayers. May Betty rest in God's peace until that day when, as we pray at a funeral Mass, "we shall see her again and enjoy her friendship."

We congratulate the parents of Ava Berlekamp and Christopher Finnegan as these children will be baptized this Sunday (April 3rd) after the 11am Mass. May the new life God has given to them be celebrated with joy and gratitude as God brings new children into his Church.

I'm glad that many of you stopped at the Information Desk or in the rectory office to pick up a free copy of the book I spoke about during my homily last Sunday called "Return: How to Draw your Child back to the Church." For those who attended Mass on Saturday, I spoke of how this book, which I recently read, offered many practical suggestions for parents who are saddened by the fact that their child(ren) or grandchild(ren) have left the Church or the practice of their faith. We ordered more copies so feel free to ask for one after Mass or at the rectory office.

Next weekend we begin our entry into Holy Week with the celebration of Passion (or Palm) Sunday. I will remind you then of the time of our sacred services that week but ask that you continue to join us for our final Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross this Friday. Again I am grateful for all those who have given their time to work at our Fish Fry this year which has allowed us to once again enjoy that meal in person (with the option of take-out as well). And thanks to all of you for your support for that event.

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 April 6, May 4, and June 1, 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.**

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 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.





Have a Heart Lend a Hand

During Lent St. Leo's is sponsoring our annual Have-a-Heart, Lend-a-Hand program. Twelve area organizations will be recipients of your generosity.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2, and during Lent, baskets of hearts will be at all church entrances. Please take a heart or two and purchase the items requested for the organization listed. Or you can purchase items from the list below.

You may bring your donations to the church (bins by doors) or rectory by Friday, April 8 or to the St. Leo School cafeteria on Saturday, April 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. Please remember to attach the heart or a tag with the organization name to your donated items.

Rectory hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; Saturday, noon–5:30; or Sunday, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

♥ **Birthright**

Gift Cards for Target, Walmart,
Marc's, Kohls
Diapers—Size 4,5,6

♥ **Broadview Multi-Care**

Adult Coloring Books
Large-Print Word-Search Books
Colored Pencils, Markers
Playing Cards
Nail Polish
Body Wash
Men's Crew Socks
Men's Extra Large Undershirts
Chess/Checkers Set

♥ **Catholic Charities Refugee Families**

Twin-Size Sheets/Blankets
Full-Size Sheets/Blankets
Bed Pillows
Pillow Cases

♥ **Holy Family Hospice**

Paper Towels
Napkins
Kleenex
Bleach
Lestoil
Disinfectant Wipes
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
Body Wash

♥ **Joseph House of Cleveland**

Bath Towels
Washcloths
Diapers—4T/5T
Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper

♥ **Malachi House**

Postage Stamps
Gift Cards: Walmart, Target,
Giant Eagle, Save-a-Lot, Home
Depot, GFS, Dave's, Amazon

♥ **Mt. Alverna**

Large Pop-It Fidget Toys
Cake/Cookie/Muffin Mixes
Frosting, Sprinkles
Sugar-Free Candy
Cans Diet Pop
New Small Stuffed Animals
Big-Piece Puzzles 25 Pieces or Less
Nail Polish/Remover
Cotton Balls, Emery Boards

♥ **Parma Care Center**

Diet Cans of Coke/Pepsi
Large-Print Word Search Books
Washable Markers/Colored Pencils
Men's Aftershave, Razors
Men's/Women's Body Wash
Women's Hair Accessories
Watercolor/Acrylic Paints, Brushes

♥ **Providence House**

Applesauce
Canned fruits: Peaches, Pears,
Fruit Cocktail
Cookies, Graham Crackers
Diapers, Sizes 5, 6
Clorox Wipes
Paper Towels
Liquid Hand Soap
Baby Wash/Shampoo
Gift Cards: Target, Walmart
Paper Cups/Plates

♥ **St. Colman Parish**

Shampoo
Deodorant
Bar Soap
Razors
Toilet Paper—4-8 Roll Pkg.
Laundry/Dish Detergent
Sturdy Reuseable Shopping Bags
(from Marc's)
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

♥ **St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach**

Bar Soap
Boxed Scalloped Potatoes/
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Canned Tuna
Dish Detergent
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Canned Pasta
Skillet Dinners
Cereal
Baked Beans
Spaghetti Sauce
Rice and Noodle Side Dishes

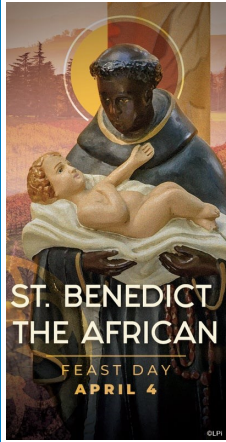
♥ **West Side Catholic Center**

Deodorant
Bar Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
New Men's Shoes
New Children's Shoes
New Socks—Men, Women, Children

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

Have a Heart, Lend a Hand

This is the last week for Have a Heart donations. Please bring donations to the rectory by Friday, April 8th or to the school cafeteria on Saturday, April 9th, 2 to 4 pm. May God bless you for your generosity!



St. Benedict the African | April 4

St. Benedict the African (1524-1589), was born in San Fratello, Sicily to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who had been taken as slaves. Some accounts claim that because of his parents' loyal service that Benedict was given his freedom at birth, other sources say that his freedom was granted when he turned 18. At 21 Benedict joined a society of hermits living under the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Eventually he succeeded his friend, Jerome Lanze, as their leader. When the Pope disbanded the independent hermit society, Benedict joined the Order of Friars Minor and he was sent to Palermo, to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. There Benedict worked in the kitchens and despite being illiterate and a lay brother (not a priest), he also served as Master of Novices, and as Guardian of the Community. St. Benedict was known throughout his life as a brilliant cook under whose hands food seemed to multiply miraculously, a healer, and a spiritual leader with profound understanding. He is recognized as the patron saint of African Americans.



RAFFLE WINNER



March 28, 2022

Tim Passerell



**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/>



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