



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 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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And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." —Mt 21:10-11

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO



PLEASE REMEMBER.. Sarah Geier, Edward P. Gorczyca, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Stella Sugalski, Donna Mlady, 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, Larry Carrino, Ruth Frohlich, Stanley Kosiba, Zbyszek Spolna, Mary Jane Funta, Anna Tulenew, Michael Graham & Lisa Marie Rivera.

HOLY WEEK OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory Office hours are as follows:



Good Friday: CLOSED

Holy Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: CLOSED

Easter Monday: CLOSED



WEDDING BANNS

I Megan Kozelka (SLG) and Aaron Highberger



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

BARBARA DOBAY
\$100.00 - APRIL 3RD

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

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

Sr. Donna Schultz, O.C.D.
Discalced Carmelite Nuns
Novice



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



PARISH SUPPORT Sunday, April 2nd

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| Basket Collection..... | \$ 8,881.60 |
| WeShare (online) | 1,130.00 |
| Total | \$10,011.60 |
| Catholic Relief..... | \$ 491.00 |

Thank you for your continued support!

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

April 10th to April 16th

Monday, April 10th: Monday of Holy Week

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory (Eva Bunosky)

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 (Noon) Confessions

Tuesday, April 11th: Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 a.m. +Pete & Sally Blaszak (Tom & Loretta Koval)

12:00 (Noon) to 1:00 p.m. Confessions

Wednesday, April 12th: Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 a.m. Straus Family (Sladewski Family)

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Confessions

Thursday, April 13th: Holy Thursday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14th: Good Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 (Noon) Passion Play

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 15th: Holy Saturday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Blessing of Food

9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16th: Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish



First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Chapters 40-55 of the Book of Isaiah contain 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 this suffering servant.

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 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 of April 9, 2017

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66

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

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

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

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

Dear Parishioners,

I was touched by the obituary for Janet Lajewski, whose funeral I celebrated last Friday (March 31st): "Janet lived the last 8 years of her life battling cancer but not once did this illness shake her Catholic Faith. Though her body became weak, her strength grew in spirit, rarely giving into her pain. Her life was lived for the Lord and we know and believe she is happy to finally be back "home" with Him and all of her family that has gone before her." What a great testament to her faith and to the faith of her family. Having lived for the Lord, may she rest in his peace forever.

I want to express our sympathy to the family of Michael Venditti who died at the age of 56 after a battle with cancer. His father is Armand and his brother is David, both from our parish who have given much to our community over the years. We offer our prayers for Michael as well as for his family during this time of grief.

Margaret Zisk was a parishioner of St. Leo's but has been at Holy Family Hospice for several years. She passed away at the age of 101. The family asked if they could celebrate her funeral Mass there at Holy Family Hospice where she had come to know the chaplain, Father Simon, and the staff very well. I assured the family that we join our prayers to theirs as we entrust Margaret back to her Creator.

Once again I must express my gratitude to all who participated in our Fish Fry's this Lent. Many people spent many hours preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning. And the participation was great as it was the last two years. It's a gift to have such opportunities to work together and to socialize with parishioners & friends.

As we enter into Holy Week on this Palm (Passion) weekend, we would do well to use the many opportunities provided by the Church and parish to engage in the prayers and liturgies of this most important time of the year. Confessions will be heard on Monday at 11am, Tuesday at Noon, and Wednesday at 6pm. Fr. Joe Pednekar will be here to assist with those confessions. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will be at 7pm, the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday is at 3 (Stations at 7pm) and the Easter Vigil Holy Saturday begins at 9pm. We will have the Blessing of Food at Noon on Holy Saturday. Besides the usual 8am & 11am Masses, we will also have a 9:30am Mass Easter Sunday. Bring family & friends with you!

We are happy to have Father Dennis O'Grady help with weekend Mass, in addition to Father Joe Pednekar who will continue to help with confessions and Mass on occasion. Fr. O'Grady is retired and has served in several parishes in the Diocese as well as in El Salvador. We are grateful to both of these priests who enjoy praying with our parish community and are a big help to me, especially when I have RCIA, weddings & funerals on the weekend. Please be sure to express your thanks to them.

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S April 10th to April 16th



Monday, April 10th

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| 11:00 a.m. Confessions | Church |
| 4:00 p.m. High School Girls Volleyball | Lux |
| 6:45 p.m. PSR | School |
| 6:45 p.m. Girl Scouts #71821 | Francis |

Tuesday, April 11th

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| 8:30 a.m. SVDP packing/receiving | Church |
| 12:00 Noon Confessions | Church |

Wednesday, April 12th

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| 11:00 a.m. Seniors | Great |
| 4:00 p.m. High School Girls Volleyball | Lux |
| 5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts | Great |
| 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Confessions | Church |
| 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #71720 | Francis |
| 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | Church |

Thursday, April 13th—HOLY THURSDAY

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| 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer | Church |
| 1:00 p.m. Women's Knitting | Francis |
| 4:00 p.m. High School Girls Volleyball | Lux |
| 4:15 p.m. Cohort Training | Great |
| 7:00 p.m. Mass of Lord's Supper | Church |

Friday, April 14th—GOOD FRIDAY

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| 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer | Church |
| 12:00 Noon Passion Play | Church |
| 3:00 p.m. Passion of our Lord | Church |
| 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross | Church |

Saturday, April 15th—HOLY SATURDAY

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| 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer | Church |
| 12:00 Noon Blessing of Food | Church |
| 3:00 p.m. Grapevine | Great |
| 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil | Church |

Sunday, April 16th—EASTER SUNDAY



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. This Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

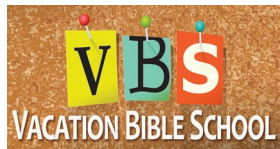
THIS Sunday, April 9th—PALM SUNDAY



Our 44th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in Lux Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 9th. **Our Feature Item this year is Banana Bread French Toast (\$7.00).** Our regular

Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee. The pancakes are all you can eat! Cost for regular pancake breakfast for adults is \$5 and children are \$3. Continue the tradition or start a new one, bring your family after Mass.

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



St. Leo the Great along with St. Thomas More and Mary Queen of Peace Parishes will be presenting Summer Vacation Bible School. St. Thomas

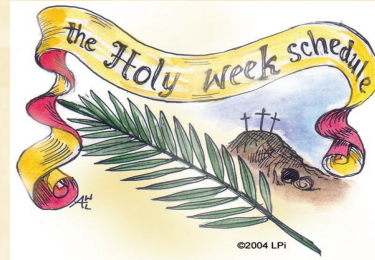
More will be the host location. VBS will be open to all children (day school and PSR) entering Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2017/2018 school year. This year's program will take place from July 10th-14th from 9:00am -12:00noon so be sure to mark your calendars. Stay tuned for further details regarding registration and volunteer opportunities. Contact Mary Perry, mperry@leothegreat.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Divine Mercy

Although Divine Mercy Sunday falls on April 23rd this year, the Sunday after Easter, we begin to prepare during Holy Week on Good Friday after the 7:30 a.m. morning prayer in the church. We will be praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Novena Prayer each morning after Mass during the week through the Saturday before the Feast.

On April 22, 1931 Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, now a canonized saint, was asked by Jesus in an apparition to become the apostle and secretary of God's Mercy. In it she revealed Jesus's request. "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially sinners. The soul that goes to confession and receives holy communion on that day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

Several churches in this area will hold special Divine Mercy Devotions on the Feast. Details in a later bulletin.



Monday, April 10th

Mass - 7:30 a.m.

Confessions - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, April 11th

Mass - 7:30 a.m.

Confessions - 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12th

Mass - 7:30 a.m.

Confessions - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 13th

Morning Prayer - 7:30 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

Followed by solemn exposition of the Eucharist.

Good Friday, April 14th

Morning Prayer - 7:30 a.m.

Passion Play - 12:00 Noon

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 15th

Morning Prayer - 7:30 a.m.

Blessing of Food - 12:00 Noon

Solemn Easter Vigil - 9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16th

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



HAVE A HEART—LEND A HAND



All items purchased for the **Have a Heart—Lend a Hand Lenten program** can be dropped off in the school cafeteria **this weekend** when you come to Mass. **The drop-off times are Saturday, April 8th, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 9th, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.** God bless you for your generosity. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Reservations will be accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1967). Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Seating is limited in the Cathedral. The number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity and total number registered.

Date & Time: Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 2:30p.m. Mass

Place: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Please call Mary Lou at 216-661-1006 or email her at mlhauck@leothegreat.org to register

THANK YOU!!!!



We just served the last fish dinner for 2017, and we want to **THANK YOU** for your tremendous support whether you dined with us weekly or only once or twice. A very special **THANK YOU** to all the **VOLUNTEERS** who put it all together: setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up (our unsung heroes) -- too many to list here, but all contributing in their own special way. Let's not forget the maintenance staff who worked with us from start to finish, always there to assist. It was a true team effort with everyone pitching in as needed. We enjoyed serving you the last six weeks, and we look forward to seeing all of you again next year!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



There is a time for study, a time for discussion, a time for decision, a time to act. Act on the Gospel message "Love your neighbor" and share your money in the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization Poor Boxes. Act now during Lent, a special time for almsgiving.

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 more information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our website at leothegreat.org.

ST. LEO'S SENIORS



On Wednesday, April 12th, St. Leo's Seniors will meet in the Parish Community Center at 11:00 a.m. We will have our installation of officers at this meeting. Congratulations to our officers and many thanks for all you do!

President: Barbara Mudrey

Vice President: Dennis Kapral

Secretary: Maureen Kelly

Treasurer: Dolores Zuchowski

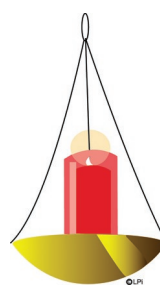
Sargent of Arms: Robert Zarko

REGISTER WITH US



Have you moved into the area recently? Or have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. It will take just a couple minutes of your time. Stop back at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, at the rectory office, or call 216-661-1006.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Sanctuary Candle is the candle next to the Tabernacle, which signifies the real presence of Christ within it. You can dedicate this Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for two weeks; the name will be published in the bulletin so that your intention can be prayed for by everyone during that time. The donation for the candle will be \$10.00. Please stop by the Rectory Office or the Information Desk in the vestibule of the church to request a Sanctuary Candle Intention.



Hosanna, Lord!

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We cry, "Ho - san - na, Lord," yes, "Ho - san - na, Lord," yes, "Ho -

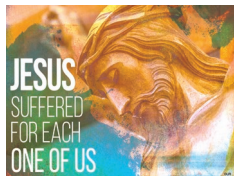
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san - na, Lord," to you. We cry, "Ho - san - na, Lord,," yes, "Ho -

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san - na, Lord,," yes, "Ho - san - na, Lord,," to you.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK...Our liturgy, with its very dramatic and poignant readings, immerses into all of the raw emotions life can often bring. We hear of betrayal, fear, anger, disappointment, confusion, suffering, and even death. The veil of injustice is pulled over the life of the innocent Lamb and God, who walked with us, is called to face his death on the cross. Yet Jesus remains faithful and accepts the fate that is before him. In all of this, he never wavers from the truth and continues to speak of mercy, forgiveness, and a God who loves. When life gets the best of us and brings us to our knees, can we remain faithful to the truth and accept what we cannot control?



BUS TRIPS

Thursday, April 20th—Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh

- ◆ **Cost: \$31.00** — Depart - 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Casino bonus: \$20 free play (subject to change or cancel without notice.) **MUST HAVE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ID WITH YOU.**
- ◆ 5:00 p.m. meal stop enroute home—on your own
- ◆ Return - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 5, 2017—International Tour of Cleveland IV (includes Lakefront Park, Historic homes of Bratenahl, Whiskey Island and more.....)

- ◆ **Cost: \$81.00(includes 2 meals)** - Depart - 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Return - 6:00 p.m.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Saturday, April 22nd...St. Charles Ladies Guild's Hi-Tea Party from 12Noon—3:30pm Lower Parish Hall for ages 10-99. Entertainment by the Singing Hands. "Bring your own tea cup & saucer" Lite luncheon, raffles, prizes galore!

ST. THOMAS MORE—Saturday, April 29th... St. Thomas More Women's Guild will hold their annual Spring Style Show & Luncheon. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and Luncheon is at noon. Fashions by Dress Barn. Tickets are \$10 and available at the rectory. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, April 24th.