



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

May 15, 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.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP!

Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

Instagram @leothegreatorg



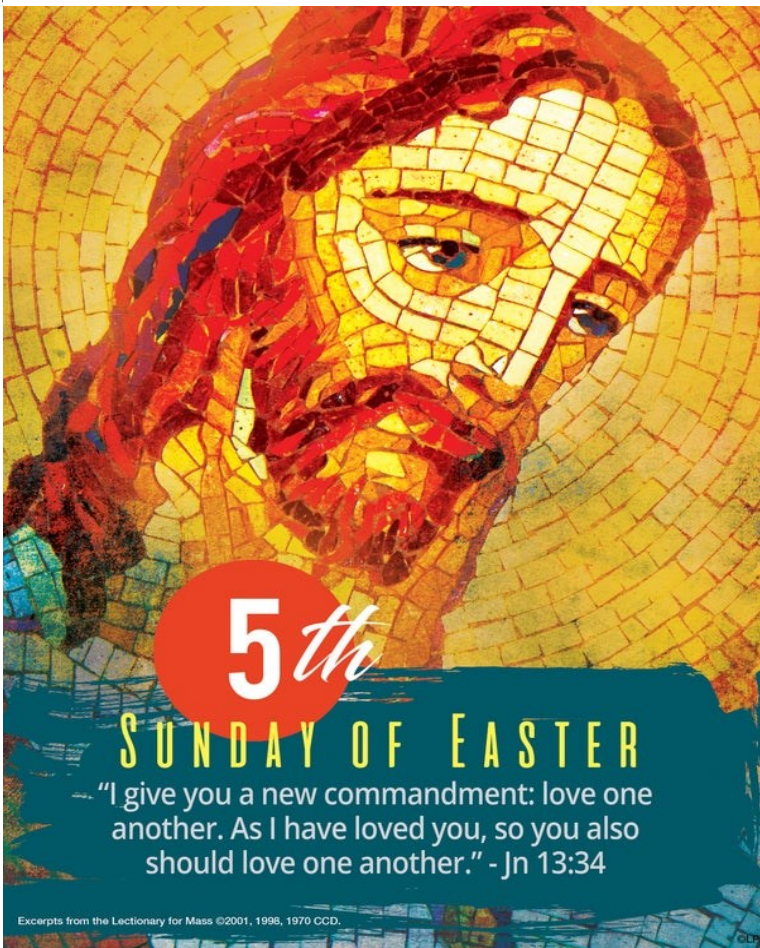
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MAY 15, 2022 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ONLINE GIVING



Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leotheadgreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.



REGISTER WITH US

Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at leotheadgreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



St. Vincent de Paul

Did you ever run out of food and other essential items and have a helpless feeling knowing that it would be awhile before you receive money to buy more? "No, Thank God." But there are people around us who have to answer "YES." Your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization assists those of you who answer "YES," thanks to the people who have answered "NO," but said "YES," to the Poor Boxes each Sunday, which are located at the entrances of the church or you can put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Please do not take a break from supporting your SVDP Organization. Your help is indeed appreciated.

Cross Catholic Outreach

Father Ron Mrozinski will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



St. Charles Borromeo Ladies Guild Presents

TEA...riffic...TEA

High Tea Party for ages 10-99

Saturday, May 21, 2022 | St. Charles Gym | Noon – 3:30pm



Enjoy a life luncheon of chicken salad, croissant, fresh fruit salad, all the bakery you can eat, tea and coffee. Plus, raffle prizes for all ages!

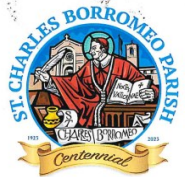
Featuring Guest Speaker:

Sister Denise Marie Vlna, O.S.U.

Tickets can be purchased at the St. Charles Rectory for
\$15.00 ages 16-99 | \$12.00 ages 10-15
Please no younger children!

Bring a friend, sister, daughter, or granddaughter
And... Make sure to bring your favorite tea cup and saucer!

Questions? Call Pat Lawler 440-781-7807
or Pam Bennett 440-773-3291



St. Charles Borromeo Parish
5891 Ridge Road | Parma, Ohio 44129

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING

Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at leotheadgreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you.

**PLEASE STOP BY THE
OFFICE AND
SUPPORT US.**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS...

Prayer
REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, 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, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavay, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

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

Benjamin Jackson
St. Mary, Hudson
Senior, Borromeo



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



SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$6,445.00
WeShare.....\$2,205.00
Total.....\$8,650.00

APRIL COLLECTION TOTALS

Capital Improvement.....\$1,743.00
Catholic Relief.....\$60.00
Palm Sunday.....\$2,085.00
Flowers.....\$110.00
Mother's Day.....\$45.00
Holy Thursday.....\$1,011.00
Good Friday.....\$1,027.00
Easter.....\$16,233.00
Home Mission.....\$304.00
SVDP.....\$610.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MASS
INTENTIONS

Monday, May 16th—Easter Weekday
8:30am +Bob Zarko (Rose Zarko)
Tuesday, May 17th—Easter Weekday
8:30am No Mass or Communion Service
Wednesday, May 18th—Easter Weekday
8:30am No Mass or Communion Service
Thursday May 19th— Easter Weekday
8:30am No Communion Service
Friday May 20th—Easter Weekday
8:30am No Mass or Communion Service
Saturday May 21st – Easter Weekday
4:00pm +Ronald Vance (Bernadine & Family)
Sunday, May 22nd— Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Corman Crea

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

The Acts of the Apostles shows how the Easter message spread to all parts of the Mediterranean world. Today we hear a travelogue of part of one of Paul's missionary Journeys that took him to modern-day Turkey. The mountainous terrain there made travel difficult and dangerous. The situation was made even worse because of the constant threat of robbers, flash floods and world animals.

Second Reading: Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11

Many people think that the book of Revelation gives secret information about future events, including the end of the world. But it was really intended to be a source of hope for Christians suffering persecution towards the end of the first century. The author vividly describes visions of how God will ultimately overcome all evil and bring all creation to its destiny.

Readings for the week May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

**Congratulations to our
students who made
their first communion
last weekend!**



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 15, 2022 | 5th Sunday of Easter



“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

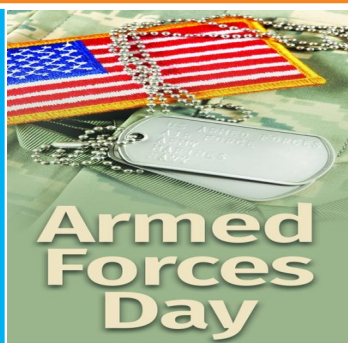
Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.



Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us the First Friday of every month from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. St. Leo the Great has had a long history of Eucharistic Adoration of First Fridays. Part of our Commitment as a parish is that when we have Adoration, Jesus in the Eucharist should not be left alone. We realize we are still in the midst of the pandemic, but we need your presence for as much or as little amount of time as you are able to spend in the presence of Jesus. The Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 5:00 PM. Can you spend just one hour, once a month with Jesus? Our next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be June 3 from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm.



ROSARY

The month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us in honoring Mary with the recitation of the rosary in the Marian shrine at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19th. Please bring a lawn chair as limited seating is available. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in church.



BUS TRIPS

LUNCH CRUISE ABOARD THE NAUTICA QUEEN

Wednesday, June 29

\$70.00 per person

Shop/browse - West Side Market

Deadline for reservations: Tuesday, May 17

Deadline for payment: Tuesday, May 31

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

Deadline for reservations—Friday, May 20

Deadline for payment—Wednesday, May 25

RIVERS CASINO—Wednesday, August 17

\$48 per person, Casino Bonus: \$20 in slot play, \$5 food credit



Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123

ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

Our long-awaited pilgrimage to the Holy Land is finally upon us. There will be 35 of us making this trip so please keep us in your prayers for a safe, enjoyable and spiritual journey. I'm sure there will be pictures and stories to share upon our return. I'm also anticipating a trip to Rome next year so keep that in mind if you're interested in the history, beauty (and food) of the Eternal City.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has announced that Father Michael Woost, a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland, will be ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop for our Diocese on August 4, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. I was in the seminary with Bishop-Elect Woost and also know well his two brothers, Father Thomas and Father David, who are also priests of the Diocese. Father David Woost celebrated the funeral for my aunt a couple of months ago and is the Pastor of Divine Word in Kirtland. Father Thomas Woost was still in elementary school when I was in the major seminary but is now Pastor of St. Brendan Church in North Olmsted. I also knew their mother well as she was a member of St. Mary of the Falls Church in Olmsted Falls where I was first assigned after my ordination. So I am happy to congratulate Bishop-Elect Woost on his upcoming ordination. An Auxiliary Bishop is one who assists the main Bishop of a Diocese, in our case, Bishop Malesic, who is called the "Ordinary" bishop of the Diocese. We are also blessed to have Retired Bishop Roger Gries, former Abbot of the Benedictine Monastery and Retired Bishop Martin Amos, former Bishop or "Bishop Emeritus" of Davenport, Iowa, who also generously assist Bishop Malesic, especially by celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at the many parishes of our Diocese. So we are very blessed by these generous men, each of whom are well respected by the clergy of the Diocese.

Speaking of Confirmation, I have been talking to Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan, as well as to Macrina Dodson, a longtime teacher in our parish school and pastoral minister, and to Joann Deranek, our PSR Coordinator, on how we might adjust our sacramental programs to make them more "evangelical." I have spoken about this before but many in the Catholic Church have come to see that we have been very good about catechizing or teaching the Catholic Faith to our children, but often times without the necessary evangelization that necessarily goes with it. To evangelize means to introduce and invite others into a relationship with God, especially through a friendship with Christ, who has revealed God our Father to us and sent us the Holy Spirit so that we might have the wisdom and grace to be in a loving relationship with the Father and the Son. The book review that we did over Zoom during the COVID months was called "Forming Intentional Disciples," and emphasized again the need for the Church to not just teach the faith to others but to evangelize or help others to enter into a relationship with the God whom we are teaching about. So these ministers and I are discussing ways in which we can better include this dimension of evangelization into our religious education and sacramental programs. This would include a focus especially on preparing the youth of our parish for the Sacraments of the Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation, typically received in the 2nd & 8th grades, respectively. We will be sure to share more of this plan with you in the coming months but it will likely mean that we take a different approach to how we prepare the young for these sacraments. We need to stress the importance of not just learning facts about the Catholic faith but of developing a personal relationship with God through Christ. Both are equally important and you can't really have one without the other. Both catechism and evangelism need to be integrated together if one is to live out their religious faith in a way that is lifelong and which can be practiced in this life for preparation for the eternal life to come. This is needed not just for our young people but for all the disciples of Christ in our parish community. Pray that, as leaders and servants of the parish, we might be guided by the Holy Spirit in this important endeavor.

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 June 1, August 3, and September 7, 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.



ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO



ST. LEO THE GREAT PRESENTS: A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Proceeds to benefit St. Leo the Great Athletics and PTC

Saturday, May 21, 2022 - Lux Hall

4900 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109

Doors Open at 6:00PM

For \$30 per person you can enjoy an evening filled with friends, food, drinks, betting, raffles, and horse races!

Buy and Own a Horse!

Horse owners and names will be printed in the event program and announce prior to and during the race. Even if you are unable to attend, you can still be a horse owner. You choose the name of your horse. There are 10 races with 10 horses each (one of the races will be an auction race; with the winner receiving 50% of the pot! Owner of the winning horse receives a \$40 cash prize! Horses will be placed in random order. There will be no limit to the number of horse you can buy. **Horses are \$20 each.** Name your horses on the attached form.

Sponsor a Race!

You can sponsor one of the 10 races, in doing so you get a business card size ad and name printed in the program. Sponsors will be announced prior to the race and your logo will be displayed on the screen on event night. **Race sponsorship is \$100.**

Advertise in the Program!

Full Page Ad (4.25x11) ----- \$75
Half Page Ad (4.25x5.5) ----- \$50
Quarter Page Ad (4.25x2.75) --- \$25

***Please include ad copy, logo, photo, or ready-made ad with order. Email to Kaitlinginter@gmail.com

ORDER FORM - PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR

Item	Qty.	Price	Subtotal
Event Ticket		\$30	
Race Sponsor		\$100	
Full Page Ad		\$75	
Half Page Ad		\$50	
Quarter Page Ad		\$25	
		Total:	\$

Name _____
Address 1 _____
Address 2 _____
Phone Number _____

Tickets can be purchased through <https://StLeoTheGreat.eventbrite.com>, The Church Rectory, or The School Office. Checks can be made payable to St. Leo the Great PTC. Purchases will be accepted until May 16, 2022. Special arrangements can be made by contacting Kaitlin Ginter 440-429-7613.



MEMORIAL DAY MASS

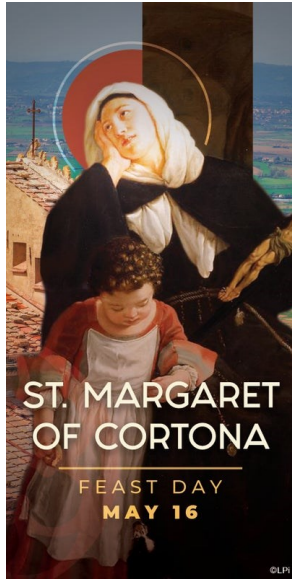
A 9:00 a.m. liturgy will be celebrated on Memorial Day, May 30th. We would like to remember those individuals from our parish who have died in service for our country. If a member of your family has died in the Armed Forces, please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

Name of Deceased Person: _____
Rank: _____ Branch of Service: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____
Family Name: _____ Relationship: _____

**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.



St. Margaret of Cortona | May 16

Though St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 – 1297) is today known as being an incredibly pious Catholic, she didn't start out that way. Born into a farming family in Laviano, Tuscany, her mother died when St. Margaret was seven. Her father remarried, but life with her stepmother was so difficult that St. Margaret moved out of the home and instead chose to live with a man named Arsenio, though they weren't married. They had been living together for nine years when she gave birth to a son. Knowing in her heart that this wasn't the life that God intended for her to have, she prayed for purity.

One day while waiting for Arsenio, his dog led her into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. So shocked was St. Margaret that she fell into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, but still found her stepmother to be as unwelcoming as ever. They then went to Cortona, and eventually her son became a friar.

Three years after her conversion, St. Margaret followed in her son's footsteps and became a Franciscan tertiary. During her life, St. Margaret established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. She was canonized in 1728.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES



Don't forget to bring back your baby bottle (filled or not) the weekend of May 14th and 15th for 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.



Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, May 22nd from 8-Noon. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. Schedule your appointment at redcrossblood.org. Walk ins will not be accepted due to scheduling issues. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

RAFFLE WINNER

May 9, 2022

Audrey Puszak

