



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 16, 2021

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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, 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
after Mass by request or any time 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.



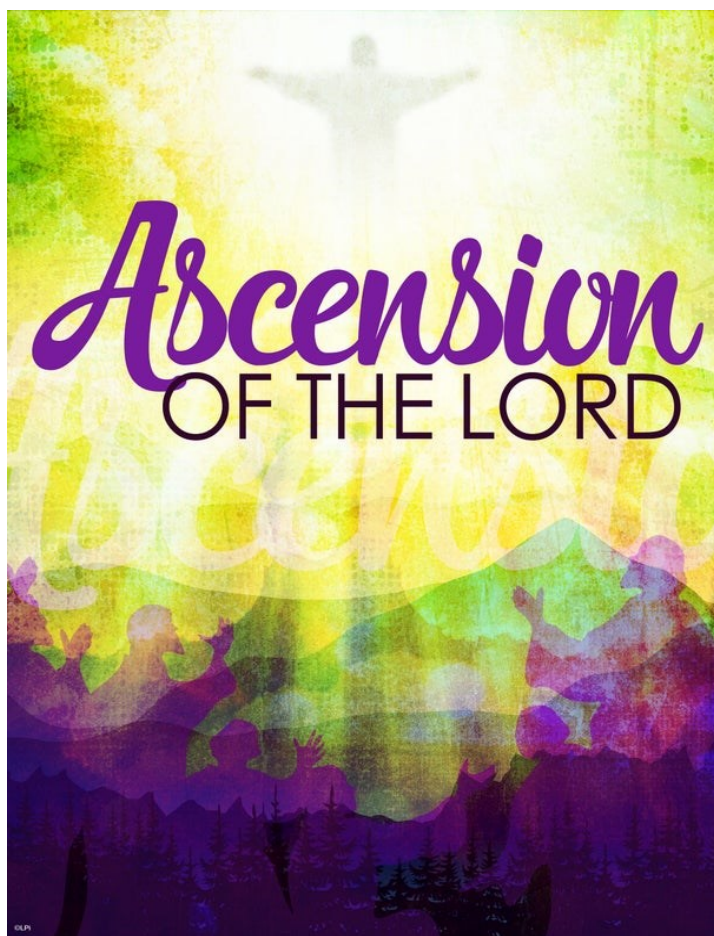
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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.

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@leothgreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Robert M. Squires

BORN

October 17, 1946

ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST

May 4, 2021

INTERMENT

Holy Cross Cemetery

Sec. 36 Lot 1145 Gr. 1

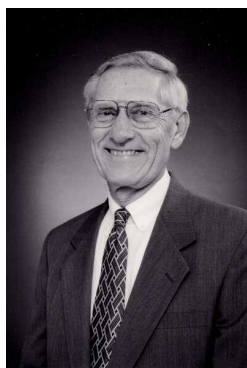
Come to Me

God saw you were getting tired, and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you, and whispered, "Come to me." With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Donlon Funeral Home
216-251-7300

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

FRANK S. WADE



BORN

November 21, 1930

ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST

May 4, 2021

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Leo the Great Church

Monday, May 10, 2021

at 10:00am

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2021 WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

*"Come and See" (Jn 1:46).
Communicating by Encountering
People Where and as They Are.*



SUNDAY, MAY 16TH

World
COMMUNICATIONS DAY

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn,, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Joseph Mackey, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, Frank Gerda, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Diane Buccier, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski & Millie Ancin.



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

DON SMOLEN

May 10, 2021—\$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at online at leothegreat.org or at the Rectory Office.

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

Timothy Rubeling
Capuchin Formation Program
Senior, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

SUNDAY, MAY 2ND

Collection	\$ 7,804.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,680.00
Total	\$ 9,484.00
Home Mission	\$ 479.00

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



Monday, May 17th - Easter Weekday

8:30am +Dina Family (Family)

Tuesday, May 18th - St. John I

8:30am +Alfio Lovano (Family)

7:00pm Rosary (Marian Shrine-weather permitting)

Wednesday, May 19th - Easter Weekday

8:30am +Maureen Kelly (Husband)

Thursday, May 20th - St. Bernardine of Siena

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, May 21st - St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

8:30am +Rudy Dejelo (Cora Dejelo)

Saturday, May 22nd - St. Rita of Cascia

4:00pm +Ronald Vance (Bernadine & Family)

Sunday, May 23rd - Pentecost Sunday

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Carmen Crea (Family)

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Today's passage takes us back to the beginning verses of the Acts of the Apostles and sets forth the themes that Luke is going to develop throughout this, the longest book of the New Testament. His major theme is the role of the Holy Spirit, who enables the apostles to be effective witnesses to Jesus. The Holy Spirit is mentioned 57 times in the Acts of the Apostles.

Second Reading: Ephesians: 4:1-13

Today's passage from Ephesians was chosen because of its reference to Jesus' ascent to heaven, which is contrasted with his descent to the dead. Early Christians believed that those who died before the coming of Jesus awaited redemption in a shadowy existence described here as the lower regions of the earth. It is our Christian tradition that immediately after his death, Jesus went to these people to announce that they had been saved.

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/ Eph 1:17-23 /Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 /Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 & 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Pentecost* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23

*The Lord has set his throne in heaven.
(Ps 103)*

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Dear Parishioners,

We express our sympathy to Christine Squires, the wife of Robert whose funeral Mass was celebrated here last Saturday. To her & to their children Richie & Sandy, we pledge our prayers and support during this time. I also had the funeral of a brother & sister of Bob here at St. Leo's, and Deacon Pat presided at the funeral of another brother when I was ill. Bob, like his siblings, was a man of faith who was always willing to help others in imitation of Jesus whom Peter said, "went about doing good." The siblings would pray the rosary together several times a year as they prayed for their deceased family members. May that powerful prayer used for others now come to his assistance so that Mary may welcome him to God's kingdom.

This past week we also celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Frank Wade, husband of Anne for 64 years. They have 7 children and 10 grandchildren. Frank's obituary included a long list of his accomplishments in life, especially as a coach for young people and as a successful businessman who also sat as a member of the Board at a bank and at Jennings. His strong mind for business was a gift he received and which he used so well. But he was also a dedicated family man and took a keen interest in the lives of his children and grandchildren. Frank was also a man of strong faith which was expressed in what he did as a coach and as an organizer of youth sports. We thank God for his example and pray for his heavenly reward.

As more & more people become vaccinated and return to Mass, we continue to ask how we can resume some of the activities & ministries put on hold because of the Coronavirus. For one, I would like to let the Eucharistic Ministers know who brought Holy Communion to the sick & homebound, that they can resume this important ministry if the people they visit are vaccinated and feel comfortable with someone bringing them the Eucharist. You can place your pyx on the tabernacle altar before Mass which we will fill after Holy Communion.

I would also like to resume our enjoyment of coffee & donuts which we have fasted from for too long due to the pandemic. But instead of gathering in the enclosed space of the vestibule, perhaps we can use the space outside to meet with fellow parishioners. I'd like to begin celebrating civil holiday Masses outside by our shrine. I don't know why I haven't done that until now, but there is a stone altar there and some benches, though we'd like to ask you to bring your own chair if you are able & allow those who can't carry one to use the benches that are there. So we will begin with the Memorial Day Mass that will be celebrated at 9am on Monday, May 31st. This will be weather-permitting of course. I'll remind you of that in a couple of weeks but pray for warmer and dryer weather than what we've had so far during this month of May.

Due to First Communions and Mother's Day, we haven't had the opportunity yet to recognize May as the month we set aside to remember the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is a veil on her statue but we'll offer a prayer to ask for her motherly intercession.

With the rain (& snow!) we had last week, we had another pond form outside my office window, but this time a couple of ducks came to take advantage of it! But it's almost gone now & so are they. I'm still here though until I fly south in July.

Fr. James Schmitz

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following men who were ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 15th.



Fr. Alexander Clark
St. Francis de Sales, Akron

Fr. Cameron Popik
St. Adalbert Parish, Berea

Fr. Alexander Spenik
Mother of Sorrows, Peninsula

Fr. James Winings
St. Dominic, Shaker Heights



*You have called these men to be set apart
and to shepherd your people,
as you shepherd your entire church.
We pray for them in their daily work.
Grant to them an increase in
spiritual gifts and grace,
so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. AMEN.*



American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall **next Sunday, May 23rd, 8am-Noon**. Red Cross staff are required to take temperatures at the door, remain masked and gloved during the blood drive (changing them often) and increased cleaning of the beds and equipment after every donation. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. All donors will have to be masked as well. If you don't have a face covering, one will be provided to you. Please register online at redcross.org. Walk ins will not be accepted. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

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 leothegreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



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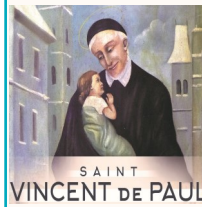
ROSARY

Please join us on **Tuesday, May 18th**, as we say the rosary at 7:00 p.m. Weather permitting, the rosary will be held at the Marian shrine. Please bring a chair as there is limited seating. What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life. God blessed the campaign and we know 755 babies, mothers, fathers and families were spared from abortion, 7 more abortion workers experienced conversion, and 3 more abortion facilities closed. Praise God! Cumulatively over the 14 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 18,745 babies spared from abortion, 217 converted abortion workers, and 110 abortion facility closures. Praise God! We look forward to praying with you from September 22 – October 31 in the 2021 Fall Campaign. God bless you and thank you.

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 located at the entrances of the Church or put it in an envelope marked “SVDP” and put it in the collection box or drop it off at the rectory.

Please do not take a break from supporting your SVDP Organization. Your help is indeed appreciated.

FISCAL RIDDLES

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.



Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

BIRDIES FOR BABIES - GOLF SCRAMBLE



You are invited to golf for a cause at Zelig's Home Inaugural Birdies for Babies Golf Scramble on Sunday, June 13th at Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina, Ohio. All proceeds support our home in Garfield Heights serving pregnant and parenting women and their children. For more information, visit our website at www.zelieshome.org/events/birdiesforbabies or contact Erin Hathaway at executivedirector@zelieshome.org.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TO FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES: SVDP RACE FOR HUNGER RELIEF MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Race for Hunger Relief:
The Final Stretch



Matching Gift Campaign
for SVDP Hunger Centers

This past year during the pandemic, St. Vincent de Paul Society hunger centers served **9,260 NEW** people who found themselves in need of emergency food for the very first time (this is in addition to the other 120,000 people that SVDP normally serves). Please help by donating to this matching gift campaign today. Not only will your contribution be **doubled**, but **every dollar of your gift will feed up to four people**. Donate at svdpcle.org or send a check to: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 E. 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME



Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



The Ascension of the Lord • Mark 16:15-20



GOSPEL

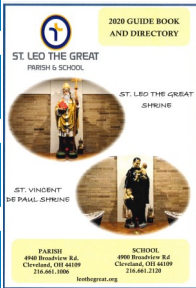
It was time for Jesus to go back up to heaven. Before he left, Jesus asked his friends to tell the whole world the good news. God wanted all people to be saved from their sins through Jesus. If people believed in Jesus, God would forgive them, and they could do great things to help others. If people refused to believe in Jesus, God would not forgive them, and they would not be saved. God was with Jesus' friends as they shared the good news. It is your turn now. God wants you to tell the world the good news about Jesus. God will be with you, too.



PRAYER

God, help me as I tell people about Jesus.

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UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR PARISH GUIDE BOOK WHICH IS GOING TO PRINT IN JUNE PLEASE RETURN YOUR INFORMATION ASAP

Now is the time to update your membership information for our parish database and the 2021 Guide Book & Directory. If you want to update your information **or do not want your name, address, and/or phone number printed in the 2021 Guide Book**, please fill out this form and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket. You may also fill out this information online at our website or mobile app. Thank you!

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ Do not print my name.

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☐ This is my **updated** information.

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CONTINUE TO THINK SPRING



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