



**ST. LEO THE GREAT**  
PARISH & SCHOOL

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 17, 2020

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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 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.



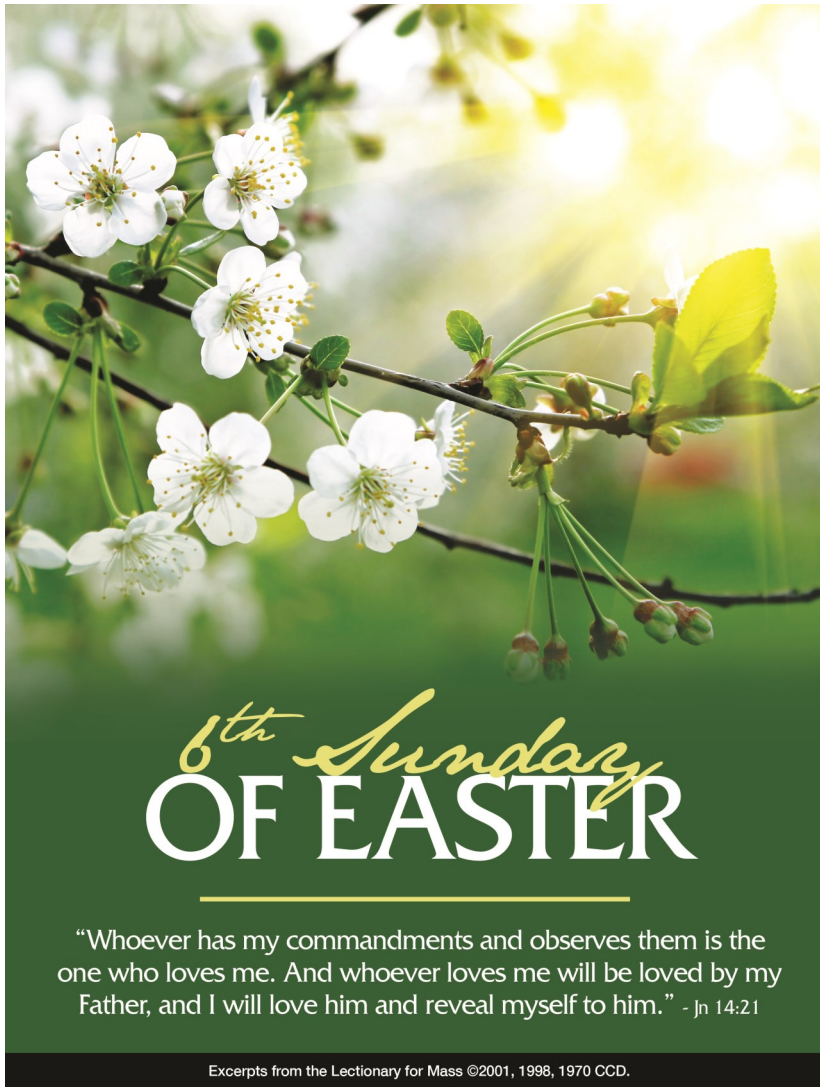
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# 6th Sunday OF EASTER

“Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” - Jn 14:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## PLEASE REMEMBER

### Dorothy L. Forister IN YOUR PRAYERS.



Dorothy L. Forister (nee Kappler) (nee Reisinger) entered into eternal life on May 1, 2020. Dorothy was a member of St. Leo Parish beginning in 1956, when she and her first husband, Robert Kappler Sr. (deceased) bought their first home. They raised their two children, Judy Ladaika (Michael Sr.) and Robert Jr. in the

parish. Dorothy was a Girl Scout leader and a Cub Scout Den Mother and could be counted on to transport one or two of the sisters on errands for the convent. Dorothy married William Forister (deceased) in 1995. In addition to being a mother of two, Dorothy was a grandmother of 5, a great-grandmother of 17, a dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Dorothy loved to sing and dance. A private burial will take place at Holy Cross cemetery. A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Leo Parish at a later date.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and

rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ's resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.

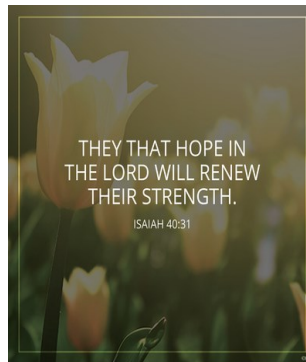
### 2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK



There are still dates available in our 2020 Mass Intention Book.

Please call the Parish Office, leave a message, and we will get back to you to schedule your intentions. The Mass stipend is \$10.00 and can be sent in at a later date.

## PRAYER DURING A HEALTH CRISIS



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name Amen.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka,

William and Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, George Aloschen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, & Trudy Miller.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 18th - Easter Weekday**  
+Dina Family (Dina Family)

**Tuesday, May 19th - Easter Weekday**  
+Alfio Lovano (Family)

**Wednesday, May 20th - St. Bernardine of Siena**  
31st Ordination Anniversary for Deacon Pat



**Thursday, May 21st - St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions** No Mass

**Friday, May 22nd - St. Rita of Cascia**  
+Dennis M. Kucharski (Wife & Family)

**Saturday, May 23rd - Easter Weekday**  
No Mass

**Sunday, May 24th - Ascension**  
+Fannie Shantery (Family)

**(Fr. Jim will offer these intentions at his private Masses during the shut down of public Masses.)**

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

JOHN SOFCHECK

May 11, 2020  
\$100.00 Winner

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available on our website. ([www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org)). Or just call the office 216-661-1006 and we will sign you up.

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

**Christopher Loxterman**  
St. Mary, Chardon  
Aspirant-Diaconate Program



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

Parish Support

Sunday, May 3rd

Collection .....\$ 9,870.00  
WeShare(online).....\$ 1,855.00  
Total.....\$11,725.00

Home Mission.....\$224.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ESPECIALL DURING THESE DIFFICULT DAYS!

**First Reading: Acts: 8:5-8, 14-17**

Last week we heard how the Christian assembly in Jerusalem chose seven of their number to minister to the Greek-speaking Christians who lived there. Philip was one of the seven. Today we find him in Samaria, about 60 miles north of Jerusalem, fearlessly proclaiming the good news of Jesus and experiencing astounding results.

**Second Reading: 1Peter 3:15-18**

The first letter of Peter was written to Christians whose pagan neighbors continually questioned and ridiculed them about their faith. Since most of the Christians were low-born or slaves, their neighbors couldn't understand why they were so joyful and hopeful. Today's passage offers pastoral advice and encouragement.

**Readings for the week of May 17, 2020**

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21  
**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23  
**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28  
**Next Sunday: Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

*"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live." (Jn 14:18-19)*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this



life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us

closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24TH — 8:00AM TO NOON



The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM-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 & 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](https://www.redcross.org); walk ins are welcome.

**T-shirts will be given to donors indirectly (not handed out at the blood drive).  
Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.**

## FROM OUR PASTOR

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Dear Parishioners,

This past Monday I received directives from the Diocese of Cleveland with regard to the return of our public worship, which of course we are all looking forward to. We will have much more detailed information in the coming days and weeks with regard to how this will be done but I wanted to share a few of those details with you now.

First, the Bishops of Ohio, and Fr. Don Oleksiak, the administrator for the Diocese of Cleveland during this time without our own diocesan bishop, have agreed to begin a “soft opening” for the public celebration of weekday Mass in preparation for the public celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost the weekend of May 30th & 31st. Weekday Mass may resume on Monday, May 25th here in the Diocese of Cleveland. However the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect until further notice. Since Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day, that Mass will be at 9:00am instead of 7:30am.

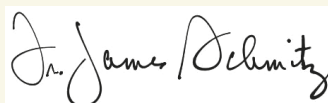
Here at St. Leo’s, we will likely be using the church area instead of the chapel for daily Mass, which is at 7:30am Monday through Thursday & at 8:30am on Fridays (again, except for May 25<sup>th</sup> as Mass will be at 9:00am).

When we do begin to celebrate Mass publicly, whether for daily or Sunday Mass, we will continue to follow the directives of the Governor of Ohio as well as of the Bishops of Ohio and in particular the Administrator of the Cleveland Diocese regarding procedures for such public gatherings. For example, pews will be marked for 6 feet of distance between worshippers, masks will be required for all the faithful, hymnals will be removed, holy water fonts will remain empty, and people will be given instructions for how to receive Holy Communion. These and many more details will be made available to you shortly so please continue to monitor our website or refer to the bulletin for more information. We hope to have masks available for everyone when you come into the church. We also plan to disseminate information to you by way of a phone message you can listen to and by way of letters sent to the parishioners.

The parish staff will be meeting in the days ahead to discuss these directives and the best ways for us to implement them here at St. Leo the Great. Our first concern is for the safety and health of all those who come onto our property and worship in our church. So we will be faithful to the directives as much as possible and I ask that you pray for us as we do our best to practice safe ways of gathering together again.

My sincere thanks again for being so faithful to your contributions to this time. I am amazed that our collection amounts are the same or even greater than usual. Your generosity is so very much appreciated!

As I write this on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, the forecast calls for warm weather (finally!) in the days ahead...it is supposed to reach 70 degrees. It’s about time. You remain daily in my prayers. Please pray for us during this time as well that we may serve you to the best of our ability.



## St. Leo the Great 8th Grade Class of 2020



<i>Gabriel Acosta</i>	<i>Jamie Ayala</i>
<i>Savannah Bagdon</i>	<i>Krista Bird</i>
<i>Frederick Borkey</i>	<i>Joshua Davis</i>
<i>James Gallo</i>	<i>Santina Giammarco</i>
<i>Emily Graves</i>	<i>Shania Hall</i>
<i>Emmanuel Huey</i>	<i>Andre-Jeffrey Jemison</i>
<i>Fanon King</i>	<i>Shawn Komora</i>
<i>Madison Messer</i>	<i>Alexander Norris</i>
<i>Joshua Parisi</i>	<i>Mariah Pavlick</i>
<i>Brayden Peterson</i>	<i>Emmarose Plicka</i>
<i>Demetrius Ross</i>	<i>Jovan Santiago</i>
<i>Nikolas Torres</i>	<i>Steven Vlasaty</i>
<i>Shainaja Woods</i>	



**Congratulations to our Graduates.  
Good luck and best wishes, with prayers that God  
will bless you on your journey with true success.**

**YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

We are grateful that so many have asked how they can continue with their contributions during this time. Here are some options:

- 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) Use our online giving option called WeShare by clicking the WeShare logo on the website (leothegreat.org). It is 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.
- 4) Call the rectory office (216-661-1006) and leave a message. Someone will get back to you and help you with any questions you might have.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

During these trying times we thank you for your continued support. As you take a stroll around your neighborhood and enjoy the spring weather, please take a moment to offer a prayer for the individuals and families that we serve. Pray that they might have the strength that they need as they struggle to make ends meet and to provide nourishment for their families. Thank you

**LIGHTER SIDE WHO MAKES THE COFFEE?**



Early one morning, a husband and wife were playfully arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, "You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible!"

The husband was shocked. "Is not! Show me!"

Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened up the New Testament and declared, "It says right here — HEBREWS!"

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**



