



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

May 29, 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.

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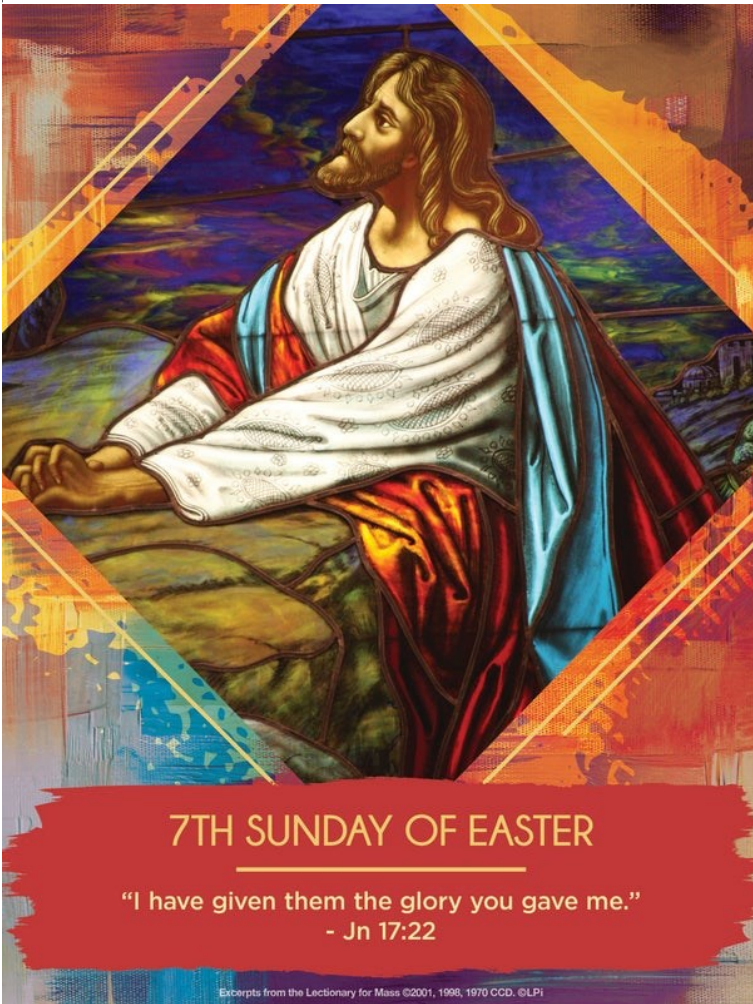


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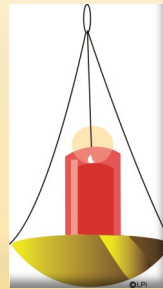


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A sincere thank
you to all we
honor on this
Memorial Day!



**SANCTUARY CANDLE
INTENTION**

May 22 to June 5

IN LOVING MEMORY
Robert Zarko
We love and miss you!



St. Vincent De Paul



Pro-Life

Pro-Life Peaceful, Prayerful Witness by the Planned Parenthood Office, will meet on the corner of Brookpark & Broadview roads, Saturdays, 10:30 -11:30 am. Join us on the public sidewalk. Pray to end abortion. Questions, call Mike & Doris Peters, 216-659-3362.

"NOTICE, SUMMER CHANGES." This message on a storefront or on a flyer usually means shorter summertime hours will be in effect. Not with your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization. Suffering is a year round problem. You can put some money in the Poor Boxes or place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVPD" and drop it off at the rectory or put it in the collection basket. Please do not take a summer vacation from helping. We thank you very much.



St. Edward Get the Edge Camp

St. Edward's Summer Enrichment Camp for Boys Entering Grades 7&8

Dates: Weekday's from Monday, June 13 -Friday, July 1

Time: 8:30 am — 12:30 pm

Cost: \$300

Location: St. Edward High School

To learn more and to register, please visit: sehs.net/gte

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, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, 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, Jim & Gerry Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

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

Christopher Klobuchir
Capuchin Formation Program
First Year, Borromeo



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



SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$3,783.00

WeShare.....\$2,365.00

Total.....\$6,148.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Aloha! Palm Trees in Parma?

Join us at Mt. Alverna Village's premier fundraising event under large tents on our beautiful "island" campus for an enchanted evening *Luau of Fortune!* Activities include fabulous food (including a pig roast), unlimited drinks, dancing, casino games, raffles, and so much more!

The tropical festivities kickoff on Friday, June 17th from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM. For more information and to purchase tickets visit mavluau2022.givesmart.com or call Mary Ann Meitin at 440-663-1102.

(mmaitin@franciscancommunities.com)



MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, May 30th—Easter Weekday

8:30am +Deceased Members of the Armed Forces

Tuesday, May 31st—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am +Laurence Stopper (Regina Stopper)

Wednesday, June 1st—St. Justin, Martyr

8:30am +David Lincheck (Pam & Theresa Lincheck)

Thursday June 2nd—Easter Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday June 3rd—St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:30am +Joseph "Joe" Mackey (Judy Mackey)

Saturday June 4th – Easter Weekday

4:00pm +Kathleen Domanski (Kay Halladay)

Sunday, June 5th— Pentecost Sunday

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Loretta Zola (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: Psalms 47:2-3

On Yom Kippur, the high priest sacrificed a goat on the altar in the temple. Then he took some of the blood into the holiest place in the temple sanctuary where only he was allowed to go. There, he sprinkled the blood as a renewal of the covenant made at Mount Sinai, and prayed that God would forgive all their sins committed during the previous year. This ritual is the backdrop for today's reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Readings for the week May 29, 2022

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

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

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

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

St. Leo parishioner is looking for a part time, mature female caregiver for four hours a day, Monday through Thursday, 8am until 12 noon. Pay is negotiable. Perfect for a retired woman. Call Pat for specific details at 216-324-1912.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

May 29, 2022 | 7th Sunday of Easter

Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars.

Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility. For what?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one.



**St. Leo the Great Athletics and PTC
presents:**

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 - 6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM 2022 - 6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

TICKETS: \$30 A PERSON

LUX HALL - 4900 BROADVIEW RD., CLEVELAND, OH

Ticket purchase includes: Door prize entry, catered dinner, open bar, and fun to be had by all! Tickets can be purchased through Event Brite <https://StLeoTheGreat.eventbrite.com> or through the Church Rectory during normal business hours.

Horses, ads, and race sponsorship can be purchased through Event Brite - <https://StLeoTheGreat.eventbrite.com>, school office, church rectory or by contacting Kaitlin Ginter: 440-429-7613 or Kaitlinginter@gmail.com. Purchase will be accepted for Ads, Horse, and Race Sponsors until September 2, 2022!

BUS TRIPS

RIVERS CASINO—Wednesday, August 17
\$48 per person, Casino Bonus: \$20 in slot play,
\$5 food credit

Reservation deadline: Thursday, July 7

ANNUAL TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY—

Monday, September 26

Lunch at Berlin Farmstead—included

\$80 per person

Reservation deadline: Friday, August 12

Three days, two nights—Tuesday –Thursday, October 4-6

SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT—

Overnight stay

Casino Bonus—\$30 premium play & \$40 dining gift card

FRANKENMUTH—Overnight stay

Complimentary evening snacks and drinks reception and morning breakfast at the hotel. Zehender's famous chicken dinner included in the package.

Reservation deadline: Thursday, August 18

Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123





Dear Parishioners,

Whether at home or abroad, this pastor's column needs to be submitted to the bulletin editor on the Tuesday prior to the weekend. So I write this from the Holy Land, specifically from Bethlehem. It has only been 5 days that we have been here visiting the sacred sites, but these five days have been packed with so many incredible experiences which will soon become lifelong memories. I look forward to sharing what I have learned here with you over the coming years as I continue to proclaim the Word of God whom I have encountered in a new and graced way while here.

For now, I can offer you some quick highlights. We began by seeing the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the home of the Virgin Mary, just a stone's throw away where Joseph had worked, and we celebrated Mass there. We went to the site in Cana where Jesus, his Mother and his disciples had been invited to a wedding and where he performed his first miracle according to St. John's Gospel, the transformation of water into wine. There I lead several couples (including my sister Janet and her husband, whose wedding I had celebrated 35 years ago last Monday!) in the renewal of their wedding vows. Also, amongst the couples renewing their vows there were Pete & Advia Turlop, who were married by my cousin Father Dan Schlegel several years ago, and Tom & Lu Anne Lahiff, also members of St. Leo's. I had the wedding for 2 of their sons and baptized a couple of their grandchildren. We also went to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus which is celebrated every year on my birthday, August 6th. I'll have some special pictures to show you from that experience.

We also celebrated Mass outdoors at the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus gave his well-known sermon. We saw the place where he performed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. We took a boat ride across the lake where Jesus walked, known as the Lake of Genesareth or the Sea of Tiberias. We went to the Church of Peter's Primacy (where he declared his love for the Risen Lord 3 times after his 3-fold denial of him after the Last Supper). We saw the ruins of the Synagogue in Capernaum where Peter lived and fished. We celebrated Mass at Mount Carmel as we saw there the cave of Elijah the prophet and honored Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The climax of the journey at this point was going to the Church of the Nativity here in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. There is a 14 point star marking the place of his birth and an altar over the manger where he lay. We also celebrated Christmas Mass there! We sang in the church which marked the place where the angel spoke of Jesus's birth to the shepherds and saw the cave where they kept their sheep. We saw the place where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth & where her son John the Baptist was born. Finally (up till now), we went to the site of Jesus's baptism by the Jordan River as we renewed our baptismal vows and celebrated Mass in the home of Martha & Mary, the sisters of Lazarus whom Jesus raised from the dead. We saw the Mount of Temptations and learned about the Dead Sea Scrolls before going into the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth.

We can hardly keep track of the number of places we have visited so far but there is more to come as we make our way to Jerusalem this morning. And I don't want to miss breakfast as I need my strength for today's journey so I will end here as I pledge our prayers for you and experience the fruit of your prayers for us again today.

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.**



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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT



God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Family Name: _____



Branch of Service: _____

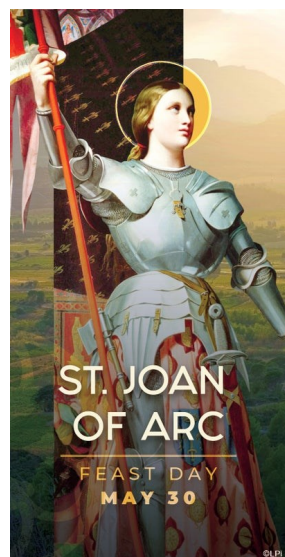
Date of Death: _____

Relationship: _____

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For the 2022-2023 School Year



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Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leetcodegreat.org
or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at
dburns@leetcodegreat.org for more information.



St. Joan of Arc | May 30

St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all three saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told.

During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiègne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen.

St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the patron saint of military members.



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.



RAFFLE WINNER



**May 23, 2022
Ann Marie Garvey**