



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 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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useful information on your mobile device.

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“It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and
appointed you to go and bear
fruit that will remain.” - Jn 15:16A

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

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.
Amen.



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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, Cherie Seitz, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Chuck Pacanovsky, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, Arlene Gerda, Lorice Yurek Gary Skelley, Diane Buccier, Lee Rinaldi & Joe Lorkowski

WE WELCOME

Audrey Nalayini Balakumaran

as she is baptized this week.



May the blessings you received from God guide you throughout your life!

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

JOE ZUCHOWSKI

May 3, 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.

Christopher Loxterman

St. Mary, Chardon

Year 1 - Diaconate Program

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



Parish Support

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH

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| Collection | \$ 5,264.00 |
| WeShare(online) | \$ 1,693.10 |
| Total | \$ 6,957.10 |

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| Capital Improvement (April) | \$ 1,747.00 |
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**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



Monday, May 10th - St. Damien de Veuster

8:30am Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan

46th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, May 11th - Easter Weekday

8:30am +Florence Satko (Daughter)

12:00pm Baptism of Audrey Nalayini Balakumaran

Wednesday, May 12th - SS Nereus, Achilles & Pancras

8:30am +Richard Bunosky (Eva Bunosky)

Thursday, May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, May 14th - St. Matthias

8:30am +Catherine & Dennis Black

(Steve & Nancy Naklizki)

Saturday, May 15th - St. Isidore

4:00pm Seniors

Sunday, May 16th - The Ascension of the Lord

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Frances Szymanski (Daniel Szymanski)

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. Then one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. The result, as we shall see, is the first recorded conversion of Gentiles to Christianity.

Second Reading: John 1 15:9-17

The tradition of the apostle John's teachings is expressed in what is called the first letter of John. There is a legend that John in his old age would simply repeat over and over to his people, "Love one another." Today's passage from that letter particularly illustrates this story.

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

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

*The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power. (Ps 98)*

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday I celebrated a funeral Mass for Dorothy Forister who died one year ago on May 1, 2020. Since we could not hold a funeral at that time due to COVID, we celebrated Mass on the one year anniversary of her death. Dorothy had a great smile which invited you into a conversation with her. She had been a member of St. Leo's since 1956 when she was married to her first husband, with whom she had two children who attended our parish school. She remarried after his death and moved to Brunswick but returned to St. Leo's in 2014. Dorothy was a faithful member of the parish who attended Mass regularly and lived her faith. May she now enjoy the music and dance in heaven as she did here on earth.

Last Saturday we celebrated the First Communion of our 3rd graders and this weekend we will do so for the 2nd graders (the 3rd graders missed this important event last year due to COVID). We congratulate these children and hope to see them weekly as they share with us in the Lord's Supper. I would encourage you to look at the pictures that are displayed in our church vestibule of First Communions that have been celebrated in the history of the parish, as well as enjoy the other pictures on display there. Thanks to John & Jeanne Sabol for updating these historical pictures during the year.

Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan & I wish all of the women of our parish a very Happy Mother's Day. Whether our mom's are living or deceased, we remember the great gift of life they were willing to give us. May they all come to share in the eternal life God promises to us, especially during this Easter season.

As I looked out my office window last week, I saw a very large pond of water created by the rain we had. I wondered if this were a sign from God that he desired for me to build a swimming pool in that spot. Perhaps not but I do believe that God would have us all take good care of this parish property that is ours to use for his greater honor & glory. To that end, we will continue to make some small landscaping improvements this summer and we hope to get some new signage that will help direct people to the proper buildings, but these can be very expensive so we're still looking into our options. After several years of doing work on the parking lots, we are finally at a point where they are in very good condition except for a few small holes that are created every year during the winter months. We are also looking at starting a process of replacing the very aging and energy inefficient windows in the gym & school buildings, starting with those in the cafeteria. So we continue to try to practice good stewardship and hope that you enjoy the beautiful flowers that are now hanging around the church.

Now that the winter is finally put to rest for a few more months, the heat in the church will be shut off and the air conditioning turned on for when we will be in need of it, but hopefully we can go for a few weeks just enjoying the nice spring weather before we jump into summer.

Fr. James Schmitz

"I remember my
mother's prayers
and they have always
followed me.
They have clung to
me all my life."

Abraham Lincoln

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BLOOD DONATION
BE A HERO GIVE BLOOD

American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



May 9th to May 22nd

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THOMAS KINDER**

Love, Johanna Kinder

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.

 *Welcome*



Congratulations to our 2nd Grade Boys and Girls who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Dakota Fender

Alex Gallo

Collin Gleason-MacGillis

Zora Grooms

Awsten Hejduk

Robert Kappler

Jake Kraynik

Olivia Kinzel

Julian Norris

Rylan Patton

Lillian Ring

Aliyah Sankey

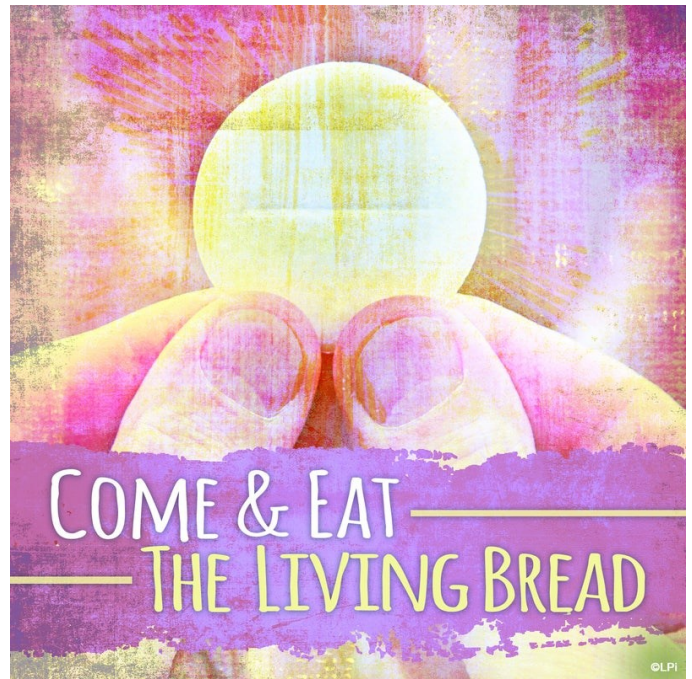
Jaxson Smith

Devon Stout

Jaxson Stout

Sophia Torres

May God's love guide and bless you everyday!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



To assist those in need the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food and staple collection is next weekend May 15th and May 16th. Items that we are most in need of are: **canned carrots, dry beans, sweet potatoes, spaghetti noodle, pasta sauce, canned pasta, macaroni & cheese, rice & noodle sides, skillet dinners, ramen noodles, soups, tuna fish, cereal, canned fruit, peanut butter & jelly, pancake syrup, and dishwashing soap.**

Whatever you are able to donate is distributed and is very much appreciated by our clients. Because of you, we are able to ensure others do not go without. Thank you!

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.

School News

This past week we celebrated **Principal's Day and Teacher's Week!**

To say teaching during a Pandemic in the 2020-2021 school year was stressful is an understatement. Our teachers, staff, students and parents were pushed to perform under circumstances that they were not taught or prepared for.

During a time when every part of everyone's life was impacted in one way or another by the pandemic - there was no room or time for anyone to be selfish or self indulgent! The teachers & staff had to work as hard as they could to get through this difficult time. Were there obstacles? - Yes, many. We realized/learned that it can't be perfect, but prayed to do our very best. The strong are the one's still standing in the end. To know that the entire World was in the same situation and together we got through it. Everyone should be proud for their unselfishness and dedication!

Our Principal, Teachers & Staff have been innovative in finding ways to teach under these circumstances. Everyone worked harder and more hours than before. It may be easier to look the other way, blame others for their short comings, but our staff stepped forward and did what was needed to be done.

The unwavering support from Fr. Jim and Mrs. Burns continues to guide our school towards further success. Our wonderful teachers and staff are the light that shines on St. Leo's and continues to inspire our youth to learn.

**Thank you all for your commitment to our children and to the
St. Leo the Great Community!**

"The St. Leo the Great School Song"

Was composed for the
50th Anniversary Celebration (1998).

Words and Music composed by
Music/Band Director: Ms. Wendy Goode.



Wishing you the
very best this
Mother's Day!

We are the School of St. Leo,
See us stand proud and tall.
All of one heart, we strive for quality.
Friendships are built at St. Leo's,
Ties to last our lives.
St. Leo the Great is by our side!
Truth, dreams, justice, liberty.
Faith's strong in God's family.
Love, compassion, service, peace.
Help us, guide us, lead us toward our call!
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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.

☐ Do not print my phone number.

☐ Do not print my address.

☐ This is my **updated** information.



**Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland**

**OFFICE OF CATECHETICAL SERVICES
NEWMAN CAMPUS COLLECTION**

Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland, a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Services. This Diocesan Secretariat focuses on providing guidance and support that promotes the evangelizing mission of the Church through the catechetical efforts of all parishes and Newman Campus ministries in the Diocese. Ministries, which will benefit from this collection include: faith formation for adults, teens and children, and family-based faith formation, as well as the ongoing formation of Parish Catechetical Leaders and catechists as missionary disciples. Newman Catholic Campus Ministries provides opportunities for students to deepen a relationship with Christ through prayer and worship, community, faith and Bible studies, retreats and service. This year the collection will be held on this weekend, May 8th/9th. A contribution to the Office of Catechetical Services is an investment in the faith formation of people of all ages throughout the Diocese of Cleveland. Please encourage giving to this very special collection.

