



## ST. LEO THE GREAT

### PARISH & SCHOOL

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Pastor  
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June 13, 2021



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### SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

### 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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*In Memory Of*  
**Linda C. DeBaltzo**

May 6, 1948  
May 26, 2021

**Mass of Christian Burial**  
10:00 am, Wed, Jun 2, 2021  
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

**Interment**  
West Park Cemetery  
Sec. 3 Lot. 1089 Grave. 2

May the angels lead you into Paradise,  
may the Martyrs receive you at your  
coming, and take you to Jerusalem, the  
holy city. May the choirs of the Angels  
receive you, and may you with the once  
poor Lazarus, have rest everlasting.  
Amen.

**Yurch Funeral Home**



**Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul**  
Diocese of Cleveland

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

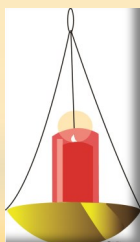
Please help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization help others. Through the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization we provide assistance to individuals and families throughout the year. The need continues to grow! Help us by donating in the container located at the entrance of the church. We thank you very much for your continued support!

**SANCTUARY CANDLE  
INTENTION**

June 6th to June 19th

**IN LOVING MEMORY  
WALTER ALFLEN**

Love, Agnes



**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](http://leothegreat.org) or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



**It is like a  
mustard seed  
that, when it is  
sown in the  
ground, is the  
smallest of all  
the seeds on  
the earth.**

**MARK 4:31**



## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, 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, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, Frank Gerda, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Tim

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

May 24, 2021— Carlene Fliss

June 1, 2021— Bob Ruiz

**\$100.00 Winners!**



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at online at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org) or at the Rectory Office.

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

**Anne Rollick**  
Apostolic Sisters of St. John  
Discernment



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



### SUNDAY, MAY 30TH

Collection .....	\$ 3,730.00
WeShare (online) .....	\$ 1,815.00
Total .....	\$ 5,545.00

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



### Monday, June 14th - Weekday

8:30am +Stephen Simonik (Family)

### Tuesday, June 15th - Weekday

8:30am +Sladewski & Straus Families (Lou Sladewski)

### Wednesday, June 16th - St. Ephrem

8:30am +William Hinton Jr. (Family)

### Thurs., June 17th - Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

### Friday, June 18th - Weekday

8:30am +John Piascik (Joe & Joan Krakora)

### Saturday, June 19th - Weekday

4:00pm Seniors of the Parish

### Sunday, June 20th - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Father's of the Parish

11:00am Father's of the Parish

### First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Ezekiel was a major Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. He often used parables and dramatizations to convey his message. In this passage, Ezekiel uses the image of trees to talk about the restoration of Israel and the fall of the Babylonian empire.

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We continue today to read from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. In this section of the letter, Paul describes our life on earth as a pilgrimage home to heaven.

### Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

**Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

**Next Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-4



## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

Linda DeBaltzo & her husband Gerry have been attending daily Mass since I arrived at St. Leo's. Sadly, Linda passed away after 53 years of marriage to Gerry. I was able to pray the last rites for her in the hospital and how appropriate it was for her family and loved ones to celebrate her Funeral Mass as celebrating the Eucharist is what she and Gerry did every day. I learned that Linda had converted to Catholicism before she was married to Gerry at St. Boniface and she lived her Catholic faith well. Linda was the first female letter carrier in Cleveland and that is how she & her husband met. They had 2 children, Larry & Lisa, and then grandchildren and a great-grandchild as well. I pledged the prayerful support of the parish to Gerry so please keep him and Linda in your prayers.

Our school children had their last day on Wednesday of last week. And so the summer officially begins. I look forward to joining my family in Florida next month & hope you are able to take advantage of the nice weather and find time to relax & enjoy these summer months.

We'll be having another discussion of the book "Forming Intentional Disciples" using Zoom this Monday, June 14th from 6:30-7:30pm. Our discussions have been interesting & informative and you are welcomed to join us, if only to listen in. We still have some (free) books available for you if you are interested in reading it so please stop by the rectory office to pick one (or more) up. You can connect with us on Zoom using the link that will be on our website (leothegreat.org).

Thanks to John & Jeannie Sabol who have updated the archives display in the vestibule of the church. It reflects the summer season and includes news clippings mentioning St. Leo parish. There's an interesting article which mentions St. Leo's as one of the first locations in the county to offer the Salk Polio vaccine...certainly a relevant topic for us these days. It is from the year 1955. Do any of you remember getting the polio vaccine? I remember getting the TB shot when in elementary school because my mother had tuberculosis when she was in high school (her father died from TB at the age of 42). Thank God for scientists and those in the medical profession who have learned how to protect us from such things that can kill so many.

I failed to mention a couple weeks ago that it was Deacon Pat's anniversary of ordination on May 20th. So please congratulate him and thank him & Joan for their presence and tremendous help to me and to the parish. It is a real pleasure to have them back at St. Leo's & for me to minister with them. And Deacon Pat thought he was going to retire...

I want to resume offering the opportunity for you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation but I'm looking at how we can make it more convenient to you. Saturday afternoon confessions came about in the days before there were any Vigil Masses on Saturdays. It may be inconvenient for you to come to confession on Saturday if you attend Mass on Sunday, and I like to have time to visit with people before each of the weekend Masses. So for now, I'll hear confessions from 3pm until 3:30pm on Saturdays and from 10:00am until 10:30am on Sundays. You can always ask me to hear your confession before or after Mass so please don't hesitate to do so. We'll try this for now & then adjust the schedule accordingly.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

St. Leo the Great is starting a Bereavement Sharing Group. If you have lost a spouse, a parent, a sibling, or close friend, you might be interested in joining us to share with others your feelings, sorrows and grief. We will begin meeting Wednesday, August 4th at 2:00pm in the Parish Center. Come and share with others who are sharing in the pain from the loss of a loved one. Watch the bulletin for further details, or contact Joan Berigan at [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org) for details.

### 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](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org) for help in pre-planning your funeral.

### 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](http://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

### CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES' 38TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE



All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 38th Annual Summer Conference** to be held on **Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**, at SS. Cosmas & Damian Parish, Twinhaven Reception Center, in Twinsburg. This year's theme is "Give New Signs Work New Wonders".

The conference will run from 8:30 am to 3:45 p.m., and the Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:00. Our featured speakers will be Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck from Renewal Ministries in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Fr. Michael Stalla, and Fr. Bob Franco. Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day.

At Twinhaven, the capacity is limited, so register early. Online access is also planned. SS. Cosmas & Damian is located at 10419 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg 44087. The onsite registration will close on July 3rd or when capacity is met. Please check the CRM website, [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org), for more conference information, registration details/forms, & information about the online access as it is posted.



All Saints Federal Credit Union is running a Balance Transfer Promotion, which applies to new and existing accounts!

**Transfer any credit card debt that you have onto an All Saints FCU Visa Credit Card at 0.99% APR for 12 months.** This promotion runs from **June 1, 2021, through August 31, 2021.** Visit or call any of our three branch locations at 216-524-0414, 216-587-0631, or 440-888-3663; for hours, addresses, phone numbers, and additional information, please visit our website at [www.allsaintsfcu.com](http://www.allsaintsfcu.com).



### CALVARY CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event at Calvary Cemetery – 10000 Miles Ave., Cleveland. RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 2

I GIVE  
THANKS  
TO YOU.

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### 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 [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org).

Gift Cards can be used for, everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE & SUPPORT US.**

### ST. THOMAS MORE 75TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE



## RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets for the 75th Anniversary Raffle are being sold after Masses in the main vestibule or at the rectory. Tickets are \$75 each with only 750 tickets being sold. Prizes are \$7500, \$2021 and \$1946. Drawing is August 1, 2021.

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

June 13, 2021

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, “do small things with great love.” This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God’s kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people’s faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God’s kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Question: Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?**

**Answer:**

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.

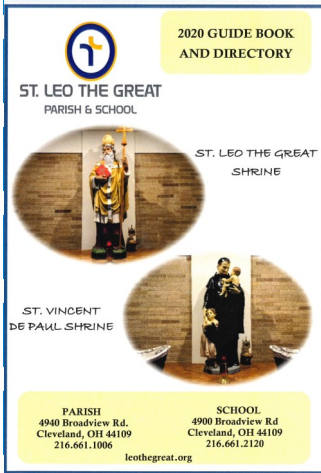


**Adopt-A-Child for Christmas Thank You Notes**



“Thank you once again for brightening the lives of so many of our children and their families at Christmas! I was able to personally to deliver a number of the gift cards to our families and many were moved to tears by your generosity. May God bless you.”  
Sr. Mary Jean Raymond, O.S.U.

# GBP Guide Book Publishing



## PARISH GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events (plus a complete directory of all members). This book is being provided and mailed directly to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Rectory Office (216-661-1006).

## 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.

