



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 2017

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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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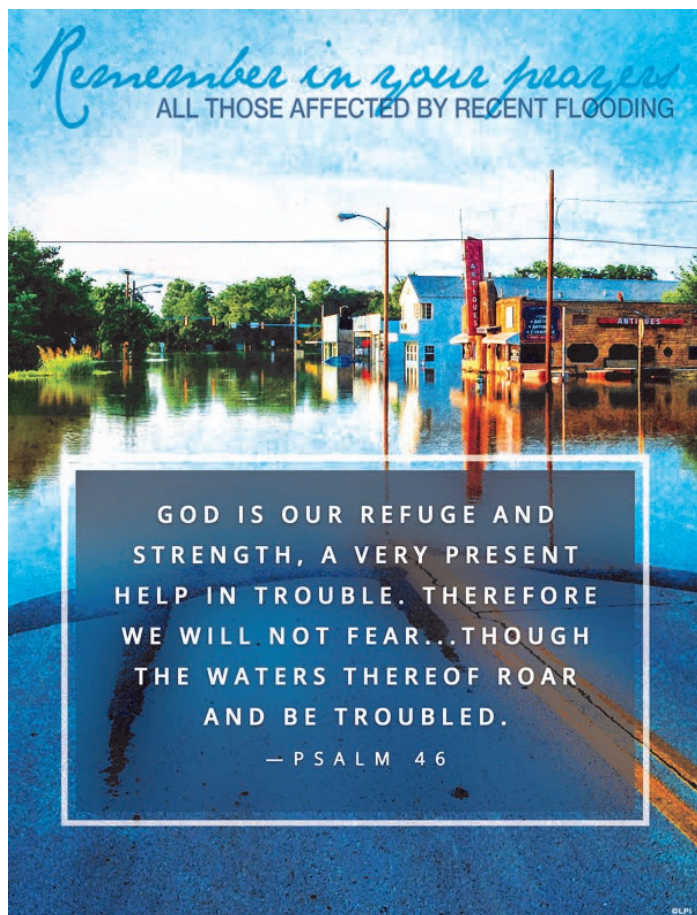
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EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR HURRICAN HARVEY

Hurricane Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event of immense proportions. Consequently, the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is responding to the call of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to take part in an emergency monetary collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. This emergency collection will be taken up at all parishes throughout the diocese during **THIS WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 9/10TH.**

The funds collected will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

All checks should be made payable to our Parish, St. Leo the Great with the memo marked **Emergency Collection for Hurricane Harvey.**



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Relationships are difficult, requiring honesty, dialogue, respect, and tolerance. We can easily offend one another, even by doing the simplest of things. Feelings can be hurt and relationships can become hurtful. Sometimes, our own wounds end up wounding others. When division or discord results, rather than responding with anger, judgment, and vindication, Jesus instructs us to be compassionate, tolerant, respectful, and forgiving. We can do this even when we have to confront someone with the truth, which may not always be well received. Even with our brokenness, we are all an image of God and should do all in our power to properly resolve conflicts.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY ~ IN ~ ORDINARY TIME

"AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY
TO YOU, IF TWO OF
YOU AGREE ON EARTH
ABOUT ANYTHING
FOR WHICH THEY ARE
TO PRAY, IT SHALL BE
GRANTED TO THEM BY
MY HEAVENLY FATHER.
FOR WHERE TWO OR
THREE ARE GATHERED
TOGETHER IN MY
NAME, THERE AM I IN
THE MIDST OF THEM."
— Mt 18:19-20



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PLEASE REMEMBER...Sarah Geier, Edward P.



Gorczyca, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Stella Sugalski, Mary Jane Funta, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Ann Szpansky, Larry Kuznik, Jo Hoffman, Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Diane Soler, Muffie Bone, Theresa Truxall, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Charles Hakain, Walter Milewski, Harriet Watson, Megan Sunyak, Kathy Koval, Dianne Holland, Harold Esterwood, Lisamarie Rivera, August Bublavsky, and Barbara Ann & Family.

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

Thomas & Rhonda Richlovsky
\$100.00 - September 4th



CONGRATULATIONS! Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes**. Forms are available at the Information Desk in Church and the Rectory Office.

2018 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2018 Mass Intention Book will be open this Monday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m. at the Rectory Office. Each parishioner household may have 4 Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

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

Joshua Trefney
St. Ladislaus, Westlake
III Theology, St. Mary

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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, September 3rd

Basket Collection.....	\$ 7,550.50
WeShare (online)	1,255.00
Total	\$ 8,805.50

Assessments (August).....	\$ 984.00
Capital Improvement (August).....	\$1,403.00



September 11th to September 17th

Monday, September 11th: Weekday

7:30 a.m. +Emily Schwallie (Bernice Kilcoyne)

Tuesday, September 12th: The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30a.m. +Rosamond Walbert (friends)

Wednesday, September 13th: St. John Chrysostom

7:30a.m. Mike & Steven Gabel (Eva Shuss)

Thursday, September 14th: The Exaltation of the Cross

7:30a.m. To be announced

Friday, September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30a.m. +Robert & Mary Dusek (Riccardi Family)

Saturday, September 16th: SS. Cornelius & Cyprian

1:00 p.m. Wedding of Emily Hanna & Nik Martini

4:00p.m. Seniors

Sunday, September 17th: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00a.m. +Donna Zgrabik (Parents)

11:00a.m. People of the Parish

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. In this passage, the speaker is God who uses the image of a watchman to describe a prophet's role. In those times, a watchman was someone who stood on a hill or in a town to watch for invaders.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-1

In the concluding section of his letter to the Romans, Paul writes about the moral demands of Christian life. This letter was written some years before the Gospels, yet these words, will sound very much like words we hear in the Gospels. Clearly, Paul is drawing upon a pre-Gospel tradition about what Jesus said.

Readings for the Week of September 10, 2017

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

It doesn't seem right that summer is over. Have you ever wondered why July & August can't last as long as January & February? Same number of days, I know, but 2 of those months seem so much longer than the other two. Here we are in the second week of September already. Tempus Fugit (Latin for "Time Flies," but I'm sure you already knew that)

Congratulations to Jack & Grace Pauloski who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary! I'll be asking God's blessings on them during the 8am Mass because they have both been a great blessing to our parish. They are one of those couples that just make me smile every time I see them (at least on the inside if it's too early to smile on the outside). I am very happy to join them in thanking God for the years of their marital love and witness and we pray that God may continue to bless them with strength and peace.

Everything has been going very well in our parish school. We have 234 students in the elementary school and 32 in the Preschool which is near capacity for both. Our new Principal is adjusting very well and all the faculty, staff & students joined us for our first all school Mass this past Friday, on the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we celebrated her birthday, we asked for her continued prayers as we embark on this new school year.

Thanks again for your willingness to sell a few raffle tickets for our Parish Festival which is coming up in just a month or so. It's always good to have something to look forward to so I hope you plan on joining us for that parish event in October.

I was ill on the day of the new bishop's installation but gratefully I was able to watch it on EWTN. He began his homily by saying, "God is good!" To which the people responded, "All the time!" And then when he said, "All the time..." they said "God is good!" I tell you that in case he ever begins a homily that way here you'll know how to respond. I don't know when he'll visit us here at St. Leo the Great but we look forward to welcoming him. I better let him know in advance that sometimes Michaela likes to make a surprise appearance at Confirmation. Somehow I get the feeling he would be just fine with that.

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S September 11th to September 17th



Monday, September 11th

4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice	Lux
5:45 p.m. Voting Set-Up	Great
6:45 p.m. PSR Classes	School

Tuesday, September 12th—No School or PreSchool

5:00 a.m. VOTING	Parish Center
4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice	Lux
6:30 p.m. SVDP	Conference
7:00 p.m. Rosary	Marian Shrine

Wednesday, September 13th

11:00 a.m. Senior's Meeting	Great
4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice	Lux
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout-Den Meeting	Great
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	Church

Thursday, September 14th

1:00 p.m. Women's Knitting	Great
4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice	Lux
7:00 p.m. Knight of Columbus	Great

Friday, September 15th

4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice	Lux
7:30 p.m. Recovery International	Great

Saturday, September 16th

7:30 a.m. CYO Volleyball Site Center	Lux
1:00 p.m. Hanna & Martini Wedding	Church
2:45 p.m. Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m. Grapevine	Great

Sunday, September 17th

11:30 a.m. CYO Volleyball Site Center	Lux
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ROSARY



Please join us in honoring Mary with the recitation of the rosary at the Marian shrine at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12th. Please bring a lawn chair as limited seating is available. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in Church.



WEDDING BANNS

III Emily Hanna & Nik Martini
I Bethany Halusker & Nathan Miller

WELCOME BISHOP PEREZ TO CLEVELAND!



On Tuesday, September 26th, come join priests and parishioners from Catholic parishes on the west side of Cleveland for a special Mass with newly-installed Bishop Nelson Perez. Mass will be at 7 pm at St. Ignatius of Antioch at 10205 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland. A reception will follow.

LOOKING AHEAD.....ST. LEO THE GREAT



Friday, October 20th
(6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
&
Saturday, October 21st
(5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)

EARLY BIRD DRAWING...Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. The next Early Bird Drawing will be **September 10th**. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 21st.) Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.

SPONSORSHIPS...Do you own a business? Would your company like to be a sponsor for the Festival? Sponsors help defray the cost of the Festival. If you are interested in a sponsorship, please call Nancy at (216) 749-1472.

AND MORE... Need some incentive to exercise? We are in need of people willing to deliver raffle tickets. Delivering the tickets saves the parish hundreds of dollars in postage. If you are interested, please call Nancy at (216) 749-1472.

LAWN SIGNS...Have you seen the lawn signs popping up all over the neighborhood? If you would like a lawn sign for your lawn, there are still some remaining at the rectory office. (The metal posts can be returned after the festival.)

VOLUNTEERS...Volunteer sign up sheets are in the main vestibule. The Festival cannot be a success without your help. Please sign up.

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

**GREAT
ROOM
FOR RENT**

The Great Room in our Parish Community Center is available to **rent for special events, parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.** For more information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our website at leothegreat.org.

GIFT CARD CERTIFICATES



The 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. Gift Cards can be used for everyday purchases, gifts, or as a thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**Food
Pantry**



Next weekend, September 16th and 17th is our monthly food collection. We are especially in need of paper towels, kleenex, dishwashing soap, laundry soap, macaroni & cheese, pancake syrup, canned pasta meals, peanut butter and jelly, canned soup and cereal. We thank you for whatever you are able to donate because our need is greater than ever.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN



The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present **suspected inappropriate behavior** toward children by priests, deacons, religious lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the **Diocesan Response Service office** at 216-334-2999 or via e-mail at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

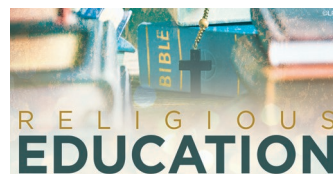
PSR CLASSES FOR 2017/2018

PSR classes for 2017/2018 will begin **tomorrow, Monday, September 11th** from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the school.

Registration forms will be available in the rectory or on our website. Fees: \$40 for one child; \$70 for two; \$90 for three and up. Please pay by check made out to St. Leo the Great Church. Fees are due at the time of registration.

TEACHERS Needed...

We are still looking for teachers this year. Consider joining us in this wonderful ministry. Please contact Mary Perry at 216-661-1006 or email her at mperry@leothegreat.org.



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I think we all remember where we were on 9/11. We saw the towers fall and we saw the selfless first responders run toward the falling towers and debris without concern for their well-being. This is the model of patriotism, and why we now celebrate Patriot Day.



Let us bless our Grandparents on this day. For without them there would be less joy in the hearts of children:

Good and gracious God, you have given us the gift of children, who in turn give us the gift of grandchildren.

Bless our children and help them to be good parents to our grandchildren.

Let the little children come to us with arms wide open.

Help us to open our hearts as wide as those little arms that wrap around our necks.

Protect them and their parents from worry and stress.

We ask all this in Jesus' name. AMEN

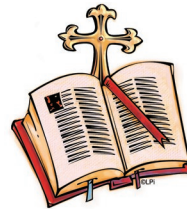
ST. LEO'S SENIORS



Wednesday, September 13th, St. Leo's Senior Group will meet in the parish center at 11:00 a.m. We will be playing our crazy dice game. Please bring (3) \$1.00 wrapped gifts

to exchange. Come and enjoy the last days of summer with your friends.

LECTURE SERIES



Albert Einstein said that when we stop learning we die. Many Catholics perhaps feel they haven't been learning much about the Church and its teachings. St. Leo the Great Parish is offering a six week series of lectures by Lavinia Theodoli Spirito, a dynamic speaker who has a Master's degree in theology from the Augustine Institute in Denver, CO. Her talks are on CD's which are distributed by Catholic Way Bible Study (www.cwbs.org).

The series will begin on Tuesday September 19th, in the Parish Center from 1:00 until 3:00 pm. The six week topics will be as follows:

September 19 — "Why Study Scripture?"

September 26 — "Overview of Scripture"

October 3 — "Angels"

October 10 — "History of the Catholic Church"

October 17 — "Saints Like Us"

October 24 — "Purgatory"

The talks are NOT dependent on each other. You can choose to attend any one of them, or all of them. If you have questions, please call Chris Rath at 216-741-1536. All are welcome!

2017 CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

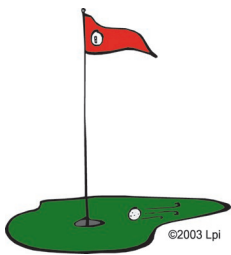


**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

The weekend of September 23-24, our parish will take up the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

MALACHI CENTER'S 25TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT!



Purchase your tickets now for Malachi Center's 25th annual Golf Tournament! On Monday, September 25, 2017 at Lakewood Country Club. Come support Malachi Center's programs for the homeless, children, and low-income families while enjoying a day of golf, a delicious dinner catered by Sokolowski's and so much more! Registration is at 11:00 a.m. with Shotgun Start at noon. Cocktails (cash bar) and Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$200 per person or \$800 per foursome. For more information about the event, including sponsorship opportunities please contact Deby Auerbach-Brown, Director of Development at 216-771-3036 or deby@malachicenter.org

BUS TRIPS

Thursday, September 21st - Walnut Creek, Ohio

- Ashery Country Store, Shearer's, Hershberger Bakery & Farmers Market, Der Dutchman (lunch included), Hillcrest Orchard, Walnut Creek Cheese & Breitenbach Winery (wine tasting included)
- Report 7:45 a.m.—Depart 8:15 a.m.
- Return—approx. 7:45 p.m. — **Cost: \$58.00**

Wednesday October 4th—Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel (Casino Bonus \$50 slot play & \$20 food)

Thursday, October 5th—Allegany Casino (\$25 slot play & \$5 food)

\$237-Single, \$157-Double & \$152-Triple DUE 9/4/17
Report 8:30am - Depart 9:00am - Return 10:00pm

Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo the Great Lux Hall on Sunday, September 24th, from 8:30a.m. 12:00p.m. Blood supplies are very low based on summer emergencies and Hurricane Harvey. Please register @ redcrossblood.org after you create a profile. Its easy! Registering is optional; it just helps with the staffing. Please stop by and donate!



From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, 44146, or **Family Planning** - 54 South State Street, Painesville, 44077. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. Contact John Noall @ clevelandpraysfor-life@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

WEBSITES

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland
www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheight
www.40daysforlife.com/painesville

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Please join us for a peaceful hour of prayer on Sunday, September 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel where we pray before an image of Our Lady of Fatima. A social follows in the Marian Lounge.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—**St. Charles Bible Study**...on Book of Hebrews, Wednesday mornings 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. For more information, contact Sr. Denise Marie 1-440-884-3030 or sdmosu@aol.com. Classes begin September 20, 2017.

ST. THOMAS MORE—**Rosary for World Peace**...Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for peace.

