



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

September 12, 2021

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www.leothegreat.org

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.

Instagram @leothegreatorg

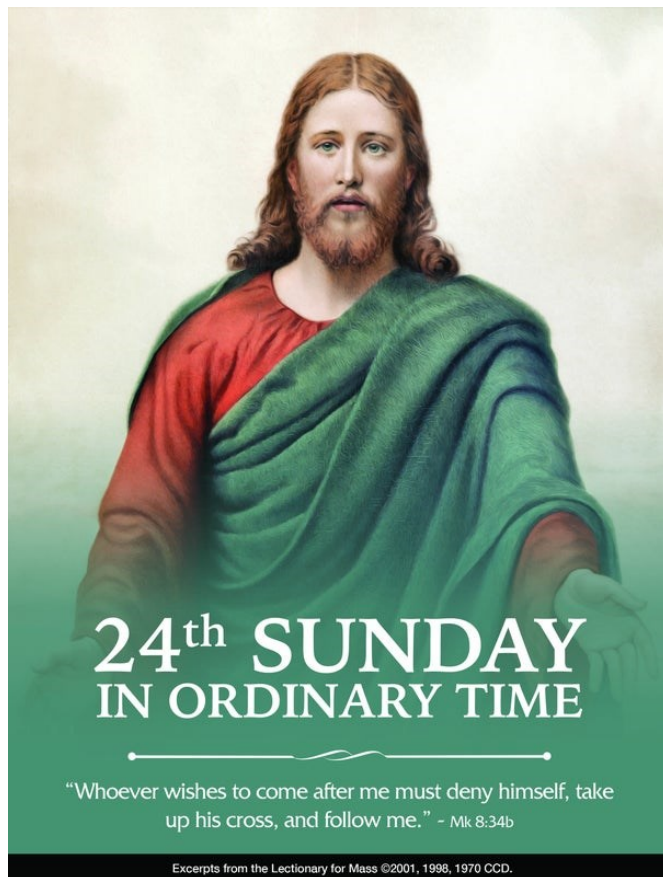
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Happy Grandparents Day!

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**"The cross is steady while the world is turning."
- St. Bruno of Cologne**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE
INTENTION**

September 12th to September 26th

IN LOVING MEMORY

Ray Hirsch

From Mickey Stitt



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.



BLOOD DONATION
BE A HERO GIVE BLOOD

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leos Lux Hall on Sunday, **September 19th, 8a-Noon.**

Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. Only non-vaccinated donors need to wear a mask. Please register online at redcross.org. Walk ins will not be accepted.

Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

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Prayer REQUESTS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Mary Nic, Agnes
Alfin, Alivia Kobal, Taylor
Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary
LaBuda, Jeanette Klahn, William & Amelia Rebello,
Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski,
Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don
Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Joseph
Mackey, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob
Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee
Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Herb Mayvill,
Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Sofkanacs, & Evelyn Bastian.



WEDDING BANNES

**I Andrea Mendoza & Darryn
Joyce Jr.**



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

Due to early submission of this week's
bulletin, the sweepstakes winner will be
announced in next week's bulletin.

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.

Brian Steigerwald
St. Helen, Newbury
Aspirant



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



Due to the early submission of this week's bulletin, the
collection numbers for the week of August 29th will be
in next week's bulletin. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, September 13th—Saint John Chrysostom
8:30am +Hattie Gray (Joe and Joan Krakora)

**Tuesday, September 14th—The Exaltation of the Holy
Cross**

8:30am +Joe & Alice Halupnik (Daughter)

Wednesday, September 15th—Our Lady of Sorrows
8:30am +Ralph Mlady (Lizzini Family)

Thurs., September 16th—Saint Cornelius
8:30am Communion Service

Friday, September 17th—Weekday
8:30am +Joseph & Mary Suchy (Moulton Family)

Saturday, September 18th—Weekday
4:00pm Seniors

**Sunday, September 19th—25th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:00am People Of The Parish

11:00am +Thomas James Cusick (Mother, Janie & Sister,
Joanna)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Chapters 40-55 of the book of Isaiah contain the
message of a prophet who spoke to God's people dur-
ing their exile in Babylon. Several times, the prophet
speaks about a "Servant of God" who will one day
deliver God's people and face many sufferings in do-
ing so. Christians have traditionally identified Jesus
with this "suffering Servant".

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Among the New Testament letters, the letter of
James is the one most attentive to social justice. To-
day's passage offers practical advice about how to put
our faith into action.

Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas
2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor
11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
[cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn
19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36
-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk
8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to Nathan & Bethany Miller on the birth and baptism of their 2nd son, Hubert Reid who was baptized on Friday, August 27th. May they continue to find joy in their growing family.

Congratulations to Gabrielle Gorczyca & Justin Sword who were married here on Saturday, September 4th. Gabrielle was a member of St. Stephen parish in West Salem where I was Pastor before coming to St. Leo's. May they be blessed with many years together as husband and wife.

On Tuesday, August 31st, Bishop Roger Gries celebrated the funeral Mass for Raymond Kikta, during which I concelebrated and Deacon Pat assisted. Bishop Gries has been a long time friend of Ray who graduated from Benedictine High School & volunteered there. They were classmates and went on pilgrimage to Eastern Europe. Bishop Gries also celebrated the Mass for Ray and Nancy's 50th wedding anniversary back in 2017. Ray and his wife have been faithful members of the parish for a long time and participated in the 4pm Mass together each Saturday. Ray worked in Cleveland schools as a Junior High then High School teacher for 37 years and was an officer in the the Cleveland Teacher's Union. He was of course very supportive of education and this was a top priority for his children & grandchildren. Ray will be missed and remembered fondly. Our sympathies are extended to his wife and two children and we pledge our prayers to them at this time.

We recently received two generous donations to the parish and we want to express our gratitude for them. One was in memory of Jason W. Shores from his parents, James & Georgia Shores, and the other was from Kim Vah in memory of her mother, Harriet Watson. We will use these gifts for items which can be used to honor the memory of Jason & Harriet. May I ask you to say a prayer right now for these two people and to pray for their surviving loved ones?

I received a letter from the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Cleveland thanking us for having reached our goal of \$66,372 pledged for this years Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. There were 224 donors and we were 1.04% over our goal...close but we made it! So thank you again for your generosity and for helping us each year to provide so many basic and necessary resources for our brothers & sisters in need. May God reward you for recognizing him in your neighbor.

We had over 30 people join us on August 29th to learn more about our pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May of 2022. Most of those there signed up plus we have 7 people from outside our parish who have committed to joining us as well. Though we are limited to 30 people at this time, we are hopeful that that number will be increased in the coming months, so if you missed the opportunity to attend the meeting and are interested in going, please let me know so that I can give you a registration form and/or offer you more information about the trip. We will have a waiting list once we hit our limit. Feel free to call the rectory office for more information.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one?

If you have, you're welcome to participate in the monthly bereavement sharing group here at St. Leo the Great. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1 at 2:00 PM. We meet the first Wednesday of every month, please join us. We'd love to have you share with us!

For further information, contact Joan Berigan at jberigan@leothegreat.org or by phone at 216-661-1006.



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.

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.



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St. Vincent de Paul

Our Food Collection will be next weekend

SEPTEMBER 18th and 19th .

We are especially in need of **canned pasta, elbow macaroni, instant mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, sliced tomatoes, rice and noodle sides, skillet dinners, ramen noodles, assorted soups, canned vegetables, tuna fish, stuffing mix, canned fruit, cereal, jelly and peanut butter, pancake syrup, bar soap, and dish-washing soap.**

We need your help so whatever you can give us will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

SUPPORT LOCAL
BUSINESSES



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 contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org

Early Bird Drawing!



Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. The next drawing will be September 26th. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 16th). Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.

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.

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



The Holy Land Pilgrimage Itinerary

For more information please visit trinitytourtravels.com or call the Rectory.

\$3,400 Includes:

Airfare, 5 Star Hotels, Catholic Tour Guide, 2 Meals a Day, Entry Fees to all Sites, and Air Conditioned Motor Coaches.

May 16 -May 25 2022

*I walk
before
the Lord.*

PSALM 116

FESTIVAL NEWS

With the coronavirus numbers increasing, we feel it is best for everyone involved to treat this year's Festival as we did last year, we will sell food to take home and we will have the main raffle.

We will provide a menu of food items in the coming weeks. Thank you for understanding.

Parish Festival

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Help Needed!

We are in need of people willing to deliver raffle tickets. Despite the pandemic last year, the parish was able to profit from the Festival because of the great crew who helped deliver tickets.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org



CHOIR

September 1st 2021-End of December—Every Wednesday at 6:30pm.



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - SEPTEMBER 11TH

This is the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, a tragic day in our nation's history. Through all the sadness, grief, and shock, we, as a nation, turned to God for strength. On the anniversary of that devastating day, let us remember that we are one nation under God by turning again to Him in prayer and thanksgiving. The following prayer was composed by a Navy Chaplain on the first anniversary of that tragic day:

Remember 9/11 Prayer (2002)

Almighty God, the past year will be indelibly inscribed in our memories.

We looked with horror on the terrorist attacks of last September 11th.
But we looked with honor on acts of courage by ordinary people who sacrificed themselves to prevent further death and destruction.

We shed our tears in a common bond of grief for those we loved and lost.
We journeyed through a dark valley, but your light has led us to a place of hope.

You have turned our grief into determination.
We are resolved to do what is good, and right, and just.

Help us to remember what it means to be Americans -- a people endowed with abundant blessings.

Help us to cherish the freedoms we enjoy and inspire us to stand with courage, united as one nation in the midst of any adversity.

Lord, hear this prayer for our nation. Amen.

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.



