

September 18, 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

COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday | 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.

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FINAL BUS TRIPS FOR 2022

For more information please
contact Sandy Diaddario
216-926-3123



LAS VEGAS LIVE! CHRISTMAS REVIEW

Where: Columbiana, Ohio

When: Sunday, November 20th

Cost: \$140 per person

Includes: Dinner Show

Details: An electrifying Las Vegas style Christmas show performance of Christmas songs, along with top hits of some of the most legendary Las Vegas singers. A holiday show reminiscent of the Christmas television specials of days gone by. Firestone Park Christmas Lights

Reservation Deadline: Friday September 23

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

Where: Amish Country

When: Monday, November 14th

Cost: \$80 per person

Includes: Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant

Details: Shop/Browse: Smucker's, Coblenz Chocolates, Schrock Heritage Villages, Tis the Season—receive an ornament, Walnut Creek Cheese, Breitenbach Winery (sample on own)

Reservation Deadline: Friday, September 30

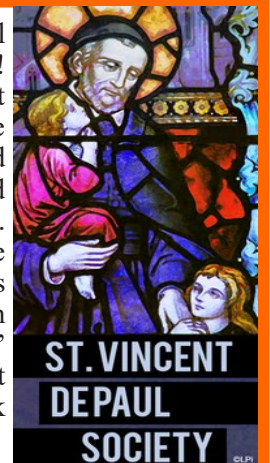


ROSARY

Please, join us in honoring Mary with the recitation of the rosary in the Marian shrine on Monday, September 19th, at 7:00p.m. Please bring a lawn chair as limited seating is available.

In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in the church.

Please help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization help others! Through the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program we provide assistance to individuals and families throughout the area and parish. The need continues to grow. Help us help them by donating to the poor boxes located at the entrances of the church or put your donation in an envelope and mark it "SVPD" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the rectory. We thank you for your continued support.



FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

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.



WE NEED YOU

We can't have our parish festival without volunteers! Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the main vestibule of the church—a little help can help a lot.



If you have yet to see the new icon installed above the altar in our chapel area do be sure you pay a visit to appreciate the beauty and intricate design of "The Mystical Supper" that was graciously purchased and donated to the church by Allen Morinec.

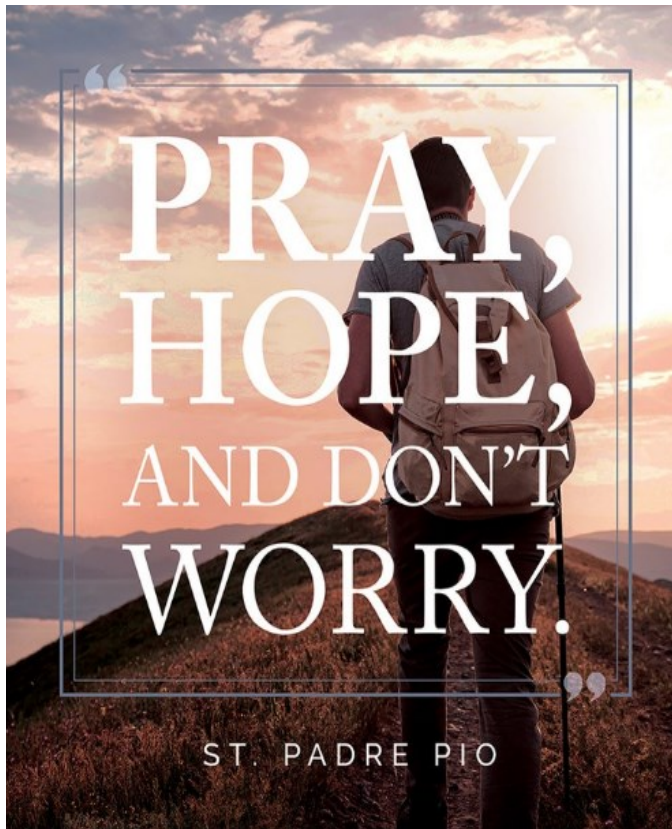


While you are there in Adoration of the Eucharist and nourishing your relationship with Christ we welcome you to make wonderful use the new books from Word on Fire that can be found in the chapel. *The Holy Hour* offers hymns, poetry, prayers, and reflections selected from over 2000 years of Catholic traditions to serve us in meditation and the mindfulness we all need and crave. *Eucharist* by Bishop Robert Barron reintroduces us to the ancient meaning and power found in the Eucharist as well as grace that is found in Communion. 'Fulton Sheen once wrote that the purpose of the Holy

Hour—a sustained, uninterrupted hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament—is to encourage a deep personal encounter with Christ. "Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour," he wrote, "transforms the heart in a mysterious way."



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, 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 Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Fr. Thomas C. Gilles, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski, Megan Arena, Judy Kucia, Lena Sunyak, Theresa Truxall and Chuck Pacanovsky, Jim Hiendlmayer



JOSEPH ROHAN
ST. JOSEPH-CUYAHOGA FALLS
THIRD YEAR, BORROMEO

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that may continue to persevere & that others may respond to God's call.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 19th —Weekday

8:30am +Maria Aponte (Friends)

Tuesday September 20th—St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon

St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang

8:30am +Richard Bunosky (Eva)

Wednesday September 21st—St. Matthew the Apostle

8:30am +Helen Ceccarelli (Family)

Thursday September 22nd—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday September 23rd—St. Cornelius

8:30am +Rose Pelley (Rhonda and Tom Richlovsky)

Saturday September 24th—Weekday

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday September 25th— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Jack Pauloski (Grace & Children)

11:00am +William E. Rebello (Lynda & Mike Millard)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

FIRST READING: AMOS 8: 4-7

Amos has been called the prophet of social justice. He lived about 750 B.C., a time of economic prosperity and religious corruption. Amos was a forceful and colorful preacher, as we will hear in today's passage.

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8

We continue to read from first Timothy, a letter written in Paul's name about 30 years after his death. Today's passage, drawing upon Paul's authority, teaches about public prayer. We will also hear quoted what may have been an early Christian creed.

SUNDAY Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

MONDAY Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

THURSDAY Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Sanctuary Candle Intention

September 11 —September 25

Jack Pauloski

Memories of a loving husband

*From,
Grace*



ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 18, 2022 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel
Meditation

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent. Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are. "Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Fixing the Scales

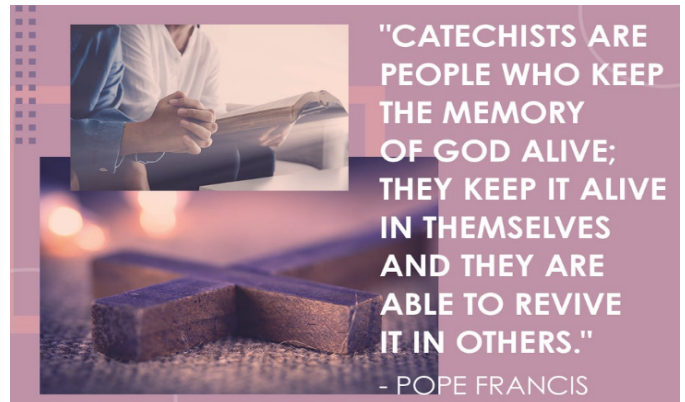
Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have "earned," on what they have "coming to them." We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer: The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis. Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I anointed Theresa Kowal, mother Anthony, Joe, & Kathy Kowal (Joe & Kathy are from our parish) back in July. We celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for her on Friday, September 9th. I visited her in the home she lived in for many years. She was a very devout Catholic and proof of that was found in a letter she wrote to her grandson when he graduated from elementary school: "Don't forget who you are—a Christian. Live up to those standards that you were brought up with. Christ is always there for you when you need him. Talk to him. I'm always talking to him and the saints." We pray that Theresa will be able now to talk to Christ in person, and to her fellow saints. May she rest in God's peace.

Our first Faith Formation Session last Sunday went very well for the young people in our parish who do not attend our parish school or who are preparing for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation this year. We are grateful to their parents for living out the promise they made at the baptism of their children to raise them in the practice of the faith. They will be attending these conversational gatherings in the Parish Center three Sundays a month from 9:30am until 10:45am, and then will be joining us for the 11am Mass (unless they attend the 8am Mass instead). If you have children whom you would like to participate in these sessions, please call the rectory office. Since this is "Catechetical Sunday," at the 11am Mass, we will be asking God's blessings on those in our parish who teach and pass on our Catholic Faith to the young people of our parish. We are grateful for their response to the call of Jesus to "preach the gospel to all."

Congratulations to the parents of James Martini who will be baptized this weekend after the 11am Mass. May he too come to know the love of Christ through the parents who have given him life.

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church. Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do? The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland offers its First Step Program to help individuals deal with these questions in order to renew and/or strengthen their relationship with God and the Church. The Tribunal is pleased to be able to assist those in need of a declaration of invalidity of a marriage. We now have specially-trained ministers, called Case Specialists, to assist people with their cases. The participants attend a general meeting and follow-up with a Case Specialist to submit the case. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage. In any endeavor, taking the "first step" is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure. The participants attend the general meeting, and follow-up with their procurator to submit the case. For more information see [Tribunal website](#). Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. The next First Step Program will be held on Tuesday, 27 September 2022, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7:00 pm. For more information call Lynette Tait at the Tribunal: 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, ext. 4000.

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 October 5, November 2, and December 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.**

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 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.

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REST IN PEACE



*Alleluia, Alleluia!
For Theresa life has not
ended but merely changed.
Praise God for His Mercy.*



In Loving Memory Of:

THERESA M. KOWAL

Born: December 5, 1930

Entered Into Rest:
Friday, September 2, 2022

Funeral Mass:
St. Leo The Great Church
Friday, September 9, 2022

Interment:
Holy Cross Cemetery
Sec.: 32 Lot: 2163 Grave: 1

Golubski Funeral Home
Cleve: 216-341-0940/ Parma: 440-886-0200
Golubskifuneralhome.com

A MUSIC NOTE

Interested in being a member of our Choir? We are in need of new talent! The musical requirements / abilities are probably much less than you think, and you can't help but learn more about music while sharing with others the voice you were given by God. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6:30p-8:00p and the choir sings every other Sunday at the 11:00a Mass.

If interested contact Mickey Stitt at
440-638-9618 or mstitt@leothegreat.org

RAFFLE TICKET DELIVERY

If you have time and would like to get some exercise, we could use your help to deliver raffle tickets. If you are interested, please email

Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org or leave a message at (216) 661-1006. Thank you!

"I have no money at all, but I give you what I have: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I order you to get up and walk!"
-Acts 3:6

The Great Sweepstakes



September 12th, 2022

Irene Livingston



FESTIVAL NEWS EARLY BIRD DRAWING



The next drawing will be September 25th! (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 22nd). Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.



The American Red Cross

Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall this Sunday, September 18th from 7:30a-12:00p. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. SCHEDULE your appointment at redcrossblood.org. Walk-Ins will NOT be accepted due to scheduling requirement. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay safe!

PARISH SUPPORT

AUGUST 21, 2022

Sunday Envelope	\$	4,310.00
WeShare	\$	2,820.00
Total	\$	7,130.00
Capital Improvements	\$	454.00
WeShare	\$	160.00
Total	\$	614.00
SVDP Envelopes	\$	0.00
WeShare	\$	60.00
Total	\$	60.00
Assumption	\$	361.00
Catholic Education	\$	11.00

AUGUST 28, 2022

Sunday Envelope	\$	5,826.57
WeShare	\$	1,360.00
Total	\$	7,186.57
Capital Improvements	\$	605.00
WeShare	\$	15.00
Total	\$	620.00
SVDP Envelopes	\$	100.00
WeShare	\$	30.00
Total	\$	130.00
Assumption	\$	125.00
Catholic Education	\$	375.00

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Sunday Envelope	\$	6,997.59
WeShare	\$	2,150.00
Total	\$	9,147.59
Capital Improvements	\$	919.00
WeShare	\$	75.00
Total	\$	994.00
SVDP Envelopes	\$	0.00
WeShare	\$	110.00
Total	\$	110.00
Assumption	\$	25.00
Catholic Education	\$	52.00



JAMES MARTINI

Baptized in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit on
Sunday, September 18, 2022

September 18, 2022— 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Faith Formation

Faith Formation is for Preschool through 8th grade students and anyone from their family who wants to strengthen their relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We as Catholics are called to share the Good News. To continue to learn and never stop learning is how we keep our Faith, His truth, alive. Join in the conversations that take place three Sundays a month between September 11th, 2022 and May 28th, 2023. For more information please email Joann Deranek at jderanek@leothegreat.org or call the rectory 216-661-1006.

