



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 20, 2020

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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.



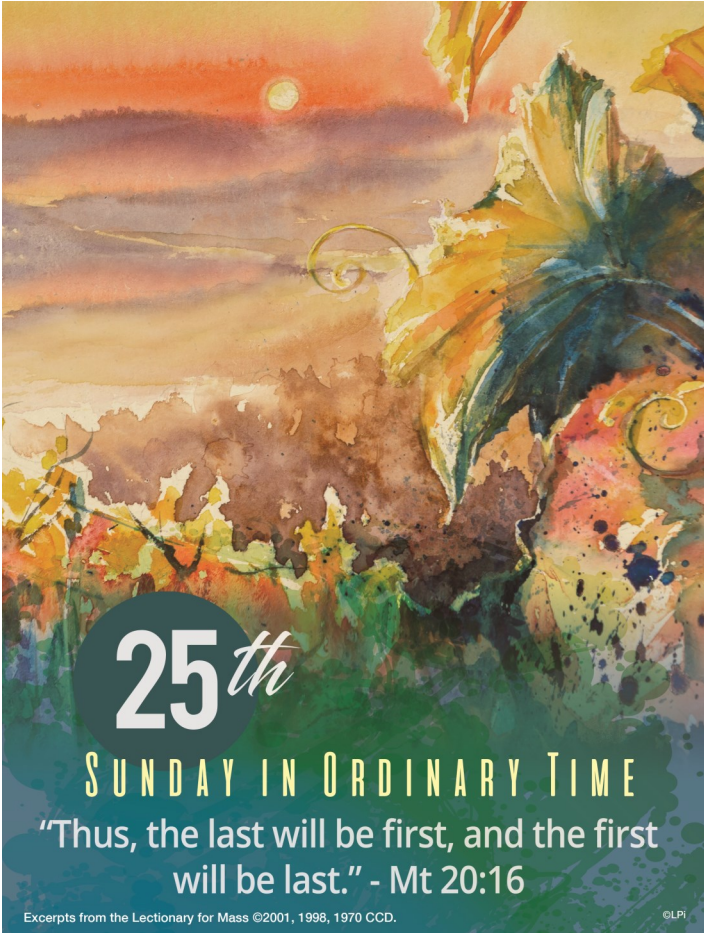
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours.



In Memory Of
Agnes Franko
February 3, 1929
September 11, 2020

Mass of Christian Burial
10:00am Tuesday
September 15, 2020
St. Leo the Great
Fr. James Schmitz

Interment
Holy Cross Cemetery
Sec 30 Lot 3645 Grave 1

The Hail Mary
Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.

Yurch Funeral Home



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, William and Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Mlady, Ralph Rath, Walter Alflen, Joseph Mackey, Diana, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath & James Cook



Monday, September 21st – St. Matthew
8:30am +Ann Sazpansky (Sazpansky Family)
Tuesday, September 22nd - Weekday
8:30am +Kay Visota (Dan & Arlene)
Wednesday, September 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina
8:30am +Carmella Shrader (Mike & Renee Izzo)
Thursday, September 24th – Weekday
8:30am Communion Service
Friday, September 25th - Weekday
8:30am +Jack Pauloski (Grace & Children)
Saturday, September 26th - SS. Cosmas & Damian
1:00pm Wedding: Danielle Zappitelli & Nickolas Woody
4:00pm +John Kozlowski (Family)
Sunday, September 27th – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am +Jack Pauloski (Grace & Children)
11:00am +Genevieve Nowack (Lovingly, Sharon Rock)

WEDDING BANNS



III Danielle Zappitelli & Nickolas Woody

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!

BRUCE ESSON

September 14th, 2020

\$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available on our website. (www.leothegreat.org). Or just call the office 216-661-1006 and we will sign you up.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

The prophetic words in today's reading were spoken during the Israelites' exile in Babylon. Earlier, the prophet had proclaimed that God was looking mercifully upon them and would soon free them. In today's reading, the prophet points out that they now have a window of opportunity and should take advantage of God's willingness to forgive.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

For the next four weeks, our second reading will be taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians. When Paul wrote this letter, he was in prison for preaching the Gospel, and he faced the possibility of execution. A person in those circumstances tends to think long thoughts about death, and death is what Paul is wrestling with in today's passage.

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

Joshua Stecz
St. Francis de Sales, Akron
First Year, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Sunday, September 6th

Collection	\$ 7,499.50
WeShare(online).....	\$ 2,517.50
Total	\$ 10,017.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 /Lk 9:1-6
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
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 /Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)



Dear Parishioners,

Last Tuesday we celebrated the funeral Mass for Agnes Franko. She and her husband Clarence were married for 68 years! They had 5 children and several grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Agnes & Clarence had lived in St. Mark parish where I had grown up. Every week I would see them at the 8am Mass on Sunday, and Agnes had a devotion to Mary and prayed the rosary daily. At her funeral, I mentioned that her name was based on the Latin word "Agnus" which means "Lamb." To me, she was gentle like a lamb and I will miss seeing her. Let us pray for her husband and children & ask the Lord to receive her soul into the peace of Paradise.

Congratulations to Amanda Pasela & Anthony Zingale who will be getting married this weekend at St. Leo's, and to Jim Hogue, a member of the parish who will be getting married at Nativity Parish in Lorain. May God give them many happy and fruitful years together.

Once again I want to express my thanks to three parishioners who have made generous donations to our landscaping this summer. Thanks to Rose Zarko, Mary Jane Kozlowski & Rose Pelley for helping to make our grounds look so nice. With the money they donated, we were able to purchase the statue of St. Francis of Assisi that is between the front church door & the rectory office, and the fountain and light and additional trees, plants & shrubs by our Marian shrine. Please be sure to take a walk over to the shrine if you haven't seen it lately & see how much more beautiful it is. What a great place to pray the rosary or just to sit quietly & enjoy the peace. Debbie McKiver is the landscaper who designed & then did all the landscaping work this summer. Most notably, she replaced the cracking stone around the marquee sign facing Broadview Road with new brick and did the same around the sign you see on the right when you drive in, welcoming you to St. Leo's. She lined the fence (very nicely repaired/replaced by Christopher Ish) with trees & planted many new trees, shrubs & flowers on the property. We are blessed to have such good people care so much for our parish property.

Thanks too to Mary Kubala for her donation which allowed us to get the vents in the church cleaned out, especially as we become more aware of the air we breath during the coronavirus. Ron Kollar also donated to our landscaping efforts and I'm grateful to all who contribute to our capital improvements fund. Hopefully you can see your donations at work.

I appreciated what Eddie Abufarha had to say last weekend about how the people in the Holy Land are really suffering during this pandemic since they do not receive any kind of stimulus checks or assistance from the government as we do at times like this. So thank you if you purchased anything from the sale of the beautiful olive wood carvings after Mass last weekend. If you couldn't be here due to social distancing at this time, you can view everything they offer on their website, holylanccarvings.com. We have a link to it on our parish website as well. I look forward to the Holy Land pilgrimage organized by Eddie's travel company that will take place whenever this pandemic is behind us.

Fr. James Schmitz



CHURCH RAFFLE

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Due to social distancing, we are not putting the raffle tickets in the vestibule this year. The Festival raffle tickets have been delivered to the homes of registered parishioners within the parish boundaries. If you are a registered parishioner and reside outside the parish boundaries, please provide the rectory with your name and address (including zip code!), and we will have your tickets available for pick up in the rectory within a few days. If COVID-19 prevents the parish from holding the Festival, there will still be a raffle drawing. The Festival is an important event for the parish community. The proceeds from the Festival help sustain the parish. Please do what you can to support the parish by selling your raffle tickets.

There is still one more chance to enter the Early Bird Drawing. The next drawing will be Sunday, September 27th. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 17th). Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the last Early Bird Drawing.

FESTIVAL WEEKEND..... Due to COVID-19 regulations, we will have take-out only on October 16th and 17th of some of your favorite Festival foods including corned beef and Reuben sandwiches on Friday and pork dinners on Saturday. Stay tuned for more information.

TRAPPER JACK



"He's Back! Trapper Jack will be coming to St. Leo the Great on Sunday, October 11th at 7:00pm. He will be talking about the Blessed Mother as a "Messenger of Christ"! Save the date and watch the bulletin for further details as they become available! It will also be live-streamed.



The 2021 Mass Intention Book is now open. Please come to the Rectory Office where masks and social distancing will be required, and schedule your 2021 Masses. You may also call the Rectory at 216-661-1006 to schedule your intentions.

Each parishioner household may have four Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

THANK YOU



Boy Scout Troop 24 is very grateful for the donations they received for their Clothing Drive. It was a huge success and they are very thankful to all who made it possible.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



"I was hungry and you fed me." We "THANK YOU" for your very generous donations of food and staples. Without your help, the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization would not be able to exist at St. Leo the Great. Your help makes it possible for us to help others.



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Next week, our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

LET LOVE BE SINCERE;
HATE WHAT IS EVIL, HOLD
ON TO WHAT IS GOOD.

ROMANS 12:9

GOOD AND EVIL

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH



The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall this **Sunday, September 20th from 8:00am till Noon**. Red Cross staff are required to take temperatures at the door and remain masked and gloved during the blood drive (changing them often). They have 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.

Walk-ins are welcome. **Great news! Covid-19 antibody testing will be done on blood collected. You will be notified by the Red Cross of the results!** Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.



Honey Hut Gift Card Sale!

\$10 Gift Cards - No expiration date!

20% of each sale benefits Lions in DC.

Scoop some up today & support Lions in DC Washington trip!



Get your ice cream at everyone's favorite local ice cream shop! Keep a few gift cards in your car for those tasty dessert treats. Gift Cards make perfect gifts!

3 WAYS to purchase:

After masses, now through September 27, 2020
(Cash only please!)

School office (please send payment labeled
"for gift cards" in with your student)

Pay electronically and your gift cards will be waiting for you at the rectory! For this option, send payment to AGintheCLE (Venmo), 216-401-0407 (PayPal) or (216)374-5136 (Zelle).

Gift cards do not expire and can be used at the following locations: **OLD BROOKLYN, PARMA & SOLON.**

School News

Principal's Corner

St. Leo the Great School is back together again!

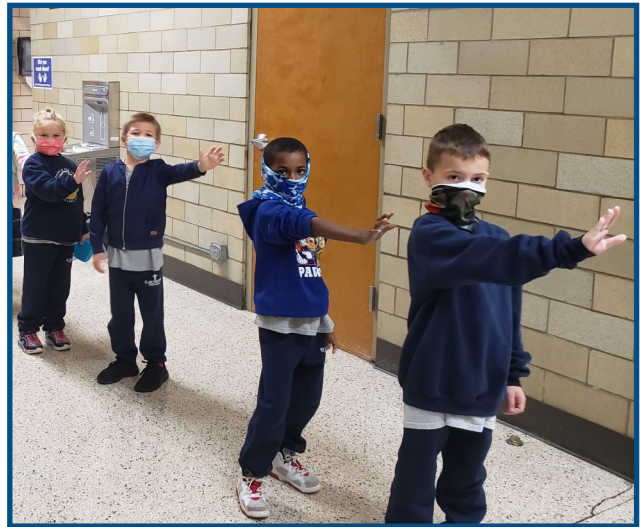
We begin the year more grateful than ever to have the opportunity to be back in our school. We are offering both in-person learning and full time remote learning via Google Classroom for grades K thru 8.

Many things look different from when we left last spring. Temperatures of all staff and students are taken by the new Thermal Camera at the entrance of the building, masks are being worn throughout the day, and we are practicing social distancing.

We are grateful for the dedication of our fabulous teachers who have worked all summer to learn the new technology necessary for this school year. We will be featuring our new teachers in upcoming bulletins.

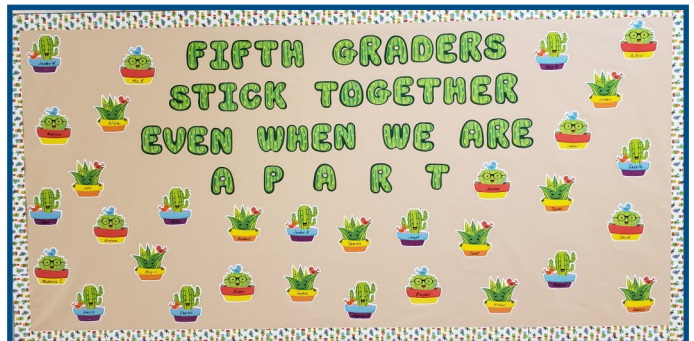
Now that the 2020-2021 school year is underway, we ask for prayers for good health and safety for our students and staff, as we continue to pray for the entire community.

Blessings,
Mrs. Denise Burns



**Enrollment still
Open
For the 2020-2021
School Year
All are Welcome!**

**All Grades will attend
school full days OR Parent
Can choose 100% Distant
Learning for 1st Qt.
Call (216) 661-2120**



Together in Prayer

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION



PADUA FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL

Padua Placement Test Dates & Parent Information Sessions:

- October 10 – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- October 31 – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- November 7 – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Padua Virtual Open House – October 18 – livestream begins at 4 p.m. Register to be entered to win a \$1,000 tuition voucher!

Private tours are also available! To register for the placement test, Open House or a private tour, please visit <http://paduafranciscan.com/admissions/>



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

Trinity High School invites families to its featured **Open House on October 25, 2020**, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to tour the school and learn more about the Trinity family! More information is available at www.ths.org/admissions/OH.



ST EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Open Houses for 8th Grade Families*

Sunday, October 4 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.—Sunday, October 25 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Monday, October 12 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.,—Monday, October 19 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
and Monday, November 2 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

***Pre-registration is required at sehs.net/openhouse**

Admission Tests for 8th Grade Boys**

Saturday, October 10 at 9:00 a.m.—Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m.—Saturday, October 31 at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m.—Wednesday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m.

****Pre-registration is required at sehs.net/admissiontest**

For Residents of Cleveland:

St. Edward accepts the Cleveland Scholarship Program voucher.

Contact the St. Edward High School Office of Admission

216-521-2204 or admission@sehs.net

