



25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22, 2019

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St. Leo the Great Church
1969 - 2019



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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 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

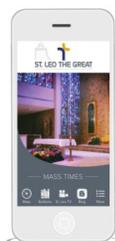
Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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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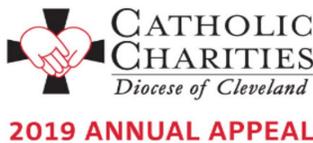
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“If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?” - Lk 16:11

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Walk in Faith.
Give in Joy.

As of August 31, 2019 Two Hundred Fifty Two (252) parishioners of St. Leo the Great Parish have pledged \$66,718.00 towards our parish goal of \$65,071.00. To date \$62,455.00 has been paid. If you have not yet donated, please consider a gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Please pray for the success of this appeal which provides essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. Thank You!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“No servant can serve two masters.” We struggle with where we put and give our allegiance. Who has the ultimate authority and claim over us? While our minds want to answer “God,” our lives often reveal other conflicting allegiances. Because we are made in the image of God, we are not given a ticket of entitlement or privilege. On the contrary, we are given a level playing field where we are one among many and called to live just and trustworthy lives. To serve God is to serve others and to see the primary purpose and focus of our lives as being good stewards. As God lifts up the poor, so too do we. As much as we want the world and God to serve our own self advancement, we have to resist this temptation at all costs. Injustice has no place in the kingdom of God.



Next week, our special collection is for 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 funds collected remain 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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Our Scripture Study dates are as follows: October 2nd, October 16th, October 30th and November 13th. There will be an afternoon session from 1:00pm to 2:30pm and an evening session from 7:00pm to 8:30pm each of the days. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center. Feel free to attend the session that is most convenient for your schedule. One session does not depend on the previous session, so if you are unable to attend one of the days, that's okay! We're looking forward to seeing you at our Scripture Study. For questions or further information, contact Joan Berigan or Deacon Pat at 216-661-1006.

ROSARY



The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to the rosary. Please join us in praying the rosary on Friday, October 4th, at 7:00 p.m. What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.

2019 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 10th at 12:00 Noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, 6740 Broadview Rd., Parma. Please contact Ray or Isabel at 216-524-3163 for more information.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Edward Gorczyca, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, Jo Hoffman, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Charles Hakaim, Walter Milewski, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, William Rebello, Cecilia Doris, Louise Horvath, Elaine Houseknecht, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Eugene Parks, Dianne Toronski, Steve Kostrubanic, Marge Menge, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Trudy Miller, John Rolando & Anna Mendoza

WORDS TO INSPIRE

Patience is power ... it is "timing"; it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way. |
Ven. Fulton Sheen

**GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!
LOOK AND SEE WHO WON**



KEVIN HADZIMA

September 16, 2019 - \$100.00 Winner

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Sign up forms are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or the Rectory Office.

DONUT SUNDAY



Please join us for donuts and coffee after the 8:00am and 11:00am Masses next Sunday, September 29th.

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

Br. Luke Maria Lee, OP
Dominican Friars
Novice



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

Parish Support

Sunday, September 15th

Basket Collection.....\$ 6,142.00
WeShare (online)\$ 1,135.00
Total.....\$ 7,277.00

Thank you for your continued support!



Monday, September 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina
7:30am +Alfred Golias (Brother)

Tuesday, September 24th - Weekday
7:30am +Joe Lovano (Family)

Wednesday, September 25th - Weekday
7:30am +John Pauloski (Wife & Children)

5:00pm Memorial Mass for Ron Cooke

Thursday, September 26th - SS. Cosmas and Damian

7:30am Intention to be announced

Friday, September 27th - St. Vincent de Paul

8:30am +John Kozlowski (Family)

Saturday, September 28th - St. Wenceslaus & St.

Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

1:00pm Wedding: Victoria Hahn & Tyler Kirby

4:00pm +Thomas Dubiel (Dubiel Family)

Sunday, September 29th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Ronald Vance (Bernadine Vance & Family)

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Our first reading is from Amos, the prophet of social justice. In today's passage, he denounces the hollow prosperity of the rich, a self-indulgent life-style maintained at the expense of the poor.

Second Reading: I Timothy 6:11-16

In the latter years of the first century, when the first letter to Timothy was written, Church leaders were concerned that Christianity not be seen as opposed to the good order of society. So, today's passage pictures Paul exhorting Timothy to lead an upright life.

Readings for the week of September 22, 2019

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

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a/Jer 31:10,11-12a,13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



WEDDING BANNS

III Victoria Hahn & Tyler Kirby

II Jordan Laviano & Matt Stumpf



Dear Parishioners,

This Wednesday, September 25th, we will be having a Memorial Mass for Ron Cooke at 5pm. Ron died unexpectedly at home. He was a longtime parishioner and a faithful member of our choir. He was a man of faith and will be remembered fondly, especially by the members of the choir. Please feel welcome to join us for a Mass in memory of him this Wednesday.

We congratulate Victoria Hahn & Tyler Kirby who are getting married this Saturday. They are both police officers so we owe them gratitude for their courage and service to the community. May they have a long and fruitful marriage.

In last week's bulletin I wrote about the meaning of a Sponsor or Godparent for someone who is being baptized or confirmed. I also listed the qualifications that are necessary for someone to act in that role. But I also mentioned that we regularly face the problem of someone requesting a sponsor certificate when they are not practicing their faith. The purpose of the sponsor certificate is this: it is a statement by the sponsor and the priest of their parish that they are in fact practicing their faith, and the certificate is given to the priest or parish who will be administering the sacrament. Again, for a list of those qualifications, please see last week's bulletin or pick one up if you didn't get one. It's a good idea to keep it somewhere where you can refer to it when needed.

Our dilemma concerns the person who has been asked to be a sponsor but is not practicing their faith. On the one hand, if I give a sponsor certificate to anyone who asks for one, even if they are not qualified, then I am not helping the person they are asked to sponsor. Both the one being asked to be a sponsor as well as myself are really lying about what the sponsor certificate is meant to attest to. On the other hand, if I do not allow such a person to receive a sponsor certificate, then they become angry with the Church and create even a further separation from the community they are meant to belong to and participate in. A very hard choice to make!

So after talking to Deacon Pat & Joan, we have decided to pursue a middle course. When someone requests a sponsor certificate, they will be told that they must meet with either Deacon Pat, Joan or myself. One of us should be available for this purpose on Sunday after the 8am and 11am Masses but we can also meet during the week. At this meeting, we can discuss with the potential sponsor their important role by discussing their current practice of their faith. We understand that many people have been lax practicing their faith for many different reasons but we are willing to work with them in helping them reconnect with the Church so that they can be a sponsor in good conscience. While not everyone will be able to act in this role or willing to make changes in their life, we can at least do everything in our power to help someone live the faith they profess.

Fr. James Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S



Monday, September 23rd

- 3:00pm 7th Gr. Girls Volleyball -J. Riley Lux
- 4:30pm 7th Gr. Girls Volleyball -C. Riley Lux
- 5:00pm Couples for Christ Great
- 6:00pm 5th Gr. Girls Volleyball-Torres Lux
- 6:45pm PSR Classes School

Tuesday, September 24th

- 3:00pm 3rd Gr. Girls Volleyball - Bermudez Lux
- 6:30pm 6th Gr. Girls Volleyball - Valez Lux
- 7:00pm AA Group Basement

Wednesday, September 25th

- 11:00am Seniors Great
- 3:00pm 7th Gr. Girls Volleyball - J. & C. Riley Lux
- 5:30pm 5th Gr. Girls Volleyball - Geither&Torres Lux
- 6:30pm Choir Practice Church
- 7:00pm 8th Gr. Girls Volleyball - Kinzel Lux
- 7:00pm Festival Meeting Great

Thursday, September 26th

- 1:00pm Women's Knitting Group Conference
- 3:00pm 3rd Gr. Girls Volleyball - Bermudez Lux
- 6:30pm 6th Gr. Girls Volleyball - Valez Lux

Friday, September 27th

- 5:30pm 5th Gr. Girls Volleyball-Geither Lux
- 6:30pm 8th Gr. Girls Volleyball-Kinzel Lux
- 7:30pm Recovery International Basement

Saturday, September 28th

- 8:30am-2:00pm CYO Volleyball Site Centers Lux
- 2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions Church
- 3:00pm Grapevine Basement

Sunday, September 29th

- 11:30am-5:00pm CYO Volleyball Site Centers Lux

REGISTER WITH US



Have you been joining us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family.

Stop at the information desk in the vestibule of the church, the rectory office, or call us at 216-661-1006.

LAWN SIGNS



Have you seen the lawn signs popping up all over the neighborhood? If you would like a lawn sign for your lawn, they are in the main vestibule of the church.

55" TV RAFFLE



Once again there will be a TV raffle at one of the game booths at the Festival.

This year you can purchase your tickets IN ADVANCE as well. Tickets for the 55" TV can be purchased at the rectory or in the vestibule after Mass on Sunday, September 29th. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The winning ticket will be drawn Saturday, October 19th, at 10:00 p.m. at the Festival. Winner need not be present.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

THANK YOU
for your generosity

“I was hungry and you fed me. “THANK YOU” for your generous donations of food. Without you, the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization simply could not exist here at St. Leo the Great. Your help makes it possible for us to help others.

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE



Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way for you to support our 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 your everyday purchases, any type of gift, or as a simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND PURCHASE SOME!**

2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2020 Mass Intention Book is now open. There are still some openings left in the 2019 Book.

Each parishioner household may have four Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00. **Please stop by the Parish Office and get your intentions.**

HUNGARIAN FALL FESTIVAL...



At St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 9016 Buckeye Rd., Cleveland 44104 on Sunday, Sept. 29th 11:00am to 6:00pm held in St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. See website for more information www.stelizabethcleveland.org.

ST. STANISLAUS POLISH FESTIVAL....

At St. Stanislaus, 6601 Baxter Ave. Cleveland 44105 on Friday, October 4th, Saturday, October 5th & Sunday, October 6th. For more information call: 216-341-9091 or visit www.ststanislaus.org.



HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

PADUA FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

October 20th—(1:00pm to 4pm)

October 21st—(6:00pm to 8:00pm)

Meet our welcoming teachers, staff, students and coaches.

Middle school students will receive a Padua 3-1 charging cable while supplies last.

Pre-register for your personal tour online at <http://paduafranciscan.com/openhouse/>

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

GREAT ROOM FOR RENT

The Great Room, located in our Parish Community Center is available to **rent for special events, all types of parties, meetings, funeral luncheons, etc.**

For information or to book, please contact Mina Rolando at 216-544-0190 or visit our parish website at leothegreat.org.

SENIORS



This Wednesday, September 25th, St. Leo's Seniors will meet in the Parish Community Center at 11:00am.

This is our social meeting, so please join us for fun and games! New members always welcome!

OUR NEW GUIDE BOOK DIRECTORY IS HERE!



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From September 26th - November 3rd, 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 7:00am to 7:00pm 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. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid on September 24th at 7:00pm with Keynote Speaker, Jim Hogan. Contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

St. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition

Principal's Message

Once again, our students in Kindergarten to Eighth grade have been taking MAP tests in Reading and Math. MAP is an acronym for Measure of Academic Progress. All students in the Diocese of Cleveland take these tests in September, January and May. The results help us guide the instruction for each student, provide tutoring and extra help when needed and monitor the progress of the student.

Our Parent group (PTC) and our Athletics continue to work hard to provide for our students and school community. We are so fortunate here at St. Leo's to have so many caring, generous individuals who give of their time and talents to benefit our school!

God Bless you all,

Mrs. Burns



Welcome St. Leo's newest Teachers!
We are happy and excited to add them to our Team of Excellence!

Hi my name is **Staci Novak** and I will be teaching **4th & 5th grade** this year at St. Leo's. I graduated from Ursuline College with an Early Childhood Education degree and Reading Endorsement.

I currently live in Old Brooklyn with my husband, John and our 4 children, Johnny, Ryan Marie, Joshua & Isabella.

My family have been members of St. Leo's Parish for many years, going back to my great-grandparents. My husband, John and I were married 17 years ago here at St. Leo's.

My oldest son Johnny and daughter Ryan are both alumni of St. Leo's. Johnny is currently attending St. Ignatius and Ryan is at St. Joseph Academy. Josh and Isabella are current students at St. Leo's.

I enjoy spending my free time with my family, being a wrestling & volleyball mom and cheering on our Cleveland Browns!

Hi my name is **Colleen Cato** and I will be teaching **Kindergarten** this year at St. Leo's. I graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelors of Science in Education.

I currently live in North Royalton with my family and our two 2 dogs, Sasha and Brutus.

I love to sew! I have an Etsy shop and in my free time I make hair accessories. I also teach 5th grade PSR at my home parish, St. Alberts

I am currently working on my Masters in Education at Walsh.

I am excited to be part of the St. Leo community and look forward to teaching kindergarten!





Friday, October 18th
(6:00pm to 10:00pm)

Saturday, October 19th
(5:00pm to 10:00pm)

EARLY BIRD DRAWING!

Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. The next drawing will be on September 29th (that's next weekend!). (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 19th). Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.

VOLUNTEERS! Volunteer sign up sheets will be in the main vestibule of the church next weekend. The Festival cannot be a success without your help. Please sign up.

ADOPT A BOOTH! Do you feel like doing more? Why not adopt a booth for the entire weekend with your family and friends? You provide the people to staff the booth, and we'll take care of the rest. If you are interested, please sign the sheet that says "Adopt a Booth" in the main vestibule of the church, and we'll contact you to answer your questions.

BAKERY NEEDED! Every year people look forward to the homemade desserts donated by parishioners and sold at the Festival. Please don't disappoint all those people who have a sweet tooth! We would greatly appreciate any donations of bakery for the Festival. Donations can be dropped off at the bakery table during the festival weekend. Yummm!

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—We are starting to plan the 9th annual MQP Christmas Market for Sun. Nov. 3rd, from 9:30am-2:30pm. If you are a vendor and would like to be part of our festivities please call the Parish Office at 216-749-2323 and we can mail or e-mail you a contact.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—Join us for a Bus Trip to Presque Isle Casino on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd. \$35/person, \$30/play back money. Reservations due to the Parish Office by October 7th. For more information, call Pat Lawler 440-843-9186 or Pam Bennett

ST. THOMAS MORE—Join us on Friday, September 27th at 7pm in the church for a night of worship and praise of Our Lord. This month will be a little different in that it will feature a Mass of healing with Praise and Worship music. We look forward to seeing you there!

BUS TRIP— SENECA NIAGARA & SENECA ALLEGANY

Wednesday, October 16th—Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel (Casino Bonus \$50 slot play & \$20 food) Spend the night.

Thursday, October 17th—Seneca Allegany Casino (\$25 slot play & \$5 food)

\$245-Single, \$165-Double & \$160-Triple

All must have a driver's license or state id with them!

10/16/19—Report 8:30am - Depart 9:00am

10/17/19—Approx. Return 10:00pm

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

