



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 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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A PRAYER

FOR RECOVERY

AFTER DISASTER

God our Father,
in the wake of disaster,
visit our places of desolation with your consolation.

Bring strength to the weary and courage to those who feel overwhelmed.

We believe that you hold our concerns in your Fatherly care,
and that you entrust us to one another as sisters and brothers.

Mobilize your people near and far to feed the hungry, shelter the displaced,
and protect those in deepest poverty.

As we rebuild what is ruined,
may we recover together as a stronger community.

Amen.

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EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE IRMA

The Catholic diocese of Cleveland has been asked by the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to have an emergency collection for those impacted by Hurricane Irma.

The Church is a channel for grace and solidarity in the wake of natural disasters as it offers solace and support in their aftermath. However, as is so often the case, the Church itself in these regions is both a long-standing provider of aid and now is in need of tremendous assistance itself. So many of the Church's structures have been damaged and their resources depleted which makes it even more challenging to provide assistance and pastoral outreach to those in need.

These funds will be used in the affected areas to support humanitarian aid, assistance with long-term efforts to restore communities and for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in U.S. and the Caribbean.

In support of this major relief effort, a special collection will take place the weekend of September 30/October 1, 2017.

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

LIVE THE LITURGY — INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



True love does not measure itself against the love of others. If I am truly in love with God there is no need to compare myself with others or succumb to jealousy if others appear closer than I or because I have loved longer. Authentic love does not consider benefits or privileges. It simply desires to be in the presence of the One who is loved. God invites all of his children into a relationship with him. It does not matter when along our life's journey we accept that invitation. It is only important that we do. In our Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard promised the usual daily wage to everyone, regardless of what time each started working. God promises love and eternal life to all who enter into relationship with him. It does not matter when. This is God's pure merciful gift. It is God's to give as God desires.

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PLEASE REMEMBER... Sarah Geier, Edward P. Gorkczyca, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Stella Sugalski, Mary Jane Funta, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Ann Sazpansky, 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 Bublavy, Barbara Ann & Family and Larry Augustine.



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

Darryl Lobas

\$100.00 - September 18th

CONGRATULATIONS!



Coming Next Month...

Information concerning sign-up for our new Great Sweepstakes drawing.

2018 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2018 Mass Intention Book is now open. 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.

Ivan Hernandez-Perez
Congregation of St. Joseph
I Theology, St. Mary



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



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, September 17th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 7,710.90
WeShare (online)	695.00
Total	\$ 8,405.90

Hurricane Harvey Relief.....	\$ 5,574.94
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Thank you for your continued support



September 25th to October 1st

Monday, September 25th: Weekday

7:30 a.m. +Adeline Richards (Kazimer Family)

Tuesday, September 26th: SS. Cosmas & Damian

7:30a.m. Jane & Jim Schwendeman (Barbara Dobay)

Wednesday, September 27th: St. Vincent de Paul

7:30a.m. +John Kozlowski (Family)

Thursday, September 28th: St. Wenceslaus

7:30a.m. To be announced

Friday, September 29th: Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels—All School Mass

8:30a.m. +Ronald Vance (Bernadine Vance & Family)

Saturday, September 30th: St. Jerome

1:00p.m. Wedding of Bethany Halusker & Nathan Miller

4:00p.m. +Jack Gullo (Wife Bonnie)

Sunday, October 1st: Respect Life Sunday

8:00a.m. +Catherine & Russell Burke (Riccardi Family)

11:00a.m. People of the Parish

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.

Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18

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

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

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

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

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



WEDDING BANNS

III Bethany Halusker & Nathan Miller

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Perez has been spending a lot of time the last couple of weeks visiting parishes in the Diocese and meeting the people of Cleveland. Each "district" or cluster of parishes have the opportunity to celebrate Mass with him. This Tuesday, the priests of our particular district will be having dinner with him and then joining him for Mass at St. Ignatius of Antioch at 7pm. All parishioners of our parish are invited to join in the Mass at St. Ignatius which will be followed by a reception at 8pm where you can welcome him to Cleveland. We look forward to his visit to St. Leo's at some point and continue to pray for him as he shepherds the people of our Diocese.

This Tuesday just happens to be Michaela's birthday as well. She's a bit upset that I have chosen to be with Bishop Perez instead of spending the whole day with her, but a promised walk in the Metropark seemed to smooth things over. Michaela will be 5 years old and it's hard to believe that she's 35 in human years when just a year ago she was still in her late 20's. But her special day reminds me that we'll try to make all our parish pets feel special as we have our annual Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 7th, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi who's feast is celebrated on October 4th. The last couple of years we needed to meet in the vestibule of the church due to the cold or rainy weather but I'm hoping it will be pleasant enough for us to gather by the outdoor shrine again where we have several new benches for some to rest on. Since Francis also loved the gift of God's creation, it would be good to gather outdoors to enjoy the beauty of our grounds here at St. Leo's.

Our next all school Mass will be this Friday, September 29th at 8:30am. All parishioners, especially parents of our school children, are always welcome to join us. That day the Church celebrates the feast of the Archangels, Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. It's wonderful to see the children, some of whom are not Catholic, join in the prayers and songs of the Mass. All of these children bless our parish grounds and we are blessed by their presence in our parish school. Remember to ask the Archangels to watch over them that we may fill them with knowledge, wisdom, and the love of God and neighbor.

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S
September 25th to October 1st**Monday, September 25th**

4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice Lux
6:45 p.m. PSR Classes School

Tuesday, September 26th

1:00 p.m. Lecture Series Great
4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice Lux
6:30 p.m. SVDP Conference

Wednesday, September 27th

11:00 a.m. Seniors Meeting Great
4:00 p.m. Grade School Volleyball Practice Lux
5:30 p.m. Cub Scout Recruiting Night Great
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice Church

Thursday, September 28th

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

Friday, September 29th

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

Saturday, September 30th

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

Sunday, October 1st

11:30 a.m. CYO Volleyball Center Lux
7:00 p.m. Coach Robinson Adult Open Gym Lux

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Francis of Assisi loved all of God's creatures. In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be an animal blessing on **SATURDAY, OCT. 7TH**, at 10:00 a.m. in the area near the Marian shrine. Please bring your pets and join us for this special blessing.

Please remember that all pets must be on a leash or held **AND please, please** clean up after your pet. The Blessing will take place **RAIN OR SHINE**.

"All praise to you, O Lord, for these brother and sister creatures" (from the Canticle of the Creatures written by St. Francis of Assisi)

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...There is still one more chance to enter the Early Bird Drawing. The next drawing will be October 1st. (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.

ADOPT A BOOTH...Do you feel like doing more? Why not adopt a booth for both days 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!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Those who are
generous are blessed,
for they share their
bread with the poor.

-Proverbs 22:9



THANK YOU for your generous donations of food and your donations to the Poor Boxes. Without you, we simply could not exist. Your help makes it all possible.

ST. LEO PRESCHOOL NEWS



Saint Leo Preschool is having an Open House and Social on **Sunday, October 15th from 10:30am to 12:30pm**. Everyone is invited. Stop in to see what our Preschoolers are doing and join us for refreshments. There are a few openings left in our Part-time classes. St. Leo Preschool is located in the Parish Center on the second floor. For more information call 216-661-5330.

BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo the Great Lux Hall **this Sunday, September 24th, from 8:30a.m. 12:00p.m.** Blood supplies are very low based on summer emergencies and Hurricanes, Harvey & Irma. Please stop by and donate!

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 simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

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HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE:

Sunday, October 8th - tours from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

PLACEMENT EXAMS:

Saturdays Oct. 21st & Nov. 4th

(9:00am to 12:00noon)

Parent information session at 11:00am.

Wednesday, Nov. 8th (5:30pm to 8:30pm)

Parent information session at 7:30pm.

For more information call 440-886-0300 ext.145 or email: eyaya@holynameshs.com.

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE:

Oct. 15th & Nov. 5th (11:00am to 1:00pm)

Save time by pre-registering at sehs.net.

ADMISSION TESTS:*

Sat. Oct. 21st (9:00 a.m.), Wed. Oct. 25th. (5:30 p.m.)
& Sat. Oct. 28th (9:00 a.m.)

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

- 8th grade boys only
- \$20 test fee payable on the date of the test
- Parent info. sessions held during each test.
- Accepting Cleveland Scholarship voucher

For more information call: 216-521-2204 or admissions@sehs.net.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT RETREAT FOR 8TH GRADERS:



Trinity High School invites all eighth grade students to our annual "Walking with the Spirit" Eighth Grade Retreat at Camp Christopher, October 13-14.

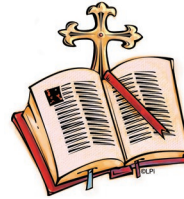
Space fills up fast! For more information and to register, visit Trinity's website at www.ths.org/spirit, or call 216-581-1061.

DONUT SUNDAY

Please join us in the main church vestibule after all the Masses for donuts and coffee **this Sunday, September 24th.**



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 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!



NEW PARISHIONERS

Our Parish Family would like to extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners who have joined us recently.

McKenna Goske
Jim & Betty J. PoPow
Stephanie Kropp
James & Amanda Lahiff
Regina Stopper
Nathan & Kristen Durell
Douglas & Elizabeth Kalanish
David & Cheri Belko
Devon & Bernerd Gleason-Graves
Jackline Mande

Kathleen Koval
Brianna Grucza
Craig Steinmetz
Wanda Quigley
Katie Lamar
Wesley A. Jarvis
Mackenzie Carr
Judith Foulkes
John Euse

St. Leo the Great Parish Festival

Friday, October 20 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 21 - 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Food

Honey Hut Ice Cream
cotton candy
Italian sausage sandwiches
with onions & peppers
French fries*popcorn
pierogies*nachos
cabbage & noodles
soft pretzels
and much more!

Dining Specials

****Friday****

Corned Beef/Reuben
platter or sandwich

****Saturday****

Roast Pork
with dumplings
and gravy

Entertainment

****Friday****

6:00-10:00

The Amazing Superstars
(classic rock)

****Saturday****

5:00-7:00 - DJ Pat Daley
(polkas)

7:00-10:00

Backtrax

(all request oldies & more)

Games & More

Kiddie Games
\$5,000 Raffle
Games of Skill
Instant Bingo
\$ Wheels \$
Tailgate with Us -
Streaming the Big Games

4940 Broadview Road, Cleveland*(216) 661-1006

SENIORS

This Wednesday, September 27th, St. Leo's Seniors will meet in the Parish Community Center at 11:00 a.m. This is our social meeting, so please join us for fun and games!

If you are not a member, now is the time to join us. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.



2017 CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today, we will take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection funds communication of the gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Please be generous in this week's collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our diocese to support local communication needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness.



BUS TRIPS

CASINO TRIP... Friday, November 3rd—Presque Isle Downs & Casino, Erie PA (Casino bonus \$25 slot play)

Cost: \$32.00—Report 8:30am - Depart 9:00am - Return 5:00pm

MEDINA TRIP...Friday, December 8th Cost: \$75.00

JM Smucker Store & Café (Muffin & Coffee incl.), Root Candle (Shop/browse on own), Corkscrew Salon (Lunch included), Castle Noel (Included), Free time explore Medina Square—Dinner (on own), Medina Fairgrounds Christmas Lights (On own) Report 8:30am - Depart 9:00am - Return 8:15pm

Contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.—**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE—Join us for a Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 pm. It begins in the Parish Center and concludes in the Church and features an opportunity to touch a rock from the Grotto of Lourdes, official Lourdes water, Benediction, and a candlelight Rosary Procession.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO—St. Charles Holy Name Society welcomes Deacon Daniel Galla who will be addressing "Jewish Impact on Catholicism" Thursday October 19th at 7:30pm, Meeting is free and open to the Public with complimentary Beverages, Chips, Pretzels and various Pastries.

ST. THOMAS MORE—Join St. Thomas More's Spiritual Life Commission for **THE LIVING ROSARY** on Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.