



## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

September 26 , 2021

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**Father James J. Vesely**  
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### RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM

Sunday ~ 9:00AM—12:30PM

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### SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS:

Main Office Open in July by Appointment

[www.leothegreat.org](http://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.

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# St. Leo the Great Parish Festival

Friday, October 15 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 16 - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**TAKE OUT ONLY**  
(until we sell out)

**Specials**

**\*\*Friday\*\***

Corned Beef/Reuben  
Platter or Sandwich

**\*\*Saturday\*\***

Roast Pork Dinner with  
Dumplings and Gravy

**\*\*Both Nights\*\***

Honey Hut Ice Cream  
Italian Sausage Sandwiches  
with Onions & Peppers  
Pierogies

Cabbage & Noodles  
and other favorites

**\*\*\$5,000 Raffle\*\***

Turn in your tickets  
or buy more!

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

*In Loving Memory of*

**Linda K. Graham**

(nee Koons)

Born August 30, 1948

Entered into Eternal Life

August 29, 2021

Interment Holy Cross Cemetery  
Section 43 Lot 133 Grave 1

Remember, O most gracious  
Virgin Mary, that never was it  
known that anyone who fled  
to thy protection, implored thy help,  
or sought thine intercession  
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,  
I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins,  
my mother; to thee do I come,  
before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

*Fortuna* FUNERAL HOME

7076 Brecksville Rd. Independence, OH



**"We should spend as much time in thanking  
God for His benefits as we do in asking for  
them."**

**- St. Vincent de Paul**

## SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

September 26th to October 10th

### IN LOVING MEMORY

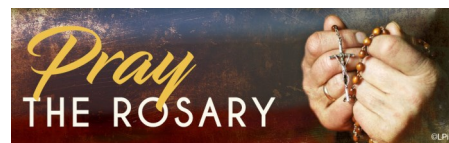
We love you, Ronald Vance

From Bernadine & Family



## 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](http://leothegreat.org) or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



Please join us in honoring Mary with the recitation of the rosary in the church at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27**. If you are not familiar with the rosary, we will provide everything you need.

## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

### Prayer REQUESTS

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Mary Nic, Agnes  
Alfin, Alivia Kobal, Taylor  
Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary  
LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, 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 Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, &  
Ken Proctor.

### MASST INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 27th—Saint Vincent de Paul**  
8:30am +Jack Pauloski (Wife & Children)

**Tuesday, September 28th—Weekday**  
8:30am +Bessie Muraco (Fr. James Schmitz)

**Wednesday, September 29th—Saint Michael**  
8:30am +Ronald Vance (Bernadine & Family)

**Thurs., September 30th—Saint Jerome**  
8:30am Communion Service

**Friday, October 1st—Saint Therese of the Child Jesus**  
8:30am +Bill Kordick (Wife)

**Saturday, October 2nd—The Holy Guardian Angels**  
4:00pm +Anthony & Alice Golubski (Jack & Dianne  
Toronski)

**Sunday, October 3rd—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am +Joseph Kuhel (Rosalie Zupancic)  
11:00am +Helen & Joseph Wittreich (Jan & Ron Regal)

#### First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

The book of Numbers describes the wanderings of the Jewish people in the Sinai Desert. Earlier in the book, Moses had complained to God about the difficulties of governing so many people. In response, God had directed Moses to gather 70 elders around the meeting tent to receive a share in the administrative burdens. Today's passage picks it up from there.

#### Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Today we conclude our series of five readings from the letter of James. A major concern in this letter is social justice. Today, the author delivers a blistering attack, reminiscent of some of the Old Testament prophets.

#### Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-1



#### St. Vincent de Paul

"I was hungry, and you fed me." We  
"THANK YOU" for your very generous dona-  
tions 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. Thank You!

#### GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



September 13, 2021—Stephanie Rostocil  
**\$100.00 Winner!**

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at online at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org) or at the Rectory Office.

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

**Jeffrey Stutzman**  
**St. Thomas More, Brooklyn**  
**Aspirant**



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



#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Collection.....	\$ 4,631.00
WeShare (Online).....	\$ 1,465.00
Total.....	\$ 6,096.00

#### AUGUST TOTALS

SVDP .....	\$ 330.00
Capital Improvement .....	\$ 1,111.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO



Dear Parishioners,

I have been requested to reserve the first pews on each center aisle for those who are elderly or handicapped in addition to the first two pews closest to the front doors of the church. These pews now have the same cushions that match the other pews that are currently reserved so they stand out as being reserved. Maybe some day we can get cushions for all the pews in the church to give you at least a little bit of relief during those long homilies. At any rate, we will bring Holy Communion to those in these first pews as we do to the others during both weekend and weekday Mass.

Thanks to John & Jeanne Sabol who have changed the archives display in the vestibule of the church with a series of photos about the visit of the Cleveland Browns to our school in 1987. It's always interesting to see these highlights from years past.

I understand that someone has been placing political flyers on the cars in the parking lot during Mass on the weekend. We never give anyone permission to do this and it is done without our knowledge. If you happen to see anyone doing this, please let us know so that we can make it clear that this is not acceptable to us.

For centuries, people have asked the priests who celebrate Mass to pray in a special way for a particular person(s), living or deceased, or for a special intention. We have just opened up our Mass calendar for these intentions to be scheduled for the following 12 months, however we need to cut back on the number of Mass intentions an individual may request since we need to reserve some days for when I am on vacation or retreat or am not able to celebrate Mass due a scheduling conflict. So you may request one weekend Mass and one weekday Masses during the next year, but please note that we may need to reschedule an intention from time to time. The pastor is also obliged by canon law to offer one weekend Mass "Pro Populo" or for all the people of the parish so this also limits our weekend intentions. Thank you for your understanding.

Those who have lost a loved one are invited to join others in sharing their concerns, feelings & struggles as they face this challenging situation. These bereavement group meetings are from 2:00pm until 3:30pm in the Parish Center on the first Wednesday of each month. There are both men & women who attend. If you have any questions, please call Joan Berigan at the rectory office.

We received the sad news this past week that Bishop Anthony Pilla, Bishop emeritus of the Cleveland Diocese, died in his sleep at the age of 88. He was a holy priest and one loved by clergy and laity alike. He ordained me 35 years ago & so I am especially saddened by his absence among us. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced but let us pray for him as he did with and for us during his 25 year term as Bishop of Cleveland and in his retirement.

This Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, is Michaela's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. That would make her 63 in human years, two years older than myself! But while she can still jump onto the bed (most of the time... the knees are starting to give way), I sit up & get out of the bed with aches in my back & less strength in my legs. We both still beg for treats and we both bark at people who annoy us. But she's still more willing to go on long walks & quite capable at her job of protecting the property from all enemies, foreign & domestic. Hopefully you'll see the new hair cut she got for her birthday...be sure to compliment her on that as girls really like us to notice.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? If you have, you're not alone. You're welcome to participate in the monthly bereavement sharing group here at St. Leo the Great. Our meetings for the remainder of this year are as follows: November 3, December 1, and January 5, 2022. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00PM in the Parish Center. We'd love to have you share with us!

For further information, contact Joan Berigan at [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



St. Ignatius High School is offering a brief introduction to the Latin, French, and Mandarin languages and their respective cultures for young men in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

The courses are held on Saturdays.  
Mandarin: 11:00am until 12:00pm.  
French: 12:00pm until 1:00pm  
Latin: 1:00pm until 2:00pm.

The sessions begin on Saturday, October 23rd and end on Saturday, November 13th.

The courses are FREE! Register online at [www.ignatius.edu/grade\\_school](http://www.ignatius.edu/grade_school). If you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 651-0222 ext. 2453 or e-mail [jzebrak@ignatius.edu](mailto:jzebrak@ignatius.edu) before the courses begin.



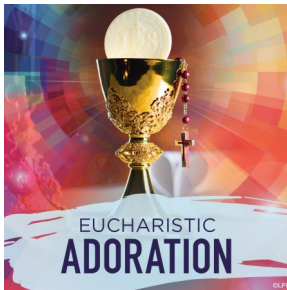
### Saint Stanislaus Polish Festival

3649 E. 65th St. in Cleveland,  
44105

Annual Polish Festival Friday thru Sunday,  
October 8th-10th.

All indoors, it features wonderful food & drink, live entertainment, games, vendors, & more.

Doors open 5pm on Friday, 4pm on Saturday, & 11am on Sunday. Ample secure parking and free admission. Hope to see you there! For more info, call (216) 341-9091.



Please come a little while this **First Friday October 1, 2021** and visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

This devotion is held every First Friday of the month at St. Leo's from 9am until 5pm in the chapel area of the church.

### 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](http://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](http://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**



### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** **Annual Blanket Sunday** **October 9-10, 2021**

The **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Blanket Sunday** appeal kicks off the weekend of **October 9-10, 2021**. Last year, funds from the appeal were used to purchase 4,500+ new winter blankets that were provided to the homeless and 179 beds/mattresses for low-income individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio. The need is great and donations can be made securely online: <https://donate.svdpcle.org/blanket-sunday-donations/>.

Checks may also be mailed to: St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday, 1404 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114. Thank you for helping us "blanket" neighbors in warmth and compassion!

## 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.



### 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, October 2nd, at 11:30a.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 pets. The Blessing will take place, rain or shine.

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



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



### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 26, 2021  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

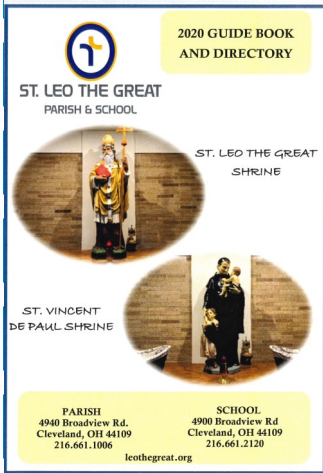
What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

# 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.

### UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR PARISH GUIDE BOOK

#### 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.



