



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

September 5, 2021

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Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

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SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS:

Main Office Open in July by Appointment

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.

Instagram @leothegreatorg 

Facebook—leothegreatorg



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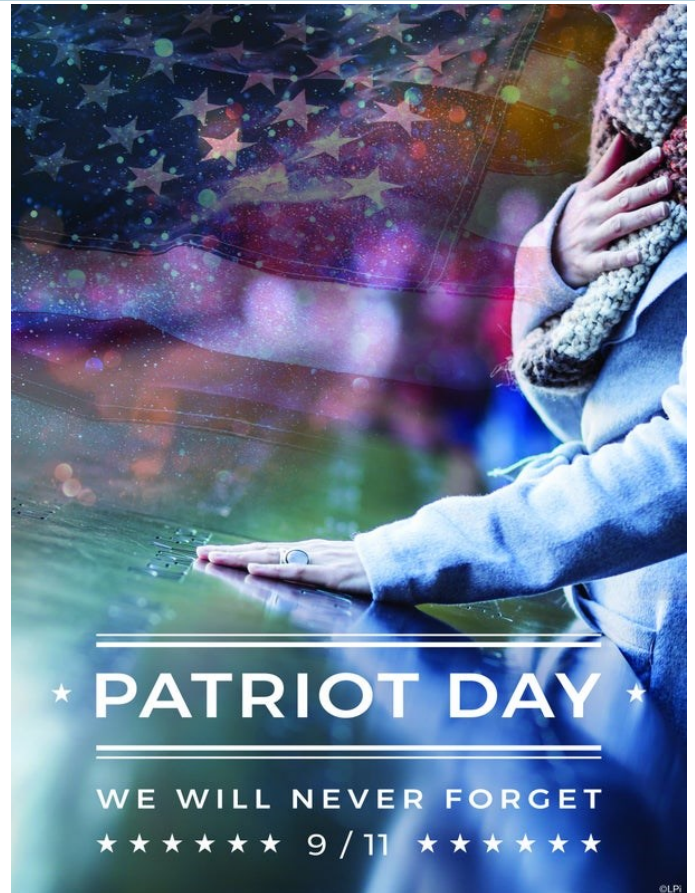


Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and dioceses across the country have been asked by the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to have a voluntary special collection on behalf of the people of Haiti devastated by an earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. As a result of both disasters many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.

In support of this major relief effort, we will be having a special collection take place the weekend of September 4-5, 2021. All checks should be made payable to your parish with the memo marked Earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace Calamities in Haiti.

Thank you in advance for helping those in need during this tragedy.



**"BE JOYFUL AND KEEP YOUR FAITH."
- St. David Of Wales**

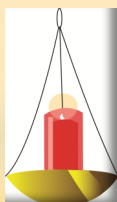
**SANCTUARY CANDLE
INTENTION**

August 29th to September 12th

IN LOVING MEMORY

Ralph Rath Jr.

From Chris Rath



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 or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



Monday, September 6th, is Labor Day. God has given us many gifts and talents, and we reap the benefits of our labors.

Give thanks for these many gifts and talents at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Labor Day. Weather permitting, Mass will be held at the outdoor shrine.

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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.

Congratulations & Welcome



Hubert Reid

August 27, 2021

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



August 23, 2021
Wendy Boergert
\$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 or at the Rectory Office.

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

Charles Cascino
Capuchin Formation Program
Third Year, Borromeo



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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND

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| Collection..... | \$ 5,607.10 |
| WeShare (Online)..... | \$ 1,425.00 |
| Total..... | \$ 7,032.10 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, September 6th—Weekday

9:00am For All Those Who Work

Tuesday, September 7th—Weekday

8:30am +C & L Choromanski (Daughter)

Wednesday, September 8th—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am +William Hinton Sr. (Family)

Thurs., September 9th—Saint Peter Claver

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, September 10th—Weekday

8:30am +Deceased of the Wolff & Thornton Families
(Tom and Mary Thornton)

Saturday, September 11th—Weekday

4:00pm +Brenda Cole (Ron Ruff)

Sunday, September 12th—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Dennis and Cara Prokop (Family)

11:00am People Of The Parish

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

This section of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet to God's people exiled in Babylon. He encouraged them that one day they will be free to return home to Jerusalem. This journey will be through the desert, but God will transform this barren wasteland in order to ease their passage home.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

This letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed not to a particular community, but to Christians everywhere. Because of this, it is part of a group of New Testament letters called catholic epistles—meaning that the author wrote them for all Christians. One of the trademarks of the epistle of James is the need to act on God's word, not just listen to it.

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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Dear Parishioners,

A reminder that Mass for Labor Day will be this Monday at 9am at the outdoor shrine, weather permitting. Please bring a chair if you can but we will have them available here as well.

Here is a message from Bishop Malesic, addressed to all the faithful in the Diocese:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The latest information from federal, state and local public health agencies informs us that the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is surging in our area, causing increased illness and hospitalizations at levels not seen since the spring. For the safety of all who worship at Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland, I strongly encourage you -- whether vaccinated or not vaccinated -- to wear a face mask while attending Mass indoors. All who want to attend Mass, and who are otherwise vulnerable, should feel safe and welcome inside our sacred spaces. Please use charity and patience with those who do not wish to comply with this strongly stated request. You also might want to consider wearing a face mask for other indoor gatherings, especially for those not yet fully vaccinated. Wearing masks outdoors is not generally required except for activities involving close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass.

Pope Francis recently offered a message of hope and unity to the world in an effort to continue increasing confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines, specifically in communities disproportionately affected by the virus. “Thanks to God’s grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19,” the pope said. “Getting the vaccines that are authorized by the respective authorities is an act of love. I pray to God that each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always grand.”

I am fully vaccinated and recommend the same for my family and friends. In consideration of others, I also am wearing a mask during the distribution of holy Communion and I strongly encourage those distributing holy Communion at Mass to wear a mask while distributing as well.

Remember that the situation seems to be ever changing. This request to wear face masks is temporary and will be changed once this current level of increased coronavirus cases is over. We are all tired of this pandemic, but we must not forget that we are called to care for the health of others in times of crisis and must continue to protect our healthcare system and medical workers.

May God bless and watch over us in our time of need.
Bishop Edward C. Malesic”

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one?

If you have, you’re welcome to participate in the monthly bereavement sharing group here at St. Leo the Great. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1 at 2:00 PM. We meet the first Wednesday of every month, please join us. We’d love to have you share with us!

For further information, contact Joan Berigan at 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 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 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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**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**
Diocese of Cleveland

St. Vincent de Paul

Over the years, the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization has given temporary assistance to people as emergencies occur. At times, people find themselves unable to keep up with day-to-day expenses. When you pass by the poor boxes, help members reach out and help a needy family with your donations. If you prefer you can also put your cash or check in an envelope and mark the envelope "SVDP Outreach" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Thank you very much!

SUPPORT LOCAL
BUSINESSES



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 contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org



The Holy Land Pilgrimage Itinerary

For more information please visit trinitytourtravels.com

\$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

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. Gift Cards can be used for, everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE & SUPPORT US.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PSR Classes for 2021-2022

Classes will begin on Monday, September 13th. Emails have gone out to all returning families. If they have access issues to printing you can stop by at the parish office to pick up a registration form.

Fees have not changed \$40 for one child; \$70 for two; \$90 for three and up. Please pay by check made out to St. Leo the Great Church.

Fees are due at the time of registration.

HELPERS NEEDED: We are in need of helpers this year. If you feel the call to assist please email Joann at thejderanek@leothegreat.org.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 11TH



Early Bird Drawing!

Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. The next Early Bird Drawing will be September 5th. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 16th). If you haven't picked up your tickets from the main vestibule of the church, now is the time to do so. Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.

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.

Parish Festival

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Help Needed!

We are in need of people willing to deliver raffle tickets. Despite the pandemic last year, the parish was able to profit from the Festival because of the great crew who helped deliver tickets.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org



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



Catholic Teaching on Labor

Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

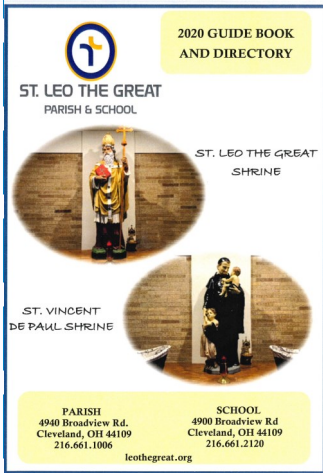
Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

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. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Rectory Office (216-661-1006).

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR PARISH GUIDE BOOK WHICH IS GOING TO PRINT IN JUNE 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.



