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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 9, 2018



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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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PRAYER SERVICE FOR STUDENTS



As we start the new school year, let us join together in prayer on **Monday, September 10th, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Students, teachers, & parents -- please join us. You can show your support for our parish school and all students as we ask God to bless them, guide them, and keep them safe through the coming school year.

ROSARY



Please join us in honoring Mary with the recitation of the rosary at the Marian shrine at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 21st. Please bring a lawn chair as limited seating is available. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in Church.

2019 MASS INTENTION BOOK



The 2019 Mass Intention Book will open this **Tuesday, September 11th** at 9:00am in the Rectory Office. Each parishioner household may have four Mass Intentions (one weekend and three weekdays). The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

There are still some openings left in the 2018 Book.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HEALED

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*"—that is, "*Be opened!*" - Mk 7:33b-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



"Hello parishioners of St. Leo the Great! My name is John Ortega, and I am an alumnus of St. Leo the Great elementary school. I am currently a junior at the University of Pennsylvania. I am writing this to ask all of you to support me in my mission trip this winter to Ayaviri - a small and impoverished yet beautiful town in Peru. I will be taking part in home visits and catechetical instruction for its residents.

If you would like to support me financially, you can do this at the following link: <https://creatio.kindful.com/penn-drexel-adventure-mission-to-peru-2018-2019-2018/support-johns-winter-break-mission-to-peru#>

All proceeds will help fund traveling expenses as well as fees for the mission program. Your support no matter what form it takes is much appreciated. Above all, please keep me in your prayers.

Happy
Grandparents
Day

REGISTER WITH US



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

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

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Sarah Geier, Edward P. Gorczyca,, Betty Jayne Glover, Bob McLaughlin, Theresa Pauloski, Annamae Sironen, Ann Sazpansky, Larry Kuznik, Jo Hoffman, Anna Mendoza, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Diane Soler, Muffie Bone, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ruth Frohlich, Ron Vokac, Mary Jane Funta, Charles Hakaim, Walter Milewski, Harriet Watson, August Bublavý, Dennis Badar, Carol Rucinski, Bernice Kilcoyne, Danielle Lilley, Cara Prokop, Pat Chopka, Serena Jacobs, Rickey Aldridge, Donald & Dorothy Friedl, Theresa Truxall, Bill Hinton, Robert Sisley, William Rebello, Cecilia Doris, Julie L., Barbara B., Julie R. & Kelly B. and Geraldine S.



WEDDING BANNS

III Kristie Burke & Ryan Stankie

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER! LOOK AND SEE WHO WON

August Bublavý

September 3rd—\$100.00 Winner



Please sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. The sign up forms are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or at the Rectory Office.

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

Ryan Schmeltzer
Capuchin Formation Program
Junior, Borromeo



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

Parish Support

Sunday, September 2nd

Due to an early deadline, our financial information will be reported in next week's bulletin.

As Always,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, September 10th: Weekday

7:30am Andrew & Patricia Chopka (Kari, Andy & Dave)
62nd Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, September 11th: Weekday

7:30am +Theresa Anderson (Jack Manning)

Wednesday, September 12th: Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30am +Jerome Bresnahan (Family)

Thursday, September 13th: St. John Chrysostom

7:30am To be announced

Friday, September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30am +Mark Balczunas (Dan & Arlene Sevic)

Saturday, September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

12:00pm WEDDING: Kristie Burke & Ryan Stankie

4:00pm Seniors

Sunday, September 16th: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +David Day (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 encourages 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

The 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 9, 2018

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

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5, 5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 /Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

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

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

On the weekend of August 18 & 19, I read to you the letter written by Bishop Perez concerning the horrendous abuse of power by both priests and bishops, and the criminal things done to children and young people by members of the clergy. The following week I attended a Conference for Clergy on the role of Preaching in Huntington Beach, California, which was lead by Bishop Robert Barron, who is acknowledged as the greatest Catholic evangelist in the country and whose influence extends even worldwide. He is the Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles and some parishioners will know of him as they have viewed some of his videos here on Catholicism during the last couple of years. Through his use of social media such as YouTube, Facebook, etc, Bishop Barron has had great influence on both Catholics and the unchurched and I am grateful that I was able to listen to him speak in person during this Conference for Clergy.

I will refer back to him but first I want to say that upon my return from this conference and little vacation, I attended Mass at St. John Cantius on the weekend that the missionary priest was here (and thank you for your very generous contributions to his appeal). A new Pastor celebrated his first Masses there on the weekend that most other churches read the letter from Bishop Perez so he chose his second weekend there to read the letter that I had read to you. Hearing that letter read brought me a new perspective on what it is like to hear such news not as a priest reading it from the pulpit but as a fellow Catholic sitting in the pews. Hearing it read brought those feelings of anger and sorrow and confusion to the surface in me in a new way. I share this with you so that you will know that I stand with you in the pain of these revelations. But I also pray with you that God will reveal to us how we are to respond actively to this crisis of our time. Personally, my perspective has been helped greatly by the words of Bishop Barron as I listened to him in person but also as I have read his blog through his Word on Fire website. While I hope to continue to reflect on this with you in the weeks ahead, I also want to suggest that you take a look at his articles and/or watch his videos concerning this issue at wordonfire.org. He brings a practical and spiritual wisdom to this time as he offers suggestions as to what we, as Catholics today, can do in the face of sin and scandal. Please know that I am always available to you as we struggle together in hope to seek God's plan for his Church at this time.

Fr. Jim Schmitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

**Monday, September 10th**

3:00pm 6th Gr. Girls Volleyball	Lux
4:00pm Girls Volleyball Practice	Lux
7:00pm Prayer Service for Students	Church

Tuesday, September 11th

4:00pm Girls Volleyball Practice	Lux
6:30pm SVDP	Conference

Wednesday, September 12th

11:00am Senior Meeting	Great
3:00pm 6th Gr. Girls Volleyball	Lux
4:00pm Girls Volleyball Practice	Lux
6:00pm Cub Scouts-Parent Meeting	School
6:30pm Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm Girl Scouts #70220	Basement

Thursday, September 13th

1:00pm Women's Knitting	Conference
4:00pm Girls Volleyball Practice	Lux
7:00pm Knights of Columbus	Basement

Friday, September 14th

4:00pm Girls Volleyball Practice	Lux
7:30pm Recovery International	Basement

Saturday, September 15th

CYO Volleyball Site Center	
12:00pm Wedding: Kristie Burke & Ryan Stankie	
2:45 to 3:30pm Confessions	Church
3:00pm Grapevine	Basement

Sunday, September 16th

CYO Volleyball Site Center	Lux
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**ST. LEO'S SENIORS**

Wednesday, September 12th, St. Leo's Senior Group will meet in the parish center at 11:00 a.m. We will be playing our crazy dice game. Please bring (3) or more \$1.00 wrapped gifts to exchange. Hope to see you there!

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Food Pantry

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Next weekend, September 15th and 16th is our monthly food collection. We are especially in need of **CEREAL, CRACKERS, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, PANCAKE SYRUP, RICE & NOODLE SIDES, HAMBURGER HELPER, SOUPS, CANNED CARROTS, CORN AND GREEN BEANS, CANNED PASTA, ELBOW MACARONI, RICE, PASTA SAUCE, TOILET PAPER AND DISHWASHING SOAP.**

We thank you for whatever you are able to donate because our need is greater than ever.

PSR CLASSES FOR 2018/2019



PSR classes for 2018/2019 begin this **Monday, September 10, 2018** from 6:45pm until 8:00pm in the school.

BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo the Great Lux Hall on **Sunday, September 23rd, from 8:30am to 12:00pm** Please

register @ redcrossblood.org after you create a profile. Its easy! Registering is optional; it just helps with the staffing. Please stop by and donate!

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!



Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

Honey Hut Gift Card Sale!



\$10 Gift Cards - No expiration date!

20% of each sale benefits St. Leo the Great.

Support St. Leo's 8th Grade Programs.

The Fundraiser runs from

Aug. 18th to Sept. 17th.

CASH ONLY PLEASE.

Summer flavors are here and the Fall flavors are on the way 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 for every occasion.

Gift cards do not expire and can be used at the following locations:

OLD BROOKLYN, PARMA & SOLON

Hurry and purchase at the **school office or after each mass** until September 17, 2018.



**Friday, October 19th
(6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)**

**Saturday, October 20th
(5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)**

EARLY BIRD DRAWING! Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. **The next Early Bird Drawing will be September 9th (that's this weekend!).** (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 20th). Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.

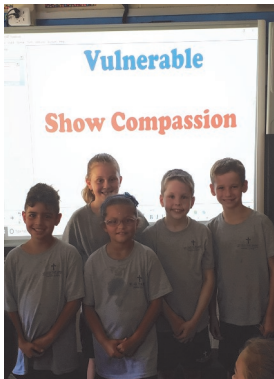
SPONSORSHIPS! Do you own a business? Would your company like to be a sponsor for the Festival? Sponsors help defray the cost of the Festival. If you are interested in a sponsorship, please call Nancy at (216) 749-1472.

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.

St. Leo the Great School Newsletter

Church Bulletin Edition



Catholic Core Values

Each month the entire school is presented with a set of core values. The purpose of this is to work as a school community to focus on these values and teach, reinforce

and model them for our students. Classes are expected to talk about the core values, incorporate it in prayers and lessons and model it.

The core value for September is:

The Poor and Vulnerable

Mrs. Nedrich's 3rd Grade class learned about Compassion for the Vulnerable after reading Galatians 6:2 where it says "Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." The students gave examples of being vulnerable: *When you miss a ball in baseball and the other team laughs at you.* The class said that when your team and coach cheer you on and say its OK that you feel much better. The students all felt that the best way to treat anyone is to remember how you would want to be treated by others. Well said 3rd Grade!

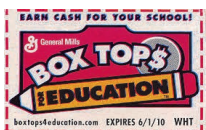
No School Kids? No Problem!!

Don't throw those box tops away.

Donate them to our school.

We earn 10 cents for every box top!

Just be sure they are not expired...we don't get \$\$ for expired ones!



You can drop them off at the School or Rectory Office or in Collection Basket

Here's What's Happening in September!

Sept. 6	8th Grade CiCi's Fundraiser
Sept. 7	PTC Family Movie Night
Sept. 11	PTC Meeting - 6:30 pm
Sept. 14	All School Mass - 8:30 am
Sept. 19	Confirmation Orientation - 6:30 pm
Sept. 27	Picture Day
Sept. 28	All School Mass - 8:30 am

Principal's Message

The 2018-2019 school is off to a fabulous start. We welcomed all the students back to school at St. Leo the Great on August 23rd. Our enrollment has increased this year with the addition of a second Kindergarten and a few new families to the school. Every day the teachers and I are blessed with the students who walk through our halls. We are also blessed to have a beautiful new cafeteria floor with the design in the middle of the school logo, a lion, and a sparkling clean building. In addition to our updated computer lab and set of classroom iPads, we will also be incorporating Chromebooks into the educational experience at our school. We are looking forward to a wonderful year for our students and are committed to provide an excellent education in a faith based environment.

Gratefully yours, Mrs. Denise Burns



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

"Hi! My name is **Ms. Michelle Meszaros**, I teach Kindergarten! I graduated from Kent State University in 2015 and then worked in Kent City schools as the Reading and Math Teacher. I currently live in Middleburg Heights and I enjoy visiting my family on the weekends. They have two little dogs, George and Dutchess and they are a lot of fun! I am looking forward to a great year in Kindergarten!"

"Hello Everyone! My name is **Ms. Rachel Graf**, and I will be the 4th grade homeroom and 5th grade math teacher this year. I just graduated from Ashland University in May of 2018 with my Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education K-3 with a 4/5 Endorsement. I currently live in North Olmsted with my parents and brother. I attend St. Clarence Parish, where I am a lector and former PSR teacher. I am so excited to be working with the students, families, and staff of St. Leo this year! "

"Hi. My name is **Mr. Rudy Kirbus** and I will be the 6th grade homeroom teacher as well as Jr. High Math teacher. I graduated from Saint Ignatius High School in 2006 and John Carroll University in 2010. I received my Master's Degree in Education from John Carroll in 2014. Prior to coming to St. Leo I taught and coached basketball at Case Western Reserve University for four years. Away from teaching I currently am a member of the Saint Ignatius varsity basketball coaching staff.

I live in the Warehouse District in downtown Cleveland."

St. Leo the Great Parish Festival

Friday, October 19 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 20 - 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

featuring the music of
The Amazing Superstars
(classic rock)

Backtrax
(all request oldies & more)

DJ Pat Daley
(polkas 5:00 to 7:00 Saturday)

Games & More

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

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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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

BUS TRIP— SENECA NIAGARA & SENECA ALLEGANY

Thursday, October 11th—Seneca
Niagara Casino & Hotel (Casino Bonus
\$50 slot play & \$20 food) Spend the
night.

Friday, October 12th—Seneca Allegany
Casino (\$25 slot play & \$5 food)

**\$245-Single, \$165-Double & \$160-Triple
DUE September 16, 2018**

10/11/08—Report 8:30am - Depart
9:00am

10/12/18—Return 10:00pm

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CLUSTER CORNER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE-Bingo every
Friday at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.
Food and snacks are available.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO-Join us for
an Italian Dinner on Saturday, September
29th at 5pm in Corrigan Gym. Dinners are
\$9.50 and include: chicken parmigiana,
penne, salad, roll and dessert. Advance
Ticket Sales ONLY (Dine in & Carry Out)
by Thursday, September 27th. Tickets can
be purchased at the parish office.

ST. THOMAS MORE-Rosary for World
Peace...Please join us every Tuesday at
7:00 p.m. in the Marian Chapel to pray the
rosary for peace.