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April 16, 2023 Second Sunday of Easter



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a, 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 or use our website.

BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory 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 interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



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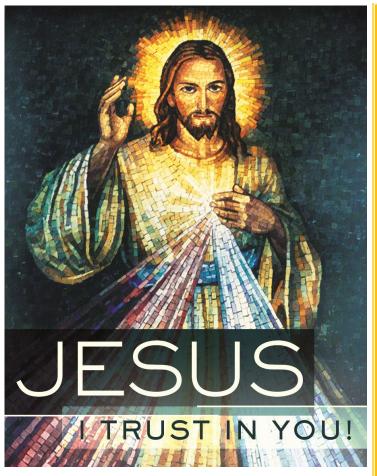
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"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest."

—Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOOD NEWS!

In the Easter season we celebrate the fact that Christ has conquered sin and death! To bring this fact closer to home, there will be a series of catechesis or talks in the parish that are aimed to cultivate adult faith in those seeking answers to the serious questions and issues of life. These talks will begin Tuesday, April 18th



at 7pm, and will continue every Tuesday and Friday at the same time in the Parish Center.

These catechesis are brought to the parish by the missionary team of the Neocatechumenal Way, a new experience in the life of the Church, which our late Pope Saint John Paul II called, "an itinerary of Catholic faith formation valid for our society and our times." This will be a marvelous opportunity to rediscover the fruits that your baptism holds for this life, and also to invite those you know who have strayed from the Church to hear a Good News.



Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events & activities throughout the year!

Are you a former student of St. Leo School? Is your child a former student of St. Leo School? Please let us know by completing a form on the parish website. Visit <u>leothegreat.org</u> Under *Organizations* click on *Alumni Association*. We hope to hear from you!

Rosary

Thursday, April 20th, 7:00 p.m. at the Marian Shrine (inside the church in the event of inclement weather)

MEMORIES

When a "living rosary" was said in the church, the participants formed a large circle around the inside perimeter of the church. One person held the cross, and everyone else represented a bead of the rosary and said the Our Father, Hail Mary or Glory Be that he/she represented. Each person held a candle which was lit as they said their prayer. By the time the rosary was finished, the church was glowing from the light of all the candles.

Do you have a favorite memory from the past 75 years? If so, please submit it to nzola@leothegreat.org.

We also welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Do you have any photos from the Mass with the Bishop and social on October 9th? Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org



While most of these founding parishioners are no longer here, some of their families still belong to our parish:

Mildred Beebe	Edward McCabe
Elroy Cerny	Beatrice Moneypenny
Blanche Chester	Michael & Ann Mraz
Josephine Galmarini	Frank Nemec
Eleanor Good	Coletta Pacholik
Edward Gorczyca	Charles & Helen Prohaska
Leo Granzeier	Myron Rosby
Mildred Habrat	Anna Seuffert Grebe
John Hrutkai	Irene Shrimplin
Mary Hudak	Marjorie Stewart
Andrew & Estelle Janko	Evelyn Temple
Eleanor Lux Jones	Roberta Heminger Tuma
Al & Olga Kalish	Joseph Verbiar
Anthony Kamps	Jean Werle
Leo Kudlaty	Ernest Wittinger
Victor & Mary Kuznik	Grace Zindroski
Millie Maraldo	Joseph & Josephine Zora

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virgina Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz

Woisnet, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Kenneth Lees, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, and Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik.



SUNDAY Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

(1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-

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Wednesday Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn

3:16-21

THURSDAY Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/

Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-

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CHRIS LOXTERMAN DIACONATE FORMATION, CHARDON YEAR 3

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that they may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 17th—Easter Weekday

8:30am + Marie Stankiewicz (Diane & Carmen Scipione)

Tuesday, April 18th—Easter Weekday

8:30am +The Bates Family (Sara Stupic)

Wednesday, April 19th—Easter Weekday

8:30am +Walter & +Mary Kulwicki (Tom & Alice Kulwicki)

Friday, April 21st—St. Anslem, Bishop and Doctor

8:30am Krakora & Piascik Families (Joice Krakora)

Saturday, April 22nd—Easter Weekday

4:00pm +Ralph & Marie Alltop (Cory Pepera)

Sunday, April 23rd—Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am +Jeanne Karacek & Shirley Lazar (Riccardi Family)

11:00am People of the Parish

Since there is no Mass here at St. Leo's on Thursdays you can attend Mass at one of our other local parishes; St. Charles (7am), St. Barbara (7:30am), St. Francis de Sales (8:45am) or Mary Queen of Peace (8am).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: ACTS 2: 42-47

Luke wrote a two-volume work: Volume One was his Gospel, and Volume Two was the Acts of the Apostles which describes the life of the Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. Every year, during the seven weeks of the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's passage, Luke gives an idealized description of early Christian community life.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:3-9

Our second reading during most of this Easter Season is taken from the first letter of Peter which was addressed to Christians living in the northern part of what is today Turkey. These Christians found themselves out of step with the society in which they lived, and they felt abused and discriminated against. The resurrection of Jesus was held out to them as a basis of hope during their trials, which is why the Church chooses to read from this book during the Easter season.



Lord, make me an instrument, of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

> In Loving Memory of Dolores Ann Zielinski

> > DATE OF BIRTH March 4, 1934

ENTERED INTO REST April 1, 2023

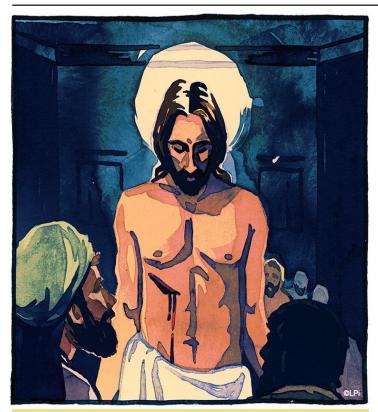
MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL St. Leo the Great Church

St. Leo the Great Church Wednesday, April 5, 2023 10:00 am

INTERMENT

Holy Cross Cemetery Section 42 - Lot 5569 - Grave 1





PRACTICING CATHOLIC The Doors We Lock

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation—and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— Father John Muir

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

*Give Yourself Completely*By: Tracy Earl Welliver

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,



It's always a great joy for me to see so many people at Mass on Easter Sunday (and Holy Saturday), as well as at the services during Holy Week. Whether they are parishioners, visitors, or even those we don't see on a regular basis, it's still a joy. I can only hope and pray that those who are not weekly participants might consider joining us more frequently as they experience the hope of the Gospel, the joyful music that proclaims our praise of God, and the kindness of our parish community. My thanks as always to those who decorated the church so beautifully, who provided the music that lifts our hearts, to the lectors and eucharistic ministers & ushers & altar servers and Mass coordinators & everyone else who contributes in any way to our liturgical experiences. So much time, energy & effort is put into these ministries and it is all done humbly and without seeking recognition. May God bless you all as you use his gifts for us and others.

On Wednesday of Holy Week, I celebrated the funeral for Dolores Zielinski who was married to George for 23 years and then after his death, to Ted for 37 years. She sent her 5 children to Catholic elementary school and enjoyed cooking for them and their children over the holidays as she loved such family gatherings. Dolores was a fun, loving & caring person of faith. May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

This weekend, at all of the Masses, someone will speak to you briefly about the opportunity for you and/or someone you know to come & listen to their story of how the Risen Lord entered their life at a time of suffering and emptiness. There are 4 people who wish to share stories of how they were offered the friendship of the Lord and have found great joy in this relationship. Two of them are a young married couple with 4 children and another on the way (due next month!) And two are seminarians from Washington, D.C. & Brooklyn, NY. Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan & I have been meeting with them and they are an answer to our prayers for a way to impress upon you the importance of a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We have been encouraging this in our preaching but something more is needed and I truly believe the Lord sent these people to us to provide another avenue for getting this message across. I have heard their stories and found them to be intriguing. They are sincerely trying to offer to you what someone else offered to them. That's the way faith works. That is what discipleship means. And it comes to us especially when we are in need of knowing that God truly loves us as we are and not as we should be. God wants to enter our life and make it joyful. God longs to bring us hope and peace. Why would we not want to accept such a free gift? It is when we come face to face with suffering, pain, confusion, emptiness, and all the other things that keep us down in life that we most need to hear this message.

All you need to do to is to show up and listen to their stories. They will be having these gatherings twice a week on Tuesdays & Fridays for the next couple of months, starting this Tuesday, April 18th. It begins at 7pm and ends at 8pm. Coffee & refreshments will be served. You need not come to each one but this is a case of the more, the better. We hope to form a small community within the larger parish community. People sometimes say that they feel lost in our larger parishes. Here is your chance to be known and to get to know others in our parish. And by all means, invite anyone to join you...they need not be Catholic or even of any faith. This is for anyone and everyone who needs hope in their life. I can't say enough to encourage your presence. And I look forward to seeing you there!

Jr. James / Jelemity

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us on the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones.

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed!

The next meeting date will be: May 3, 2023

THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS in the months of June, July & August.

If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

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 jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

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 44109)
- 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.



WEDDING BANNS III. Matthew Smith & Ashlee Schrippa





Rosary

Please join us for the recitation of the rosary on Thursday, April 20th, at 7:00 **p.m.** Weather permitting, the rosary will be said at the Marian Shrine. Please feel free to bring a comfortable chair. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be held in church. Please enter through the doors closest to the rectory. If you are not familiar with the rosary, we will provide you with what you need.

PRO-LIFE GROUP

The Pro-life group will be meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 1:00 pm

in the Parish Center. This month we will continue our discussion on end of life issues, the Church's teachings on euthanasia and looking at how we can start to create a culture of life. ALL ARE WELCOME! Contact Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536 with any questions you may have.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke them, we humbly pray, and cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PARISHXXXSUPPO

	March 19	March 26	April 3
Sun. Envelope	\$ 5053.50	4906.00	9210.00
WeShare	\$ 2383.50	1705.00	2740.00
Total	\$ 7437.00	6611.00	11950.00
Cap. Improv	\$ 415.00	140.00	515.00
WeShare	\$ 80.00	80.00	230.00
Total	\$ 495.00	220.00	745.00
SVDP	\$ 121.00	175.00	180.00
WeShare	\$ 60.00	30.00	135.00
Total	\$ 181.00	205.00	315.00

March Special Collection Totals

Black & Indian Mission	\$205.00	Flowers	\$1210.00
Eastern Europe	\$294.00	Palm Sunday	\$2271.00
Catholic Relief	\$584.00	Holy Thursday	\$272.00
		Good Friday	\$227.00

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

WEDDING BANNS III. MATT NATAL & KATIE PULLIAM





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please help the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization help others. Through the work of the SVDP Outreach, assistance is provided to individuals and families throughout the year. The need

continues to grow. Help us by donating in the Poor Boxes or you can also put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. We thank you very much for your support.



Parishioners, please visit **crosscatholic.org** and make a donation to support this very important mission. You can place your donation in an envelope, mark it "Cross Catholic Outreach" and place it in the offertory baskets or bring it over to the Rectory Office.

This is a wonderful opportunity to practice almsgiving—especially during this time of Lent. Let us find it in ourselves to deeply consider the way our contributing can help provide those in need with many of the things we take for granted like clean water, meals, housing, education and medical care.

Women's Reverse Raffle-Cancelled

Though there was great effort poured in to the organizing of the Women's Reverse Raffle that was to be held on April 22nd, we regret to inform that it is CANCELLED due to low ticket sales. Anyone who has purchased tickets will receive a refund.

In its place, Athletics will be raffling off gift certificates, gift baskets and also a gift vacation destination? Sunny Florida! More information will be made available online and in the next issues of the bulletin. You will be able to purchase tickets at the Rectory Office. This is open to both men and women. Please stop by and help SUPPORT Athletics! Your donations and support helps provide students and players of St Leos's Sports programs the ability to be a part of Catholic Youth Organization —which can strengthen their Faith through Team Building-something that is so very important for these younger generations—especially after the isolation that the pandemic forced them into. Support Athletics. Support your Leo Lions!



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES Easter Drawing—Louise Strumbel April 10th, 2023—David Chopka

HEART OF A SHEPHERD

Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

MORE THAN
\$38.2 MILLION
HAS BEEN PAID
TOWARD THE
\$52 MILLION
PLEDGES TO THE
CAMPAIGN BY
13,520 DONORS.*

In addition to supporting the seminary renovation, priest pension retirement fund, and education debt relief for newly ordained clergy, this campaign includes a share going back to parishes for local projects.

\$12.9 million has already been distributed to parishes.

This progress is primarily thanks to pastors and parishes across the Diocese of Cleveland and to the generosity of the faithful who continue to "build for today and provide for tomorrow."

If this effort has not reached your parish and you want more information to pledge your support, please call: 216-902-1300 to learn more or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/shepherd.

*Totals include a \$3 million commitment on behalf of the Diocese of Cleveland.

A MESSAGE FROM RICK SCHULTZ

Chair of the Heart of a Shepherd Campaign Parishioner, St. Mary, Hudson



As you will read in this issue's featured article, The Heart of a Shepherd campaign was a tremendous success as a result of the generosity of donors. The campaign faced challenges due to COVID and the resultant mandated suspension of public Masses. It was amazing that we raised so much money during a pandemic – more than \$52 million thanks to 13,520 donors and a \$3 million commitment on behalf of the diocese.

We had a great group working on this campaign. Thanks to Patrick Grace's leadership and organization, the Catholic Community Foundation's efforts, the Heart of a Shepherd campaign cabinet and campaign team and diocesan-wide support, it was a huge success.

While the campaign entailed a great deal of planning and work, it was so worth it.

Thanks to many of you, we achieved a lot and had fun along the way.

PARKING LOT NOTICE

Just a reminder to please cruise at a safe and cautious speed when driving through our parking lots <u>always</u>—especially on school days.



Please note that the traffic pattern is ONE WAY ONLY between students morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up on Monday through Friday.

From the hours of 7:30a.m.-8:30a.m. you must ENTER from W. 25th and EXIT via Broadview.

From 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. you must ENTER from Broadview and EXIT via W. 25th.

During other days and times you may enter/exit freely unless otherwise informed.

We thank you for taking your time and for being considerate of all those who utilize these church and school grounds.



Have you moved into the area recently or joined us for Mass and would like to register with our Parish family? Please stop by the

rectory office or give us a call at 216-661-1006. You can always visit our website as well at leothegreat.org for more information. We look so forward to meeting you!