



ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

Fr. James Schmitz, Pastor jschmitz@leothegreat.org
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Mrs. Denise Burns, Principal dburns@leothegreat.org

ST. LEO PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sponsored by St. Leo Athletics
Sunday, April 2nd - Palm Sunday
9:00am to 12:30pm

Our 49th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in Lux Hall from 9:00am to 12:30pm on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Our Feature Item is Banana Bread French Toast (\$10.00).

Our Regular Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, home fries, sausage or bacon, juice and coffee. The pancakes are all you can eat! Cost for regular pancake breakfast for adults is \$10 and children is \$8.

Continue the tradition or start a new one, bring your family after Mass.



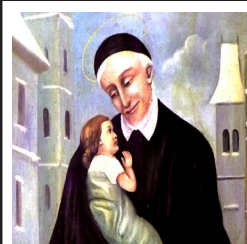
ATHLETICS PRESENTS -ROARING TWENTIES WOMEN'S REVERSE RAFFLE

Saturday, April 22, 2023 \$60/ticket
Doors open @ 5:30p | Dinner @ 6:30p
21 & over | Grand Prize \$3,000.00!

Deadline April 2, 2023

***Get your tickets at the Rectory Office
or over at the Pancake breakfast!!!***

If you plan on attending, please get your tickets in ASAP so that the volunteers who are kindly coordinating this event have plenty of time to plan. Any questions regarding the event feel free to contact Athletic Director, Mike Robinson, at 216-409-3733 or mrobinson@leothegreat.org



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

After the recessional hymn, reach into your pocket or purse and make a contribution to assist those in need and place it in the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization Poor Boxes. You can also place your contribution in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the rectory. Help bring peace to a neighbor during Lent—a special time for almsgiving.

EASTER DISTRIBUTION

This year the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program will be giving our families a gift card to purchase their Easter ham and additional items to help make their Easter dinner more complete. Please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVPD Easter" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office. We thank you very much for helping us make their Easter dinner more complete.



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

Palm Sunday Mass

April 1 @ 4:00p.m.;

April 2 @ 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday April 6

Morning Prayer @ 8:30a.m. and
Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday April 7

Morning Prayer @ 8:30 a.m., Solemn
Celebration of the Lord's Passion @
3:00p.m., Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 8

Morning Prayer @ 8:30 a.m., Blessing of
Food @ 11:30 a.m., Easter Vigil @ 8:45 p.m.

Easter April 9

Masses @ 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

FISH DINNERS

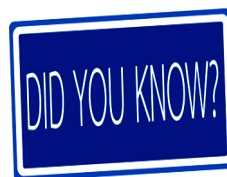
Thank you to everyone who dined with us at the fish dinners this Lenten season. We're grateful that we were your "fish fry" of choice. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the hard-working volunteers and maintenance staff who made it all possible. We hope to see all of you again next year!

MEMORIES

I remember Palm Sunday celebrations that began with the congregation gathering in Lux Hall. After the initial Gospel reading, the palms were blessed and everyone processed from Lux Hall over to the church to continue the Mass.

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. Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org.



The lower area of the main vestibule has served multiple purposes over the years. Originally, a font was placed there for baptisms. When the font was moved to the front of the church, the area served as a reference area with books. When the books were removed, the area was once again used for baptisms at the Easter Vigil. The area was flooded, and the people stepped down into the water to be baptized. Now the area holds the information desk to make it convenient for parishioners to buy gift cards and conduct other business so they don't have to walk over to the rectory.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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, Virginia Sofkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, 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 Bublav, 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.

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN A WEEK

Palm Sunday

April 1 - 4:00 p.m. Mass

April 2 - 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Holy Thursday - April 6th

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by Exposition of the Eucharist

Good Friday - April 7th

(Day of Fast and Abstinence)

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. - Solemn Celebration
of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 8th

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

11:30 a.m. - Blessing of Food

8:45 p.m. - Easter Vigil
(fulfills Mass obligation)

Easter Sunday - April 9th

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 3rd—Monday of Holy Week

8:30am +Larry Bronacki (Linda Bronacki & Family)

Tuesday, April 4th—Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30am +Raymond & Kathy Hirsch (Fr,James Schmitz)

Wednesday, April 5th—Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30am +Victor Kuznik (Craig Kuznik)

Thursday, April 6th—Holy Thursday

8:30am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7th—Friday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

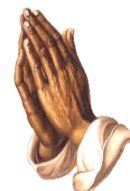
Saturday, April 8th—Holy Saturday

8:45pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9th—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am People of the Parish



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

Chapters 40-55 of the Book Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon. Several times the prophet speaks about a servant who will one day deliver God's people. Because the servant is portrayed as suffering, Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with this suffering servant.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

In the years following Christ's death and resurrection, Christians began to develop the prayers and hymns that would become part of their rituals. In today's passage from the letter to the Philippians, Paul appears to be quoting an early Christian hymn celebrating the dying and rising of Christ.

S Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

M Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

T Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

W Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

T Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-

H 8/Lk 4:16-21/Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

F Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

S Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12,
A 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

KEVIN BERTLEFF
DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
III THEOLOGY, ST. MARY

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.



Sanctuary Candle Intention
March 26, 2023 —April 9th, 2023

In Loving Memory

+ Frank & Evelyn Sarago
+ Mike & Bev Jankowski

With Love,
Jim & Chris Sarago





PRACTICING CATHOLIC

Making Way for God

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: And you're not going to do anything about it?

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

— Matthew 21:5

ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

— Father John Muir

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Take Up Your Cross

By: Tracy Earl Welliver

As a Catholic, I am very grateful for the wonderful expression of the Mass. When united in this liturgical experience, we are not only present to the reality of the bread and wine becoming the real presence of Jesus, but are also connected spiritually to the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and to the future heavenly banquet at the end of time. During the Eucharistic Prayer, this is a time to be truly as mindful as we can to what is happening in our midst. Our effort to completely surrender ourselves to the moment is a true act of stewardship.

When we hear the Gospel reading of the passion and death of Jesus at Mass, we are also being called to give of ourselves completely to the moment and to be truly caught up in the story. We should strive to be there at the events of over two thousand years ago, but also to what the reality of those events mean for us today. To do this effectively, we need to spend more time reflecting on the dynamics of the events of Jesus' passion. Hopefully, our Lent has been fruitful and we have spent time with devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we have taken time to read Scripture slowly and deliberately, taking time to let each aspect sink into our mind and spirit. If Lent has been instead a time of too much business and not much prayer and reflection, the good news is that it is never too late.

During this Holy Week, take some time to enter into the story of the Passion. Good stewardship calls us to not only give of that which can be seen, but also that which cannot be seen. Surrender your mind, body, and spirit to Jesus. He carries his cross before you and beckons you to follow him.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY



The first tastes of Italy!



*The body of St. Clare of Assisi —
entombed above the main altar in the
Basilica at Assisi, Italy.*



Group photo in Venice, Italy

Tour and Mass in the Catacombs



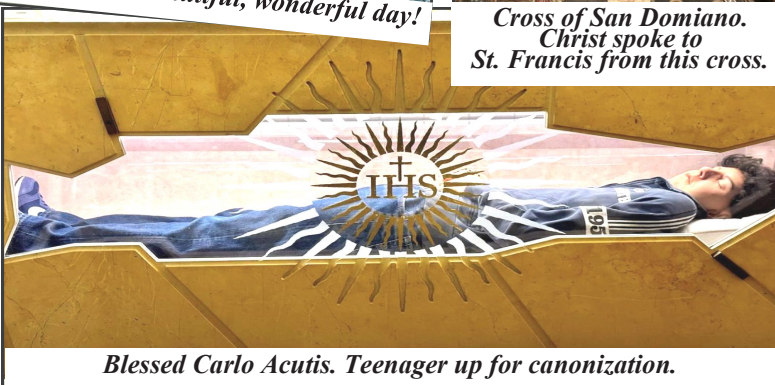
*Mass at the Church of
St. Anthony of Padua*



Venice on a beautiful, wonderful day!



*Cross of San Domiano.
Christ spoke to
St. Francis from this cross.*



Blessed Carlo Acutis. Teenager up for canonization.

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 MEETING IN APRIL
DUE TO HOLY WEEK and 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
I. Matthew Smith & Ashlee Schrippa



NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY

This time of Lent is ultimately a preparation for the Good News of Easter: the celebration of 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 Community Center. This is recommended for ages 12 & up; Childcare will be provided.

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 Good News.

Pro-Life Peaceful, Prayerful Witness by the Planned Parenthood office, corner of Brookpark & Broadview Roads. Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am. Join us on the public sidewalk. Pray to end abortion. Questions, call Mike & Doris Peters, 216-659-3362.



PTC FUNDRAISER

We invite all families to participate to help raise funds for our PTC who puts together school events. All orders will be placed online and items will be shipped directly to the customer's home. Credit/Debit card must be used to place order. This is a *great* way for out of town family/friends to support our school & students! Visit www.sarris Candies fundraising.com and enter our **Group ID: 21-3991**. Be sure to enter the seller's name so that they receive prize credit! **LAST CHANCE TO GET THOSE ORDERS IN! HELP SUPPORT THE PARENT TEACHER COMMITTEE**

Deadline 4-2-2023



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

March 27, 2023

Christine Karlovec

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CEMETERY

Memorial Abbey Mausoleum

Companion crypt entombment above ground for sale.
Call Bob Sevel with any questions 216-816-7853

WEDDING BANNS

I. MATT NATAL & KATIE PULLIAM



**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

Thank you Fr. Eloy Romero-Rojas for visiting St. Leo's Parish and speaking to us about the Cross Catholic Ministry last weekend.

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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

All Young Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join Father Jacob Bearer as he dives into how truth accompanied with Mercy can lead to Freedom through Love. As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we will come to recognize the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Join us as we dive into this and more on **Tuesday, April 18th at 7pm at Forest City Brewery**. Registration is available at dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle or you may pay at the door (\$5). Parking is available at St. Wendelin or on the street. For questions, please contact totclewest@gmail.com

NATURAL WOMEN'S HEALTH

VERANOVA
& FAMILY MEDICINE

Online registration is now open for cycle education programs at Veranova Health in Middleburg Hts. Programs are offered for girls, teens, single women and couples - all with a focus on understanding and appreciating how the fertility cycle works in a woman's body. For girls and teens, to help them realize how they can be proactive with their health through nutrition and the factors that influence hormone function. For women with cycle issues like PCOS, to learn strategies for these, for couples struggling with infertility, to identify causes and address them, or for those who want NFP for family planning, there are several options. Please visit

veranovahealth.org/learning-to-chart/

You can also contact Veranova clinic at education@veranovahealth.org or 440-732-2173.

PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Brayden, GianLuca, Mia, Ava, Group leader Mrs. Sue

Some of our second graders have been busy preparing to make their First Holy Communion (May 7). This includes reflecting on the sins they have committed and considering how they can make up for them through penance. This school year they have spent many of their Sunday mornings meeting at the Parish Center for Faith Formation and learning about the Sacrament. These big smiles have worked diligently to memorize the Act of Contrition for First Reconciliation (back on March 12) and have come to understand that like a parent, God wants what is best for His children—which includes trusting us to make the better decision in all the little moments of our daily lives. That is what He asks of us, and when we fail to do so it is encouraged that we ask for forgiveness through confession. God's love has been impressed upon their hearts and minds and they walk about now with the knowledge and faith that God loves and God forgives. May this inspire us all back to the confessional and let God make clean our hearts. Please keep Brayden, GianLuca, Mia & Ava in your prayers as they come closer to being in Communion with our Lord.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our 8th grade Confirmation class was invited to participate in a Morning of Reflection back on March 18th at the Conversion of St. Paul Shrine.



ALMSGIVING FOR ST. AUGUSTINE



Eighth graders made lunches for St. Augustine Hunger Center for a Lenten Project to help those in need.