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# June 18, 2023 The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday | 9:00am— 4:00pm Saturday | 12:00pm—5:00pm Sunday | 9:00am—12:00pm

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**SCHOOL HOURS:** Please note that our School Office is currently operating under *Summer Hours* while school is not in session.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00a.m.--1:00p.m.

# 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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www.leothegreat.org



A PRAYER FOR FATHERS God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may strengthened Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Two little words "THANK YOU!" Those two words seem so inadequate, however, they express the appreciation of those we serve and who have helped us to feed those we serve. From your St. Vincent DePaul Outreach Organization we say "THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"



# Guide Book Publishing

Please be sure to view the back page of this bulletin to view and complete the form for our Parish Records and for the 2024 Guide Book.

### WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

All baby bottles need to be returned to the Church or Rectory Office by JULY 2nd!!! Thank You!!!



Pull up your camera app on your smartphone and point at this QR code to generate a direct link to donate now!

HELP NEEDED

A fellow parishioner is in need of a wheel chair ramp for the outside of her home due to recent changes in her health. If anyone knows of anyone who donating or selling one or if anyone has had any experience in obtaining one for themselves or a family member and can assist in the navigation of such a process please contact Mary Ann at 216-398-4936 with any details you may have.



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 Visit leothegreat.org Under Organizations click on Alumni Association. We hope to hear from you!



Independence Day Mass -- 9am on July 4th (outdoors if weather permitting)

#### Memories

Before the current church was built, the grounds were covered with trees, bushes, and wild plants so thick that you couldn't see the school, convent, and existing church from West 25th Street. In the spring and after a heavy rain, lower portions of the wooded area would be under several inches of water. Along West 25th Street a builder had dumped several piles of dirt. During their summer vacation, the kids in the neighborhood enjoyed riding their bikes up and down the piles of dirt and exploring the wooded area.

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



The students in the Faith Formation program celebrated the parish's 75th anniversary on their last day of Each student had two craft class. projects to complete and take home -- a

wooden birdhouse in the shape of a church and an image of a stained-glass cross. The final treat of the day was a "goodie" bag with chocolate chip cookies.

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You can be added to our email list to receive Bulletins, Funeral Announcements, Upcoming Events, Parish Alerts, Volunteer Opportunities, and more! Don't miss out on important parish news! Visit leothegreatflock.flocknote.com to sign up today!

<b>Do you have a memory of St. Leo's from the last 75 years?</b> Name: Write it below and drop it off at the rectory or in the collection basket. <i>eMail</i> :	Phone:

### 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, 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, 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, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett, Nancy Dighero, Shawn Calvey and Tannie Cosiano.

# In Memory Of Donald Pollack

September 8, 1935 June 7, 2023

#### Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 am Mon. Jun 12, 2023

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

Father James Schmitz

### Interment

All Saints Cemetery Sec 3 Lot 190 Grave 2

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your
face, The rains fall soft upon your
fields, And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the hollow of
His band.

Yurch Funeral Home



John Zarbo St. Anthony of Padua Fairport Harbor Year Two

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, June 19th — St. Romuald, Abbot

8:30am +Ralph Rath (Chris Rath)

Tuesday, June 20th —Weekday

8:30am In Thanksgiving for Joan Berigan (The Parish)

Wednesday, June 21st—St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:30am NO MORNING MASS

Friday, June 23rd —Weekday

8:30am In Thanksgiving for Dc. Pat Berigan (The Parish) Saturday, June 24th— The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

4:00pm In Thanksgiving for Fr. James Schmitz (The Parish)

Sunday, June 25th — 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Shawn Calvey (Family & Friends)

11:00am + Mildred & +David Handlovic (Andrea Handlovic)

Since there is no Mass here at St. Leo's on <u>Thursdays</u> 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

FRIST READING: EXODUS 19:2-6

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites escape from Egypt and their journey to Mount Sinai some 1200 hundred years before Christ. In today's passage, the stage is set for the Old Testament's most dramatic encounter between God and the chosen people.

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:6-11** 

Today and for many Sundays hereafter, our second reading will be taken from Paul's letter to the Romans. The theme of today's section from Paul's letter to the Roman's is the great theological question of how sinners can be united with God who is all holy. Paul presents the Christian answer to this question.

**SUNDAY** Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

**MONDAY** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

**TUESDAY** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

**WEDNESDAY** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**THURSDAY** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

FRIDAY Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

**SATURDAY** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33





# A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees. — Father John Muir

# MASS

**Question:** I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

**Answer:** The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all! Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.

# PRACTICING CATHOLIC — "THE TOY"

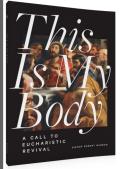
By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by things, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like they possess me.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld. It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5



If you have not already taken your copy of the book *This Is My Body* by Bishop Robert Barron that was made available last weekend at the entrances of the church, please be certain to do so as it is an informative and reflective read for this the year of the National Eucharistic Revival in in the Catholic Church.

[A small excerpt from the book itself] A recent Pew Forum survey revealed the startling statistic that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For the majority of Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life.

This indicates a spiritual disaster, for the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." In response to this crisis, Bishop Robert Barron, then the Chair of the Committee on Evangelization and

Catechesis for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, began working with his brother bishops on a solution. From these conversations, the National Eucharistic Revival was born.

This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival is designed to accompany that revival. In this brief but illuminating text, Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely.

The profound truth flowing out of Jesus' words at the Last Supper: "Take, eat; this is my body. . .Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant."

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

We celebrated a Memorial Mass for Roberta Macy, the aunt of Mary Piechowski, our Associate Organist. Roberta was described as someone who was "born to serve others," which is a wonderful thing to say about a person. She worked as a registered nurse and had a warm, welcoming heart. Please keep her in prayer as we commend the souls of the just in the loving hands of God.

I also had a funeral Mass for Donald Pollack, who was married to his wife Joan for 63 years. Donald suffered from Parkinson's during the last 15 years but attended Mass regularly when he was able. He and Joan have two daughters and a granddaughter, and we express our sympathy to his wife, children and granddaughter. Donald had a love of acting and was a thespian in the Little Theatre for many years. He used to enjoy rehearsing his lines with his two daughters. He also enjoyed Cleveland sports and photography. May he and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

The Bishop has asked all priests to draw your attention to a proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution which claims to recognize reproductive freedoms but which in fact furthers a culture of demand that removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust, and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life. Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2023 ballot. More informational resources are coming, but in the meantime, please decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot. Also please pray, learn and volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect. This website is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. Please also cut out of this bulletin this Prayer to Defeat Ohio's Abortion Amendment, called "Protect them Both" and put it where you can pray it often (please even pray it now!):

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the reborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

Last week, on the feast of Corpus Christi, we invited you to take home a small booklet written by Bishop Robert Barron called "This is My Body...a call to a Eucharistic Revival." We still have some copies left so please be sure to take one home this weekend if you did not get one last weekend, and feel free to give a copy to someone you know who may benefit from this explanation of the great gift of the Eucharist. We will order more if necessary so please let us know if you cannot find a copy on the tables in the church. As Catholics, we really need to have a better understanding and appreciation of this great gift given to us each weekend. Let me know what you think of the book!

Jr. James / Schmitz

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!

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.



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.

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# **UPCOMING BUS TRIPS**



For reservations or questions contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Total \$



RIVERS CASINO | Pittsburgh, PA Wednesday, August 16, 2023

\$48.00 per person

Deadline: Monday, July 17th!!!



#### AMISH COUNTRY

Annual Fall Shopping Monday, September 11, 2023 Lunch at Berlin Farmstead (included) \$80 per person

Deadline: Monday, August 21st!!!



SENECA NIAGARA (overnight stay)

Thursday, October 12th, 2023

Casino Bonus \$35 slot play, \$5 food credit



#### SENECA ALLEGANY

Friday, October 13th, 2023 Casino Bonus \$25 slot play

**Deadline: Friday, September 1st!!!** 

Cost: \$287.00 per person-single occupancy \$196.00 per person-double occupancy \$188.00 per person-triple occupancy

# PRO-LIFE GROUP

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. This month we will continue studying the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and how that pertains to life issues. ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions about the group, the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.

Because our country remains under constant attack from evil, we ask all to continue praying...

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.



#### CONGRATULATIONS Dominic Belko

on completing his first year and making the Dean's List at Duquesne University, a Catholic university in Pittsburgh, PA.





# THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

June 5, 2023 Christopher Murray

With twenty-two \$100 drawings, two \$200 drawings and the \$1,000 grand prize drawing left in The Great Sweepstakes, there's still a chance you could be the next winner. Get those tickets in if you haven't already!!!



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES 2023 2023

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# ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

#### PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Now is the time to update your information for our parish database <u>and</u> the 2024 Guide Book!!!

Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory office or place it in the collection basket. You may also fill out this information online at leothegreat.org! Please call the rectory office at 216.661.1006 or email Nina at ncapone@leothegreat.org with any questions. Thank you.

Family Name (i.e. SMITH, John & Jane)	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address (for office use only—will not be included in guide book)	

Place a next to <u>ALL</u> that apply!

Please Include <u>ALL</u> of the above information in the 2024 Guide Book		Update your system with the above information as it is most current
Do Not Include my Address		Update the Rectory Database <u>but</u> DO NOT submit to 2024 Guide Book
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Thank you for your help in this effort that is being made to better serve the parishioners of St. Leo the Great!



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!