



## CHURCH OF ST. LEO THE GREAT

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**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023**

# PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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### MAY CROWNING

Thanks to all who attended and participated in this year's May Crowning which included the recitation of the Rosary, prayers, readings from scripture, a litany and songs of Mary. Everyone there placed a flower in the vase for our Blessed Mother.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*



### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Reach out and help a needy family! Not every parishioner can be in the right place at the right time to help a needy family as Jesus asks us to do. The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization has been set up to do just that.

Your help through the Poor Boxes assists your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization in providing food and helping with other expenses for those in need. When you pass by the Poor Boxes help our members—reach out—and help a needy family with your donation.



### DONUT SUNDAY

Please join us for Donut Sunday after the 8:00a.m. & 11:00a.m. Masses on May 28, 2023.

**REMINDER:** The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in honor of Memorial Day. It will be reopened Tuesday, May 30th at 9:00a.m.

### MEMORIAL DAY MASS

A 9:00 a.m. liturgy will be celebrated on Memorial Day, May 29th. Please plan to join us. Weather permitting, the Mass will be held by the Marian shrine behind the Parish Center. Please bring a chair because seating is limited. We also would like to remember those individuals from our parish who have died in service for our country. If a member of your family has died in the Armed Forces, please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory by Sunday, May 28th.

### Memorial Day Mass —Monday, May 29, 2023 @ 9:00a

Name of Deceased Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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 [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org) Under Organizations click on Alumni Association. We hope to hear from you!

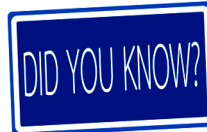
**Donut Sunday** | May 28th after 8am & 11am Mass  
**Memorial Day Mass** | Monday, May 29th @ 9:00am

### MEMORIES

*After the Second Vatican Council, the nuns no longer had to wear floor-length habits and full veils. Returning to school after summer vacation when the changes took place was a shock to the students. Not only did the nuns have hairstyles under their shorter veils, but they had legs under their shorter skirts.*

Do you have a favorite memory from the past 75 years? If so, please submit it to [nzola@leothegreat.org](mailto: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](mailto:photos@leothegreat.org)



### From the St. Leo Bulletin— May 27, 1973

*Sr. Mary Lou Wagner of the Sisters of St. Joseph from Rocky River will join the parish staff in the special work of PARISH MINISTRY. We are blessed and fortunate to have Sister Mary Lou full time in this much needed work. God blesses us most richly and generously.*

Sr. Mary Lou was instrumental in establishing the Adopt-a-Child program, which is still with us today.

### From the St. Leo Bulletin May 20, 1973

*NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR for St. Leo Parish— We are happy to announce that Sr. Mary Ann Phillip of the Adrian Dominicans will be the Parish's FIRST Co-Ordinator of Religious Education with the new School year. Sister will work with all religious programs and teachers both in the parish school, in C.C.D. and adult education. She is highly trained for this work and comes to us with the highest recommendations— we are indeed fortunate to have her services.*

Besides the Franciscan sisters who taught at St. Leo's, sisters from various religious orders have served the parish both as teachers and in parish ministry.



Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klahn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virginia Soflkancs, 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, 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, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett and Nancy Dighero.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on **June 2, 2023** beginning after the 8:30am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 4:45pm. You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in a quiet, prayerful atmosphere.



**ZACHARY JESTER**  
**ST. RAPHAEL, BAY VILLAGE**  
**YEAR ONE**

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, May 29th—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of**  
9:00am Deceased Members of the Parish **the Church**  
**Tuesday, May 30th—Weekday**  
8:30am **NO WEEKDAY MASS**  
**Wednesday, May 31st—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:30am **NO WEEKDAY MASS**  
**Friday, June 2nd—Weekday**  
8:30am **NO WEEKDAY MASS**  
**Saturday, June 3rd—St. Charles Lwanga and Companions,**  
4:00pm +Diane Toronski (Dave & Rita Neumann) **Martyrs**  
**Sunday, June 4th—The Most Holy Trinity**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am +William Hinton, Sr. +William Jr. and +Joseph Mackey

*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: 1-11

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

#### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-7, 12-13

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians responds to a letter they wrote to him. They had asked him how to deal with the diversity of gifts in the community, and the rivalries and jealousies that inevitably arose. In today's passage, he uses a comparison that we will recognize immediately.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
<b>MONDAY</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

### Sanctuary Candle Intention May 21st—June 4th

In loving Memory of  
*Ronald Vance*

*Bernadine & Family*





A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak! — Father John Muir

**PRACTICING CATHOLIC**  
***The Fame Communicated***

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"Fire! Fire! They're all gonna die! They're all gonna burn up!" I had absolutely no hope of restoring order as I read the story of Pentecost with my young children last year. As soon as they glimpsed the tongues of fire hovering over the foreheads of the apostles, they were lost to giggles and shrieks. I sighed, sipped my coffee, and wondered resentfully why the Holy Spirit couldn't have chosen to be a dove on that particular day. Just a nice, peaceful dove.

I'll say this, though: the fire left an impression. It usually does, doesn't it? Fire consumes. It renews. It illuminates. It leaves you breathless with fear and awe. The memory and scent and impact of a flame lingers long after it is extinguished.

When I am trying to explain theology to my kids, I have an awful habit of overcomplicating things. I'd had a whole speech prepared for them about what the Holy Spirit is, but it went out the window as soon as they saw the flames. And you know what? It's probably for the best. They wouldn't have remembered that speech. The flames, though? The flames they remembered. The flame communicated.

As a result of Pentecost, the apostles suddenly had the ability to give the truth to foreigners. Aliens. People who were heretofore beyond their reach, isolated by language. The flame communicated.

God's sense of timing is impeccable, and His delivery is carefully crafted. And on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not descend as a dove or pour forth as water. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit burned.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**  
***We Are Never Alone***

By: Tracy Earl Welliver

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,



As I type this on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, I look forward to the Graduation Ceremony for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders of our parish school which will take place this evening at 6:30pm in Lux Hall. They had a dinner/dance last evening & it was good to see them gathered along with their families. We have the 8<sup>th</sup> graders attend the 8:30am Mass each Friday & I enjoy talking with them for just a couple minutes after Mass each week. I hope and pray that their time with us here at St. Leo's, whether only for this past year or for 9 years (including Preschool), that it will prove to be a good foundation for their lives. This Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, is Memorial Day and so we will be celebrating Mass at 9am outside at our Marian Shrine (weather permitting). Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Cleveland has also scheduled Masses at several of its cemeteries on Memorial Day and most of these will take place outdoor but in a few cases, they will be indoors or in a church. You can get information about the time and place of these Masses at the Diocesan website at this URL: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/news/2023/05/22/catholic-cemeteries-set-indoor-outdoor-memorial-day-masses>. We pray for all those who have died, especially those in service of our country.

Last weekend, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Malesic ordained 6 men to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. Please pray for these men as they begin their life-long ministry in the Church and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

I am happy to share the news that my cousin, Fr. Dan Schlegel, has received a new assignment as Administrator of Communion of Saints Parish in Cleveland Heights. I'm glad that he'll remain somewhat close by and that he will be able to shepherd the people of that parish and school. Communion of Saints used to be called St. Ann but merged with the parish of St. Philomena and so received a new name. The church building of St. Philomena is still used for one Mass every weekend. The church building of St. Ann is very large and beautiful and I'm anxious to see it again as it's been many, many years since I was there. I'm proud of the good work Father Dan has done as Vicar of Clergy and Religious and glad that he's able to move on from that position to be with the people of Communion of Saints. Please keep him in your prayers as I know many of you remember him from his time here at St. Leo's back in 1988 through 1994.

My sisters and some other family members will be traveling to Greece to attend the wedding of a niece of mine. I will not be traveling with them since I'm still recovering from my recent trip to Italy (as in trying to lose the excess weight I put on while there!). But I'll be enjoying a few days off myself so I will not be joining you for Mass this weekend. I'm grateful to Father Caesar Amandua who is kind enough to celebrate Masses for you this weekend. He will also be available for confessions at our usual weekend times, Saturday from 3:00pm until 3:30pm and Sunday from 10am until 10:30am. I will however be celebrating Mass at our Marian shrine on Memorial Day.

Our parish school children will be leaving for their summer vacation as of this Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope they have a safe and enjoyable summer and I ask your prayers for them. We will be doing a lot of maintenance work in the school building this summer. I'll share with you in another column all that we plan on doing to increase the safety and environment of that building.

*Fr. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.



## PARISH SUPPORT

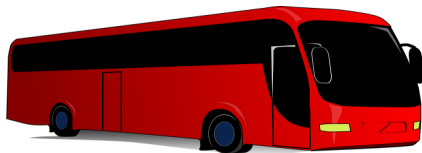
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Sun. Envelope \$	5,286.00	Cap. Improv \$	230.00
WeShare \$	1,633.50	WeShare \$	25.00
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>7,459.50</b>	<b>Total \$</b>	<b>255.00</b>
SVDP \$	55.00		
WeShare \$	210.00		
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>265.00</b>		

*Thank you  
for your continued  
generosity & support.*

### UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

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



Discover  
HARTVILLE

Thursday, July 13, 2023  
\$78.00 per person  
(includes lunch)

Includes a guided tour and shopping at Pegasus Farm, Gardens, and Country Store; Shopping at Hartville Marketplace and Flea Market, Shops, Hardware, and Sommers Discount Market.

**Deadline: Monday, June 12th!!!**



Rivers Casino | Pittsburgh, PA

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

\$48.00 per person

**Deadline: Monday, July 17th!!!**



### THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

*Mother's Day*

May 14th

SHARON GOLDMAN

May 22nd

LUCA CAPONE

Could you or someone you know use a walker?  
Contact Mary at 216-749-7747

### The Neocatechumenal Way

A series of one-hour talks will continue to take place every **Tuesday and Friday at 7pm 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." Every talk is different and builds on the one meeting prior. While you don't have to attend every meeting, it is encouraged that you attend as often as you are able. Snacks and refreshments will be made available for you to enjoy. These talks are most appropriate for ages 12 & up; Childcare available.



## WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The St. Leo the Great Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind began Mother's Day Weekend. Bottles can be picked up from the tables at the entrances of the church or over at the Rectory Office. Womankind is an excellent organization that specializes in helping women in need get free prenatal care and baby supplies for their infants up to three years of age. With times being as trying as they are, more mothers than ever are seeking help! You may fill the baby bottles with change or cash, or a check made out to "Womankind" or simply scan this QR code to go directly to the St. Leo the Great's Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind-donor page to donate using a credit card. Thank you for your generosity! All baby bottles need to be returned to the Church or Rectory Office by Father's Day Weekend, June 17/18! For more information about Womankind visit their website at [womankind-cleveland.org](http://womankind-cleveland.org) or call Womankind at 216-662-5700. Thank you and may God bless you.



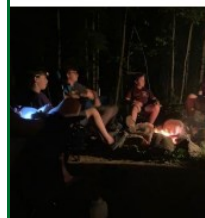
Womankind  
Maternal & Prenatal Care Center

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

#ADVENTUREON!

Scout Troop 24 meets weekly – Tuesdays 7:30 – 9pm

St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109



Who: Students in grades 6-12th

Where: St. Leo's

When: Tuesdays 7:30-9 pm

Contact: Mike Robinson 216-409-3733

Email Troop 24: [scout-troop-24@googlegroups.com](mailto:scout-troop-24@googlegroups.com)



2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS



God Bless this year's Confirmandi! They now carry within them the POWER of the Holy Spirit. May they come to know and trust It working through them in each their lives— and all of our lives—always and everywhere.