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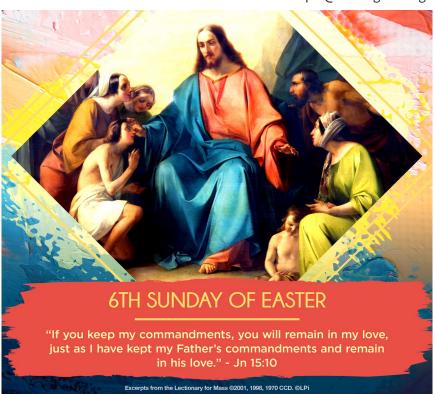
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Mass will be at 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?

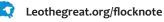
If you are interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

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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MEMORIAL DAY MASS

A 9:00 a.m. liturgy will be celebrated on Memorial Day, May 27th. Please plan to join us. Weather permitting, the Mass will be held by the Marian shrine behind the Parish Center. 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 26th.

Name of Deceased Person:

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Rank:	
Branch of Service:	
Date of Birth:	
Date of Death:	
Family Name:	
Relationship:	

BIBLE STUDY | GOSPEL OF JOHN

St. Leo Parishioners, Greg and Pat Dolezal, are hosting a new Bible study on the Gospel of John. Learn about the people who encountered Jesus and their reactions. Meetings are held every other Thursday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The next meeting is Thursday, April 25 at their home. Address: 4839 W. 13th St. Please call Greg (507.640.6651) or Pat (330.933.4992) with any questions or interest.

Womankind Prenatal & Maternal Care Center



The St. Leo the Great Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind begins Mother's Day Weekend May 11/12. 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 the weekend following Father's Day, June 15/16! For more information about Womankind visit their website at womankindcleveland.org or call Womankind at 216-662-5700.

Thank you for helping us provide hope, help and possibility to pregnant women and moms in need!



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUI

Almsgiving is a private thing. You share what you have with a neighbor you do not know and who does not know you, but it is an act of service to those in need. Let us share with others especially during these trying times.

Any donation you are able to make to the SVDP Outreach Organization will very much appreciated. You can put your donation in the Poor Boxes, or put it in an envelope marked "SVDP" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you!

THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY

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 be from 7pm (until about 8pm) 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 the Good News.

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Ladies, all ages, no matter where you are in your faith journey, please, join us on:

Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 at 6:30p.m. (until about 8p) in the Parish Center

We are meeting to connect and *LIFT* each other up as we grow our relationship with God and learn to live more intentionally and prayerfully in our Journeys as women of the faith. For more information contact Barb (216-302-5454) or email Nina at the rectory office at ncapone@leothegreat.org.

Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, etc. of students at St. Leo School, please consider joining us one evening and witness the powerful, prayerful support of friends in faith.

God the Father,

You created me in love.

Jesus, your love for me compelled you to come to earth to die for me.

Holy Spirit, love between God and Jesus, now you surround me with the love of the Father and the Son.

Help me to live out this reality, today and always. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Amelia Rebello, Larry Kuznik, Irma Zappitelli, John Sofcheck, 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, 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, Betty Popow, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Jesse Kazimer, William Woolard, Claudia Woolard, 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, Shawn Calvey, Gloria Madonia, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski Suzanne Brown, Joyce Stevens, Victoria Fischer, John Gierlach, Dylan Greve, Ken Perry, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski, Susan Mante, Vicki Przybylski, Kristi Burkhart, Maria Giangrande, Amanda Pacanavsky, Karen Horvath, Chris Geiger, Scott, Jesse Wilson, Kathy Patterson, Jack Gibas, Christine Slaghter, Dan & Teri Divincenzo, Maryann Kosakowski, Ranae Walters, Cady Williams, Dave Collins, Tom Cramer, Joan Lowry, Gloria Hiendlmayr, Ann Mezak, and Courtney Gilleland.



Sr. Emma Ruth Greathouse T.O.R Sisters Novice

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

May 5th —May 18th

Happy Birthday,

Ryan & Baby K!

Many Blessings!

Love you,

Aunt Jackie

MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

SAT: May 4th Easter Weekday

Mass at 4:00p.m. +Benjamin Thomas (Lynn Thomas & Family)

SUN: May 5th The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass at 8:00a.m. People of the Parish

Mass at 11:00a.m. +Charlie Talarico (Family)

MON: May 6th Easter Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. Debbie Merolla (Family)

TUES: May 7th Easter Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. +William Fischer (Kathleen Fischer)

WED: May 8th Easter Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Jean Abood (Eva Bunosky)

FRI: May 10th Easter Weekday

Mass at 8:30a.m. Happy Anniversary, Joe (Linda Carnivale)

SAT: May 11th Easter Weekday

8th Grade Conformation

Mass at 4:00p.m. Mothers of the Parish

SUN: May 12th The 7th Sunday of Easter —

The Ascension of the Lord

Mass at 8:00a.m. Mothers of the Parish Mass at 11:00a.m. Mothers of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/

1 Jn:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b/

Jn 15:26— 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11 **Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn

16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph

1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11- 12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

First Reading: *Acts* 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. Then one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. The result, as we shall see, is the first recorded conversion of Gentiles to Christianity.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

The tradition of the apostle John's teachings is expressed in what is called the first letter of John. There is a legend that John in his old age would simply repeat over and over to his people, "Love one another." Today's passage from that letter particularly illustrates this story.

REFLECTIONS BY LUKE BROWN | SACRED HEART COUNSELING

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells us to love each other as He has loved us. We Americans tend to have an emphasis on independence that can lead us to isolation from our neighbors not only physically but emotionally and spiritually. While independence is a good thing, it can be problematic if taken too far. No man is an island and God made us for each other. I often like to ask individuals if the communities they spend time with are making them the person that they want to be. Is your community making you a better spouse, parent, and Catholic? If not, it might be a good time to reevaluate how you spend your time with others. In this week's Gospel, we hear the story of the man who considers himself to be above the people around him while the tax collector knows that he is in need of mercy and grace. The reality is that we are all like the tax collector in that we need these things not only from God but from the people around us. I was surprised at the irony recently when I looked up the origin of the phrase, "Pull yourself up by your bootstraps." It turns out that it is from a late 1800s physics textbook illustrating the impossibility of lifting oneself off the ground by the bootstraps. This phrase is often used to mean that we need to try harder on our own to accomplish things. However, this is not possible. We need to support and be supported by the people around us. This week, consider spending time reflecting on and evaluating your community as well as consider ways that you can support and be supported by the people in your life. — Luke Brown

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PRACTICING CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

As I Love You

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. "Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end," my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

"Because you're old," she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It's so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn't give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn't fear death or the world's hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn't ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can't see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."









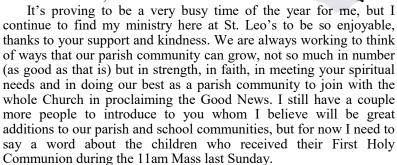






FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,



We had 12 children who received this Sacrament and I am so proud of their parents for the commitment they made to bring their children to our Faith Formation Sessions these past few months as we helped the children prepare for this important sacrament. As you know, we made a big change in our sacramental preparation for First Communion and for Confirmation. Changes are always a bit scary, but we knew that a different approach was very much needed. I'm happy to say that due to the parents, grandparents and guardians of these children, the year went along very successfully. These children were not only present at our Faith Formation Sessions on Sunday morning, but at the 11am Mass as well. In the past, it was so discouraging to prepare students for the Eucharistic Sacrament but then fail to see them at Mass on the weekend. It just didn't make sense. Of course none of us are perfect and that's why we are all "Practicing" Catholics...because we all need to practice, over & over again, the responsibilities of a living faith. So I am grateful that the students & their family members were willing to make the sacrifices necessary to grow in their relationship with God and the parish community. We are so happy that these children are now receiving the Eucharist with us. May they all continue to be nourished every week by the Body & Blood of Christ.

Congratulations to Vincent Rongone & Elizabeth DeCaro who will be married this weekend. They are both faithful to our Eucharistic worship each week and I know they will be a great reminder to us of the marriage of Christ with His Bride, the Church. May they know many happy years together.

The Confirmation students (who will be Confirmed by Abbot Hoover next Saturday during the 4pm Mass) will be traveling to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid this Sunday. I hope I can join them there as my grandmother & family used to go to this sacred place when I was a child (and I have since celebrated Mass there both in the chapel and at the outdoor shrine). These students have also been preparing for this sacrament during our Faith Formation Sessions on Sunday mornings. We look forward to their reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit next weekend. The Confirmation candidates from Mary Queen of Peace and St. Thomas More will also be joining us as it makes it easier for the Bishops and Abbot to confer the sacrament on the students from several parishes at one of the churches instead of going to each one individually. We welcome all those who will be joining us.

We now have 32 people signed up for our trip to Italy next March. There is a limited number who can join us so that we keep it manageable but there is still time to sign up if you are interested in going. A small deposit of \$300 is required and you can get more information about the trip by visiting our website at Leothegreat.org. I'm looking forward especially to visiting some new places but also the old favorites, especially Rome and Assisi. Viva la Pasta!

In. 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 MONDAY 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!

Upcoming Meetings: May 6th and June 3rd (No meetings will be held in July and August but will resume in September)

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 continue to contribute. Here are a few ways to make contributions when unable to place directly in the offertory basket at Mass on the weekends:

- 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.



MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

Do you have a family member who served in the military? We would like to honor them in the photo display case in the church vestibule around Memorial Day. If you have any photos of relatives who have served or are still serving our country, please contact:

John Sabol at 216-351-6247

He will copy your photo and return the original to you.

Photos must be submitted no later than May 15th and can be from any era.

PRO-LIFE MEETING

Since our April meeting was cancelled, we will proceed with that agenda for our May meeting, while also including special prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, as May is dedicated to her.

The next meeting of the Pro-life group will be on:

Wednesday, May 15 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Our topic this meeting will be discussion of the newest legislation on abortion throughout our country, especially the Bishops' letter regarding the "morning after pill" recently sent out. Several other states have been working on abortion legislation, so we will review that also. If you have information from other sources, please bring it to the meeting.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

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.

Everyone is invited to attend! 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 216-394-5803.



POSTAL SERVICE.

USPS FOOD DRIVE

A retired letter carrier for the 44109 zip code called to inform us that The United States Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers will conduct a food drive on Sat. 5/11/24. If interested in participating

please leave canned goods and non-perishable foods by your mailbox for the carrier to pick up. All food is donated to a local food pantry.



Did you know that you Bulletin in your email?

Receive the weekend bulletin and other parish news by joining Flocknote at: www.flocknote.com/leothegreatflock

Whether you currently receive these emails or are feeling encouraged to start, please note that new resources have recently been made available to us by Bishop Baron's Word on Fire Engage that will provide programs, prayers and others useful tools to build our Catholic faith, community, and prayer life including a variety of mini-courses (each including thought-provoking messages and videos from Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire team and you will be able to find all of this within Flocknote later this month. More info to come.

WINNER

THE 2024 GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

April 29th \$100 Drawing Dianne Treska

Tickets are available for purchase In the Rectory Office or on our website. Cost: \$30 for a chance to win multiple times!

PACK 'N' PLAYS

A local church was recently gifted a very large order of 70 or so child Pack'n'Plays (playpens) that accommodate ages 1 and under. If you or someone you know is in need of one for your/their own family, please email your interest, request or questions to pastoromarmedina@gmail.com and mention that you became aware of this generous offer through St. Leo's. We thank Pastor Omar for thinking of our Parish and for sharing these gifts with those in need as growing and accommodating a family these days, like most things, is costly.

LOCAL PARISH EVENTS

ST THOMAS MORE | Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember, if you take any pictures, send them in to the rectory. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2024.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE | We will be hosting a Catholic Movie Night once a month with some great Catholic movies. All movies are FREE in the Parish Center Upper Hall. They start promptly at 6pm. Dollar concessions available!

May 19th | "Finding Fatima" (2010)

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY—2025



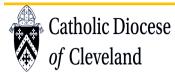
You are welcome to contact Fr. James Schmitz at jschmitz@leothegreat.org or Trinity Tour Guide, Eddie Abufarha, at eddie@trinitytourtravels.com, or call him 800-687-0306 with any questions or interest you might have. Both will be more than happy to assist you.

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	Flowers	1191.00	East Europe	182.00
March	Holy Thurs	1277.00		
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We thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Leo the Great Parish!



"Listening to Your Body While Answering the Prophetic Call"

WEBINAR: May 6, 2024 @ 7:00pm Visit dioceseofcleveland.org/events to Register

This session will take a deep dive into health and wellness regarding common health issues in our community such as inflammation, insulin resistance, heart disease, and hormone regulation, and how they correlate and impact the very call God has sent us on. This session is part of the NBCC 2024 Webinar Series.



2024 Bus Trips

Seneca Niagra (overnight stay)

Thursday, June 27th

Casino Bonus: \$50 slot play, \$20 food credit

Buffet Open Seneca Allegany

Friday, June 28th

Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play, \$5 food credit

Buffet Open

Deadline: Monday, May 20th

Lady Caroline Lunch Cruise

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 Cruise, lunch, and a stop at West side Market included \$94/person

Meadow & Presque Isle Casinos

Monday, August 12, 2024 Washington & Erie, PA Meadow includes 10% Food Discount \$58/person

Deadline: Tuesday, July 23, 2024

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

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

If you like to shop online visit schoolstore.com and shop over 400 National Brands online. When you purchase through SchoolStore.com as opposed to a direct website of a participating merchant a percentage of your purchase goes to support our parish school!

You can also support our teachers by donating a Caring for Classrooms gift card that help them purchase classroom materials throughout the year. Contact Nina at the Rectory Office or **ncapone@leothegreat.org** with any questions you might have.