



May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Monday—Friday 8:00am—3:00pm

The Neocatechumenal Way Come & Listen!
Tuesdays and Fridays from 7p-8p in the Parish Center

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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Read the latest bulletin & find other useful information by visiting our website at

www.leothegreat.org

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA | MAY 13TH

"Mother of all individuals and peoples, you know all their sufferings and hopes. In your motherly heart you feel all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, that convulse the world: accept the plea which we make in the Holy Spirit directly to your heart, and embrace with the love of the Mother and Handmaid of the Lord those who most await this embrace, and also those whose act of entrustment you too await in a particular way. Take under your motherly protection the whole human family, which with affectionate love we entrust to you, O Mother. May there dawn for everyone the time of peace and freedom, the time of truth of justice and of hope."

Prayer written by St. John Paul II



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

To assist those in need, the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food and staple collection is next weekend, May 13th and May 14th. Whatever you donate is distributed and very much appreciated by our clients. Because of you we are able to ensure that others do not go without. Items that we are in most need of at this time are:

Canned Corn	Canned Green Beans	Scalloped Potatoes
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Canned Mixed Vegetables	Canned Baked Beans
Canned Pasta	Pasta Sauce	Canned Diced Tomatoes
Assorted Soups	Ramen Noodles	Tuna Fish
Rice & Noodle Sides	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Cereal White Rice
Canned Fruit	Corn Bread Mix	Dishwashing Soap & Bar Soap

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: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Date of Death: _____

Relationship: _____



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 Under *Organizations* click on *Alumni Association*. We hope to hear from you!

Confirmation | Sunday, May 21st @ 11:00am Mass
Memorial Day Mass | Monday, May 29th @ 9:00a

MEMORIES

Fr. Kevin Shemuga, former parochial vicar (associate) at St. Leo's, was a very good baseball player. He continued to play on local baseball teams during his assignment at St. Leo's. During the Easter season, the priest has the option to use a sprinkling rite in place of the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass. I was the server at one of the Masses when Fr. Kevin used the sprinkling rite, holding the container with the holy water as Fr. Kevin made his way up and down the aisles of the church. After dipping the aspergillum (the holy water sprinkler) in the holy water, Fr. Kevin would bring his arm back as though about to throw a pitch, spraying me in the face every time. By the time we made our way around the church, I was dripping wet.

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



Since there is easy access to St. Leo's via freeways and it is centrally located in Cuyahoga County, over the years it has served as a meeting place for Diocesan groups and events.



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

"Say
the Rosary
every day,
to bring peace
to the world
and the end
of the war."

Words spoken by our
Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

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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 Bublavy, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Kenneth Lees, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, and Joe Barr.



PRO-LIFE The Pro-Life group will be meeting on **Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 1:00pm in the Parish Center.** This month we will be reviewing the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and how that pertains to life issues. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Because our country remains under constant attack from evil, we ask all to continue praying to St. Michael the Archangel, as often as you can. He can help us defeat the enemy.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 8th—Easter Weekday
8:30am +Daniel Szymanski (Wayne Moore)
Tuesday, May 9th—Easter Weekday
8:30am +George Santana (Rita Santana)
Wednesday, May 10th—Easter Weekday
8:30am +Norma Janiak (The Pelley Family)
Friday, May 12th—Easter Weekday
8:30am +Cara Prokop (Paulette Prokop)
Saturday, May 13th—Our Lady of Fatima
4:00pm Mothers of the Parish
Sunday, May 14th—Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00am Mothers of the Parish
11:00am Mothers of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: ACTS 6:1-7

In Jerusalem at the time of Christ, some Jewish people spoke Greek, others spoke Aramaic, and each group went to its own synagogue. It appears that the Apostles were among those who spoke Aramaic. In today's reading, we will hear some of the problems this created in the Christian community and how these were addressed.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:4-9

The first letter of Peter was written to a Christian community that felt alienated from their pagan neighbors. Today the author reminds them that they belong to a special group of people, the people of God.

SUNDAY Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

MONDAY Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

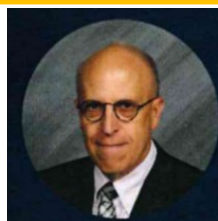
TUESDAY Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21



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NATIVITY OF THE LORD
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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 7th—May 21st

*In Loving Memory of
+Gary Milton*

*From your Wife,
Benita*



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is priesthood.

St. Peter says to us, "You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'" To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

"Building on the Cornerstone"

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Before I married my husband, I assumed there were "ugly houses" and "pretty houses," and that was that. But Matt is an architect, someone who reads books with titles like "A Field Guide to American Houses" for fun and who uses the term vernacular architecture like he knows what it means.

Through him, I've come to learn a lot about why certain structures simply don't have a pleasing look. There is a logic to ugliness, as it turns out. One of the main reasons a building or a home might strike some of us as ugly is because it has undergone a careless renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is slapdash, confusing — ugly, for lack of a better word.

What is added on later must somewhat resemble the original. If you want to depart dramatically from the original style of a building, it's better to build a separate structure altogether.

I think of this principle when I consider Christ as the "cornerstone." We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But so often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense.

When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can't see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can't chart the future of a house without any thought for its past.

If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

"Witnesses for Jesus"

By: Tracy Earl Welliver

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

"THE VALUE OF STEWARDSHIP"

By: Tracy Earl Welliver

What do you think is the value of your stewardship? Do you believe that through your actions both great and small that God can touch people, heal them, and change their lives?

Too often we can mistakenly assume that what we do, say, or offer can have little effect in the grand scheme of life. We are simply poor sinners in need of salvation so what could we do anyway? Jesus speaks very powerfully to what can be done by those who believe in him and follow him. He says in John's Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Greater ones than these?

Think about all the miracles of Jesus recorded in sacred Scripture. You and I can do works greater than those? St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are Christ to a world that needs him. It is the Christ in you that responds to the Christ in me. If it were only you alone going about doing good works and deeds, then your stewardship would amount to little. But if you bear the name Christian, and you approach your discipleship seriously, you can truly do greater things. If you understand your stewardship as a way that Jesus works in our world, then this way of life, cultivating and sharing your gifts at every turn, becomes more valuable than all the gold in the world.

"...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

— 1 Peter 2:5

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Last year I announced a change in our sacramental preparation for our young people, based on the direction that our Diocese is taking. We removed preparation for the Sacraments of First Eucharist, First Penance & Confirmation from our parish school religion classes and from our PSR program in order to create a new Faith Formation process by which we prepare students for these sacraments of initiation on Sunday morning. There were several reasons for doing this. Many students in our parish school are not of the Catholic Faith. And sadly, many who have been baptized Catholic are not practicing their Catholic faith because their parents do not bring them to church. Our participation in the Eucharist or at Mass is the most basic expression of our desire to have a relationship with God and the Church. Without this, our faith means little. Sometimes those parents who are not Catholic or who have children that were never baptized were seeking the baptism of their children, but only so that their children could participate in First Holy Communion or Confirmation with their classmates, but then would not be seen again after these liturgical events.

Moving our sacramental preparation to a Sunday morning for both parish school and public school students meant that we could encourage the parents to learn more about and grow in their Catholic faith and it also meant we could encourage and require their presence at either the 8am or 11am Sunday Mass as the Faith Formation sessions were sandwiched between these. It also meant that all of our parish students could prepare for the sacraments together instead of being segregated by parish and public school students. We expected that this new approach would dramatically reduce the number of children receiving these two sacraments. But it made sense to go this route than to have several students present at Mass for their First Communion or Confirmation but not see them again Sunday after Sunday afterward.

We have 4 students making their First Holy Communion this Sunday during the 11am Mass. And I want to say that I am very proud of and grateful to their parents for the commitment they made and were faithful to bringing their children to the Sunday morning Faith Formation sessions and to Mass every week. They are living out the promises they made at the baptism of their children to raise them in the practice of the faith. They are to be commended for this sacrifice they have made. It is a testament to their own faith and to their commitment to God and to the Church. So I look forward to celebrating this special Sacrament with these children this week and ask for your prayers for them and for their parents, that they may continue to be faithful to the commandments of the Lord who calls us to keep holy the Sabbath by our weekly Sunday worship, to be active members of the Church community, and to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord, without which we do not have eternal life.

During this month of May we give special honor to Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church. Parishioners will pray the rosary and crown the statue of Mary in our church as a sign of our love and devotion to her. We ask Mary to intercede for us and we thank God for the wonderful example she has left for us.

My youngest sister from Florida was in town last weekend so that we could all go through the "collection" that my dad had worked on for several years of his life. We spent several hours each day of last weekend together doing this. It is definitely a topic for a future homily. But I'm happy that we could be together & remember him & his long life.

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.**

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.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

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



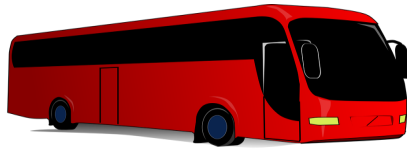
Seneca Allegany Casino (Day Trip)

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Bonus: \$25 Slot Play
(Buffet Open Noon-9:00p)

Cost: \$56.00 per person

Deadline: Tuesday, May 9th!!!



Hartville

Thursday, July 13

\$78.00 per person
(includes lunch)

Deadline: Monday, June 12th!!!



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

May 1, 2023

Janet Murray



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



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

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



Looking for adventure? Come see what Troop 24 has to offer!
Camping, Backpacking, Campfire Starting, Ax & Hatchet, Archery,
Riflery, Shotgun, Flying Airplanes, SCUBA, Kayaking, Winter
Shelter Building & Camping, and Leadership!

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

PARISH SUPPORT

April 23, 2023

Sun. Envelope \$	5,161.31	SVDP \$	100.00
WeShare \$	1,945.00	WeShare \$	20.00
Total \$	7,106.31	Total \$	120.00
Cap. Improv \$	315.00		
WeShare \$	60.00		
Total \$	375.00		

*Thank you for
your continued
generosity & support.*

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The St. Leo the Great Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind begins Mother's Day Weekend May 13/14. 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 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!



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

Mary's Magnificat & Catholic Social Thought

May 11, 2023 | 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m

Luke 1:46-55 and the seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching provide both a spiritual context and action plan for addressing systems, structures, and paradigms that contribute to the marginalization and disenfranchisement in today's society. A Theological Reflection through the lens of Marian devotion and practices to address justice and peace is the focus of this encounter with Mother Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

This is a Zoom event.

Visit dioceseofcleveland.org/events
to register for free.



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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.



The team made music together and had others join in singing a responsorial psalm that asks
"O Lord, send forth your Spirit, to
renew the face of the Earth."



Benny Aguayo, Tim Johnson, Samuel & Josepha and Fr. Filipe Gonzalez