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MISSION STATEMENT PRAYER

Lord, God, in your infinite wisdom and love, you are inviting us to be a welcoming Catholic community, grounded in Eucharistic prayer, celebrating our diversity, and sharing your love through ministries of serving and being present, in our urban neighborhoods, while focusing on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Help us to accept your invitation to be church, and to generously live together this mission statement. Teach us your works of mercy and unite us as your people, who serve our urban neighborhoods with your presence and grace. Let your works of mercy be common, holy ways for celebrating our diversity, and for leaving the Eucharistic table, heeding your command to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, may we see you when you are hungry and thirsty, and recognize you when you are naked or a stranger, or sick or in prison, and then welcome you, feed you, clothe you and visit you. With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, bless us with your works of comforting, consoling, forgiving and patiently forbearing. We ask this always through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION: First Thursday of the month
following 7:00 PM Mass until 9:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM,

or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance

WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**Saturday, March 3** – 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 4– 10:30am Mass, **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Jerry Wissel; Readings: Exodus 20:1-17;

1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

Monday, March 5 – No Service

Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-15; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 6 – No Service.

Readings: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 7 – No Service.

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 8 – 7:00pm Mass, Mass Intention for the repose

of the soul of Geraldine "Gerry" Burke;

Readings: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 9 – 7:00pm **Way of the Cross**

Readings: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 10 – 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Readings: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 11– 10:30am Mass, **4th Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Jerry Bill Hartman; Readings:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 4*Lectors* – Diane, Sheba*Distributors* – Michael, Pierre, Hilda L., Juan B., Shirley*Servers* – Beata, Yendy M.**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 11***Lectors* – Jon T., Agrippine*Distributors* – Laura O., Simeon, Pedro B., Alejandra P., Myles K.*Servers* – Martin, Irving**ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY**

Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm

**SEWING CLASSES** Cancelled until further notice.**ESL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!**

Thursdays, 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Saturdays, 10:00, 10:00 - Noon

**COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS**

North Fairmount Community Center/Referral Services:

Linda Klem: 513-921-5842, Housing: 513-921-5889

Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500

GED Referral: Roll Hill: 513-542-8333x5

Literary Network: 513-621-7323

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In deepest gratitude for their most generous contributions of time, talent and treasure to St. Leo's, this week please keep in prayer Manna Food Pantry.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please keep in your prayers all those listed in our Parish Petition/Special Prayer Books. Please call the Parish Office if you are hospitalized and wish to be visited. Hospitals no longer share that information.

VOCATION VIEW

No bucket? Deep well? The gifts of the living water of the spirit are yours! Jesus is living water. Drink from that deep well; hear the good news of salvation.

LET US PRAY

Good and gracious God, you know how easily we get our wires crossed. Help us to imitate St. Paul who finally straightened out his sense of loss and gain.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4	Religious Education Youth Group
March 9	Way of the Cross 7:00pm
March 11	Youth Group
March 16	Way of the Cross 7:00pm
March 18	Lenten Soup Lunch and Music Program
March 23	Way of the Cross 7:00pm

Bulletin information is always welcome! Articles must be in the office by 10am the Monday prior to publication, provided there is still Room. Please call Casey at 921-1044X30 or email to cbetzstleo@aol.comTo receive the parish weekly bulletin by e-mail, go to www.DiscoverMass.com and search St. Leo in Cincinnati, OH. Under bulletin, click on sign-up for e-mail notification. Enter your user name and e-mail address.**Sign up to receive St. Leo's Monthly Newsletter:** call the office at 513-921-1044, email your name and address to: cbetzstleo@aol.com or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

Third Sunday of Lent – March 4, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .

The Scrutinies: This Sunday and the next two Sundays of Lent – Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the Church celebrates the Rite of Scrutiny with those who were elected to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We are blessed to have about ten people from St. Leo's who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation this year at the Easter Vigil. We are unable to celebrate the actual ritual of the Scrutinies with them here at St. Leo's but I offer the following explanation for reflection as they prepare to be received into the church and as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at the Easter liturgy.



The Scrutinies are based on the Gospels of the Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind and the Raising of Lazarus from the Dead. This week, we examine or scrutinize our lives under the Gospel and Good News of the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus met at Jacob's well. As a crucial part of her conversion, Jesus helped the woman see the truth about herself and her need for living water as well as her need for the physical water that she was drawing from the well for herself and her family. She realized her internal thirst and her need to

believe in Jesus and she leaves him and goes forth to tell others about him.

What light does this Gospel shed upon our own lives? Can we see the truth about our sinful selves? Do we need to ask Jesus to lovingly show us this side to ourselves? Can we ask for his help in accepting the truth about ourselves and then drink from the fountain of his unconditional love, grace, and abundant mercy? What changes can we make to show that we are drinking more of Living Water? Who can we tell and encourage to be drinking from the cup of Living Water? How can we share and live our faith more at home, in our parish, in the greater Church and in the world?

Let us continue to pray for each other as we journey together with the Lord through the desert, up the mountain of transfiguration, down the mountain, to the cross, into the tomb and lifted up to eternal glory.

Join us for a Lenten musical celebration of God's mercy, goodness, forgiveness, and love **Sunday afternoon, March 18. A simple soup lunch after the 10:30 am Mass will be followed by a time of reflection through music** provided by parishioner Roni Nolasco, the Burundi women's choir, Bill Tonnis of our partner parish Our Lady of Visitation, and other musicians and groups from St. Leo's. The event is not a performance but an opportunity to spend time with God reflecting on God's presence with us and great love for us. The event will be coordinated by our newly formed youth group and provide an opportunity for youth to share their gifts with St. Leo's and the community. The youth will be working on making a sawdust carpet—called alfombras de aserrín—a traditional Lenten practice in Guatemala.

Santa Maria Community Services **Family Health Fair. Sunday April 8th 12-3:00pm** at Price Hill Recreation Center at 959 Hawthorne Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205. Free Health Screenings! Blood Pressure, BMI, Depression, Cholesterol, Glucose, A1C, Hearing, Vision, STI, Pregnancy Tests, and more! Kids' Health Zone! Refreshments. To schedule a mammogram or for information call 513-557-7249

Welcome! If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are. Thank you for praying with us and please feel free to join us as often as you can!

Religious Education: The sessions are in English, on the first and third Sundays of the month from Noon – 1:00pm in our Parish Office Building. **March 4 and 18**

YOUTH PROGRAM for students 10-12 years and 13-18 years **Sunday: March 4 and 11**

Servers' Club/Grupo de Alcolitos **March 11/se reune 11 marzo** Immediately following mass. For students 3rd grade and up. You do not have to be a server to join.

Volunteer Drivers Needed Volunteers are needed to provide rides to and from church so that folks in need can be present for Sunday mass. Would you be willing to assist a family that lives on your way? Please call the office if you can help: 513-921-1044.

Volunteers are needed to help us show kindness to persons in need at the St. Leo Food Pantry: Coordinator for Fridays, noon-4/4:30, to act as point person for other volunteers. **Assistant Administrator** about 9-12 hours a week, to tend to ordering, organizing the inventory, and conveying to coordinators/volunteers what's up. Please call at 513-921-1044.

St. John the Baptist Church in Harrison will be offering **Prayer in the Spirit of Taize' on March 9th at 7:30pm.** Come for an hour of song, scripture and meditation. This powerful form of prayer quiets our restless hearts, in order that we may be better attuned to the still small voice of God that speaks to us each day. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 5009 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, OH 45030

St. Clement Parish/School invites you to attend their next **Super Bingo scheduled for Saturday, March 17th.** There will be \$6,000 in total bingo pay-out along with thousands more given away in instants, split-the-pot, raffles, and door prizes. Cafeteria **doors open at 10:30 a.m. and games begin at 1 p.m.** Location: 4534 Vine Street, St. Bernard. All profits to benefit the students.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! 4 or 5 or 6 volunteers are needed to fold, tab and label our monthly newsletter. Usually needed the third week of the month for 3-4 hours if 3 or 4 people help out. The more hands, the faster the job gets done! Call Casey at 513-921-1044 ext. 30

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