

# St. Leo The Great Parish

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Welcome to everyone and everyone is welcome at St. Leo and especially to the Church that God is continuing to build. 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 are able.

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. James R. Schutte, Pastor

Stephanie Sepate, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator

Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate

Casey Betz, Development Director

Mary Beth Basch, Parish Nurse

Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister

Obed Nkuriragenda, Burundi Interpreter/Community Health Worker

Luz Ruvalcaba-Alvarez, Hispanic Interpreter/Community Health Worker

Burundi Ministry: contact Parish Office ~ Hispanic Ministry: contact Parish Office

## **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, April 14** – 6:30 pm Mass Intention for the people of the parish; Readings: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

**Sunday, April 15**– 10:30am Mass, **Third Sunday of Easter**  
Mass Intention for Anna Mae Bruser;  
Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

**Monday, April 16** – No Service,  
Readings: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

**Tuesday, April 17** – No Service.  
Readings: Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35

**Wednesday, April 18** – No Service.  
Readings: Acts 58:1-8; John 6:35-40

**Thursday, April 19** – 7:00pm Mass  
Mass Intention for Repose of the soul of Geraldine "Gerry" Burke  
Readings: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

**Friday, April 20** – No Service.  
Readings: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

**Saturday, April 21** – 6:30 pm Mass Intention for the people of the parish; Readings: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

**Sunday, April 22**– 10:30am Mass, **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Mass Intention for Virginia and John Gahl  
Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 15**

*Lectors* – Laurence, Marcelline  
*Distributors* –Ivy P., Simeon, Carlos M., Rosaria B., Laura O.  
*Servers* – Elias, Jocelin B.

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 22**

*Lectors* – Mawo, Yvone  
*Distributors* – Myles, Epiphanie, Berlamino T., Berta M., Jon T.  
*Servers* – Stanilaus, Jefferson B.

**ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY**

**Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm**  
**Pantry Requirements:** Serving North Fairmount, English Woods, Roll Hill Apts., and Millvale once every 30 days. See website: [www.saint-leo.org](http://www.saint-leo.org) or call (513-921-1044) to see if your street is covered. To meet St. Leo's Acts of Mercy pantry donor guidelines, current proof of residence (Duke or telephone bill), photo ID & Social Security Cards for all members of household must be presented at each visit.

**ESL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!**

Thursdays, 9:30am – 12:30pm.  
Saturdays, 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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**ANGELS' ARMS STORE**, 1882 Baltimore Ave. Both accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. Open 9:00-4:00pm, Monday-Friday. Call Linda Klems at 623-9897.

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**Facebook:** St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

**St. Leo's YouTube Channel:** [StLeoTheGreatParish](http://StLeoTheGreatParish)



**YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!**

Collection for April 8: \$1,356.50

Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

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**Make a long lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Leo the Great Church in your Will. For more information contact Casey Betz at 513-921-1044 ext. 30.**

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISH PARTNERS**

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

**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**

They recognized him in the breaking of the bread. How do I recognize Jesus? Am I being called to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

**LET US PRAY**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- April 15**                      Wedding  
Catholic Relief Services Collection
- April 22**                      Parish Council, immediately after Mass  
Youth Group
- April 29**                      Youth Group

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.com](mailto:cbetzstleo@aol.com)

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## Third Sunday of Easter – April 15, 2018

### From Fr. Jim . . .

**The language of Resurrection:** I continue to marvel at how the Word of God has been made flesh and dwells among us. I continue to marvel at the presence of the risen Savior alive in our midst. I continue to marvel at how all creation is filled with the grandeur of God and how the ordinary becomes extraordinary and the physical and material points to and reminds one of the spiritual. The secular becomes sacred and the Spirit of God is imbued in all of creation, saved by the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In the common and the ordinary, I hear God's words loud and clear. The flowers in my gardens are popping up. The colors are bright and beautiful. The plants are maturing; new leaves are appearing among the dead ones. The dead of winter is being replaced and life is abundant.


As donations are delivered to our food pantry and people line up to be served and volunteers are busy answering calls; as a teary eyed woman smiled and gave thanks for the bus fair that she received; as prisons are being visited, and shut-ins are brought Holy Communion; as we continue to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, God's word is spoken and the presence of the risen one is in our midst. "Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty or naked and feed you, give you drink and clothe you? When did we visit you or welcome you? Whatever you do to these least ones, you do to me." Yes he is truly risen. He is alive and present in our midst and the power of his risen life and love in us and through us still conquers sin and death, today.

All throughout this Easter Season, we are especially blessed to be celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation. The language of the Resurrection is always clear and evident when the church of God celebrates the Sacraments. Especially with the Eucharist, all of us are nourished and alive with the Spirit of the Risen Christ. It is evident that we are growing as God's body, the church, and we are becoming one as the parish of St. Leo. It is obvious that the Lord is bringing us together to do his work and to share his love that shows no partiality and welcomes everyone. The Word of God once more is spoken, "The commandment I give you is this: love one another as I have loved you."

And then there is my wonderful dog, Clancy. Even when I can't see him, I can always hear him especially when he is thirsty. The sounds of "Slurp, Slurp, Slurp, Slush, Slush, and Slurp" echoes loudly throughout the house. When it comes to drinking, Clancy is not bashful nor does he approach timidly. When I hear these sounds, I immediately think of what our attitude needs to be when we approach the waters of our Baptism. I remember the beautiful image of the Church of God renewing Baptismal Promises at the Easter Vigil and those who were baptized. I think of all who are about to be baptized on these Sundays in Easter. I think of those who sign themselves from the baptistery or the holy water fonts on Sunday and again I hear the Word of God spoken. "Let all who are thirsty come to the water... Come and drink...without cost."

How is the presence of the risen Christ and the Spirit of God in your midst? How is the language of resurrection being spoken to you? How are you learning to speak it? How are you living it? This is the day the Lord has made. Let us all rejoice and be glad!


**Congratulations** to Juan Sanchez Juarez and Norma Reynoso Perez who are celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony today (Sunday) at our 10:30 liturgy. Juan and Norma are very involved with the life of the parish and they understand and appreciate the importance of the community and its value for supporting them in ministering the Sacrament to each other for the rest of their lives. We are all invited to the parish reception immediately after Mass in the church basement.


**YOUTH PROGRAM**  
for students 10-12 years and 13-18 years  
Sunday: April 8, 22 and 29, May 6

**The St. Leo Food Pantry Needs Your Help!**  
**Please Support St. Leo Church Food Pantry at the 2018 Hunger Walk. Join us on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Hunger Walk and 5K Run. This is our major fundraiser for the entire year, so **YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US!**

**JOIN OUR TEAM:**  
<http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-join>  
**DONATE TO OUR TEAM:**  
<http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-donate>

Registration forms are also available in the back of church.

 **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.

**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

**Golden Anniversary Mass 2018** Married couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2018 are invited to attend a Golden Anniversary Mass, Aug. 4, 2018, 4:30pm, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant.

**Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary,** (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2018 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. Visit the Office for Marriage & Family Life at [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org) or call 513-421-3131 ext. 2621 before June 22<sup>nd</sup> to request your certificate.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION, April 14 and 15.** CRS works with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture and access affordable health care.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is teaming up with Couple to Couple League to host a family conference that celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*. Mark your calendars to for **July 6-7, 2018** at the Sharonville /convention Center for **"Families, become what you are!"** Great speakers, including Christopher West and Janet Smith; Spanish track; full programming for children; Family Fun Day on Friday afternoon; family concert on Friday evening; daily Mass, Adoration. Visit [www.cclconvention.com](http://www.cclconvention.com) to register.



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