

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, March 16** – 6:00pm Mass;  
 Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;  
 Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday, March 17** – 10:30am Mass;  
 Mass Intention for Barbara Schmidt;  
 Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18;  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-30

**Monday, March 18** – No Service.  
 Readings: Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38

**Tuesday, March 19** – No Service  
 Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
 Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

**Wednesday, March 20** – No Service  
 Readings: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

**Thursday, March 21** – 7:00pm Mass;  
 Mass Intention for Francis Massarella  
 Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

**Friday, March 22** – No Service; **7:00pm Way of the Cross**  
 Readings: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday, March 23** – 6:00pm Mass;  
 Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;  
 Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday, March 24** – 10:30am Mass;  
 Mass Intention for Jim and Helen Gangloff;  
 Readings: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;  
 Luke 13:1-9

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 17**  
*Lectors* – Tom M., Albert  
*Distributors* – Mark, Epiphane, Berlamino, Berta, Kate  
*Servers* – Mawo, Paloma, Estrella

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 24**  
*Lectors* – Jon T., Theo  
*Distributors* – Laura, Claudette, Eulalia, Amanda V., Michael  
*Servers* – Irving, Patience, Benediction



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

Collection for March 10: \$7,341.85  
 Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

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**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 Pastoral Care Staff.

**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**

What tempts us away from the reign of God? Try this week to live as an example for the young people in your life. Let them see the rewards of living by the Good Spirit. Encourage them in their discernment with your prayers and support.

**LET US PRAY**

Jesus, help me to share in your mission to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed.

**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. **Plan ahead: Children must be supervised while at our Food Pantry.**

**Important Dates to Remember**

<b>March 17</b>	High School Youth Meeting
<b>March 19</b>	The Light Is On For You, 7-9:00pm
<b>March 24</b>	Middle School Youth Field Trip
<b>March 29-30</b>	High School Retreat
<b>Fridays of Lent</b>	Stations 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.com](mailto:cbetzstleo@aol.com)

**ESL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!**  
 Saturdays, 10:00 – Noon

**COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS**  
 North Fairmount Community Center/Referral Services:  
 Linda Klems: 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

**ANGELS' ARMS STORE**, 1882 Baltimore Ave. Accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. Open Mon-Wed-Fri 9-3:00 and Tues-Thurs. 10-3:00. All Items Free! Call Linda Klems at 623-9897.

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## Second Sunday in Lent - March 17, 2019

### From Fr. Jim . . .

Traditionally, Lent calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In these ways we align ourselves more according to God's ways and we depend more on God's grace and we can become less dependent on the ways of the world and secular attitudes. Also, we become strengthened to say no to sin and temptation. As Ash Wednesday reminds us and the Gospel from last Sunday: "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

I want to highlight some opportunities for almsgiving or works of charity during Lent that we are being asked to consider doing with all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. One opportunity is the Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA). You have received in the mail an invitation from Archbishop Schnurr to participate in this appeal and to pray about what level of response you want to participate.

Today we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord. As the Lord was transfigured before the eyes of the Apostles, so shall we be transfigured and share in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Paschal Mystery of the Lord is definitely about transforming our lives into sharing the glory of the Lord. The church, in the image of Christ, is likewise about transforming lives and helping all God's people move in the direction of the kingdom of heaven.

The CMA is about transforming lives. Our pledges to the CMA put food on the table for hungry families through Catholic Charities and social services. We help others hear the call to priesthood through vocational outreach and support the education of seminarians, deacons, and lay ministers at the Athenaeum/Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. We assure that chaplains will bring God's presence on college campuses, in hospitals, and in prisons. We bring hope to children with communication difficulties, and their families, at St. Rita School for the Deaf, and we provide continuing support for our retired archdiocesan priests who generously serve us all their lives. Our pledges will help fund new initiatives to encourage young Catholics to more fully engage themselves in the life of the Church, and to reach out to those who have drifted away from the Church.

Also, this is a good time to continue your pledge to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's One Faith, One Hope, One Love capital campaign. Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Retired Fund for Priests and Catholic Social Services are included as beneficiaries in this campaign as they are in the CMA but the majority of the funds in this campaign will be for Catholic education and Catholic Schools, specifically to create affordable tuition rates for anyone who is seeking a Catholic education. There are many good causes that this fund supports.

St. Leo, for many years has participated in Operation Rice Bowl. We are again this year. Information and donation boxes are at the doors of church. This is an almsgiving exercise that the whole family can do together.

Also, as I mentioned in the homily last week, please try to identify a major temptation in your personal life that could be destructive to you and/or to your family. Focus your energy on it this Lent and pray for a change in your attitude to resist the temptation. Stay in and with the Lord in this and share the victory of God's love and presence over sin and death. Can you also name a temptation against the "diversity in unity" that characterizes our parish? Are there any jealousies, judgements, prejudices, fears, concerns that could be destructive to our unity as a parish? How can we, as a parish community, stay together with the Lord and in the Lord to address these concerns and continue to be a place and a home that welcomes all people?

I encourage everyone to participate in some forms of prayer, fasting and works of charity. Let's celebrate the power of God's love over sin and death and grow deeper in our relationship with the Lord and each other. What transforming love we have been given and such transforming love we can share!

Many, many thanks to our Food Pantry  
Monthly Overhead Sponsor for March  
John and Colleen Gerke



Confirmation Meeting: April 7



#### YOUTH PROGRAM

March 17: High School  
Middle School Field Trip  
March 29-30 High School Retreat



#### Stations of the Cross:

7:00pm, all Fridays during Lent,  
except Good Friday.



**More Than a Birdbath Statue!** The St. John the Baptist Province of the Friars Minor and the Holy Trinity Region of the Secular Franciscans are co-hosting a showing of *Sign of Contradiction*, a new documentary film on St. Francis of Assisi. This film presents St. Francis as a real person, not a caricature

of an animal-loving saint from a distant time. A free-will offering to support the St. Francis Seraph Ministries will be accepted. A light reception and conversation about St. Francis will be held immediately after the film. **March 17, 2019; 3:00 P.M., Roger Bacon High School Fine Arts Center 4320 Vine St. Cincinnati, OH**

Santa Maria Community Services **Spring Health Fair, Sat., Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> 12-3PM, Price Hill Recreation Center, 959 Hawthorne Avenue, Free Health Screenings!** A1C, Blood Pressure, BMI, Cholesterol, Dental, Depression, Glucose, Hearing, Pregnancy tests, Prostate cancer, STI, Vision and More. Food! Prizes! Family Friendly. For more info or to schedule a mammogram call 513-557-7249.

**LENTEN REMINDERS** – FAST AND ABSTINENCE Ash Wednesday, March 6 and Good Friday, April 19, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252). "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind." (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110)

With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. To paraphrase Pope John Paul II: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

Love to play bingo? If so, St. Clement Parish/School invites you to attend their next Super Bingo scheduled for Saturday, March 30th. 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 10:00 a.m. and games begin at 1 p.m. Location: 4534 Vine Street, St. Bernard. All profits to benefit the students. Hope to see you there!