



From Fr. Jim . . .



**Next Sunday is the Feast of the Ascension:** Some of you may remember that we used to celebrate this Feast on the Thursday before the Seventh Sunday of Easter as a Holy Day of Obligation. A number of years ago, the Bishops decided that this Feast could be moved to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This allows more of the faithful to celebrate this feast as part of one's Sunday obligation and it also keeps the Feast connected to the one event of Jesus' dying, rising, the descent of the Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost and his Ascension into heaven. It reinforces our belief that if we die with the Lord, we too will rise with him and our bodies eventually will, too. We are truly an Easter people and Alleluia is our song. What signs of this promise from God to us are we able to see now as we journey through this world to the next one? How is God lifting us up, raising us up over sin and death now? From what are we able to ascend now? Does keeping our minds and hearts focused on the "higher things" help us realize this promise now?



**Another Advocate,** the Holy Spirit is coming who will teach us everything and remind us of everything that Jesus has taught us. Traditionally from the Thursday before the Seventh Sunday of Easter (The Feast of the Ascension) until Pentecost Sunday, Christians prayed a novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Feast of Pentecost, inviting the Spirit to enter our hearts and create us anew. Can we pray for our parish and the church throughout the world asking for understanding, right counsel, and peace and to be set on fire with all the Spirit's virtues to live and proclaim God's merciful love? "Come Holy Spirit, come. Fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit so that we may be created and you may renew the face of the earth!" Amen. Alleluia!

**A Gentile Reminder for parents** to not leave their children unattended especially when using the bathrooms and the rooms in the back of the church. This is for safety reasons and to teach the children how to play respectfully in church. Even with the doors closed loud noise can be disruptive in church. Also, church property and sacred objects should be respected and not used as toys. Jumping off pews can be dangerous, and they are expensive to fix. The big window in each room consists of thick glass but if children bang on it with their hands, the window could break, and someone could get hurt badly. Also, the two rooms in the back of church are equipped with speakers so that parents can still hear the prayers and pray while the children are playing quietly and respectfully. Thanks everyone for your understanding and cooperation in these matters.



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**SPONSOR A STUDENT:** St. Leo's Youth Group would like to join the Hunger Walk, but some of our students can't afford the registration fee. Please consider a \$20 sponsorship to allow one of our Youth to participate. If you are willing, please send a \$20 check made out to: St. Leo the Great Church with the note: Youth Group Hunger Walk Sponsorship. Mail to: St. Leo the Great Church, 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225

**Saturday, June 8, Eve of Pentecost,** our Guatemalan community invites the entire parish to attend a prayer meeting. Translation devices will be provided.

**Blessing of St. Leo's Stained Glass Windows Sunday, June 9.** A reception and light refreshments will follow in Centennial Hall after 10:30 am Mass.

**Guatemalan Film Festival hosted at St. Leo's, Friday, June 14:** 1-4:00 pm, Workshops; 6-7:00 pm, Reception, Food by the bites; 7:00 pm, *Voice of A Mountain*, by Erik Nj Allen, film screening and special artist talk

**Saturday, June 15:** 12:00 pm, Cafe opens; 1-4:00 pm Workshops; 6:00 pm, *500 Years*, film screening and discussion worksheet  
**Register at CincinnatiFilm.org**, On sale date April 22nd. Exact time of workshops tba. For questions go to [info@cincinnatifilmsociety.org](mailto:info@cincinnatifilmsociety.org)

**June 16<sup>th</sup>: Fr. Jim's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood Celebration Mass and reception.**

Looking for something worthy to do? Need a little excitement in your life? Looking for a new challenge? Do you have a spouse/partner/friend that you would like to share the job with? That's fine too! **St. Leo Food Pantry is seeking a VOLUNTEER assistant administrator**, 9-12 hours/week, Mon. Wed. and Fri. afternoons, to manage inventory control and onsite volunteer communications. Now that our procedures are well established and skillfully run, we need someone to help oversee and maintain operations. If you (and a teammate) are interested, please contact Stephanie Sepate, Pantry Administrator, at 513-921-1044 ext. 20

McCauley Convent is currently looking for Nurse Aides to care for our retired Sisters. We have a part-time 10PM-6:30AM every other weekend position, as well as "as needed" positions to fill in for all shifts. Previous experience preferred but no required. If interested, please call Sister Judy Gradel at (513) 681-2100.

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bible Institute**, Friday July 26 – Friday, August 2 at Xavier University Campus. It is a one of a kind conference that offers to make you a powerful disciple of Christ. Web registration is available at [www.presentationministries.com](http://www.presentationministries.com) and click on the tab 'Bible Institute' or call at 513-922-0923. Deadline for meals and lodging is July 3, 2018.