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
Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister

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.

EUCHARIST

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

<u>BAPTISMS</u>: Call three weeks in advance <u>WEDDINGS</u>: Call six months in advance

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: ages 4 to completion of 2nd grade/First Communion, year-round, during Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 28 -No Service;

Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 29 – 10:30am Mass; 5th Sunday of Lent

Mass Intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Monday, March 30 – No Service;

Readings: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31 – No Service;

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-20

Wednesday, April 1 – No Service;

Readings: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2 - No Service;

Readings: Genesis 17:5-9; John 8:51-59

Friday, April 3- No Service.

Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Saturday, April 4 -No Service;

Readings: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 <u>Sunday, April 5</u> – 10:30am Mass; <u>Palm Sunday</u>

Mass Intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 29

Lectors – Distributors –

Servers -

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 5

Lectors -

Distributors -

Servers -

Communion Distributors please place a hand on the shoulder or on the head of those who approach at communion who cross their arms across their chest and say, "God bless you and God be with you."

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 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. New rules for the protection and safety of the guests and workers will be enforced until further notice.

- Call 921-1044 each day to be certain the pantry is open.
- You will be expected to wait outside.
- NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE PANTRY, unless they are in a carrier.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!

Canceled until further notice.

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS North Fairmount Community

Center/Referral Services: Linda Klems: 513-921-5842 Housing: 513-921-5889; Literary Network: 513-621-7323 Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500

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

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<u>VISIT US!</u> <u>St. Leo's website:</u> www.saint-leo.org <u>Facebook:</u> St. Leo the Great Catholic Church St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeotheGreatParish



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

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https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards Enter St. Leo's #KC265 or search for St. Leo the Great Church.

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.

Do you need to take a Minimum Required Distribution from your IRA? Please consider a tax-deductible gift to St. Leo's.

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

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 Price Hill Will.

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

We should like to see Jesus. Where and how do we see Jesus? Pray for a clear vision of Jesus in the Body of Christ that surrounds us: in the poor, the outcast, and the suffering. Pray for the grace to stand with them.

LET US PRAY

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, you Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Important Dates to Remember

All events, meetings, classes canceled until further notice.

Join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am on Facebook at: Grupo Hispana St Leo

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

To 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://saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx

5th Sunday of Lent - March 29, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .



This is a powerful gospel story that helps us examine our lives in order to stay in step with the movement of grace and conversion. It offers us assistance as we try to live more in the image of Christ and allow our Lenten observances to help us "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

What moves you the most about this wonderful story? There is so much that invites each of us to ongoing conversion. Some of my favorites are:

"Lazarus, come out!" Can you hear the Lord calling you to come out from a tomb or a dark place in your life that has the power to either take life away from you or deny life from you altogether? Where might you be dead and how does the Lord want to turn this around by calling you to freedom and life? Addictions, bad behavior, selfishness?

"Untie him and let him go." From what is the call to live more with grace and God's unconditional love untying you and setting you free? As the season of Lent comes to a close, how have you turned away from sin and become more faithful to the Lord? Do forgiveness or offering and receiving mercy help? Does living more faithfully with any of the virtues or gifts of the Spirit help? Does giving thanks for second chances help? Does praising God for God's presence and love help?

"I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe this?" Are you getting ready to renew your baptismal promises at Easter? Can you say, with Martha, that you really believe that Christ is the Son of God? Are you willing to live more as an Easter people with Alleluia as your song? Does participating in the Eucharist fully and completely, believing in the real presence of Christ and living in the image of Christ, as the Body of Christ in the world, help? How is your faith increasing and growing? How can you give better witness and respond more with your life – all of your soul, mind and strength?

An Official Announcement: Effective July 1, 2020, Archbishop Schnurr with the recommendation of the Priest's Personnel Board has appointed me Pastor of St. Boniface Church in Northside while continuing as Pastor of St. Leo the Great Church. The former pastor of St. Boniface, Fr. Joe Robinson, has retired. Interestingly I served as Fr Joe's Associate Pastor from 1983 to 1986 when Fr. Joe was pastor at St. Columban in Loveland. St. Boniface is a neighbor to us here at St. Leo and I am happy to help them as Pastor while continuing to remain at St. Leo as Pastor.

Some of our children attend St. Boniface School. Also, effective July 1, 2020, Mrs. Angela Heisel will be the new principal. I have met her, and she is very excited to be the principal and I believe she will be a wonderful addition to the St. Boniface parish family.

Please stay safe and healthy. Let us keep praying for each other during these days.



CRS Rice Bowl Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the

work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for March Generous Anonymous Donor

A letter from Archbishop Schnurr:

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We find ourselves in a time of confusion, fear, and tension. The range of thoughts and concerns which weigh upon each of us is vast, knowing that the pattern of our lives has quickly become very different than it was mere days ago. In the midst of all of this uncertainty, the Catholic bishops in the state of Ohio, in consultation with the Governor and public health officials, have made the very painful decision to suspend the celebration of all public Masses throughout Ohio at least through Holy Week and Easter...

Read the entire letter on our website:

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/

All events, classes, and meetings at St. Leo's are canceled through Easter.

Join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am on Facebook at: Grupo Hispana St Leo You can live stream mass at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish at:

Or at St. Peter In Chains Cathedral at:

You are invited to visit St. Leo Church to pray in the sanctuary, or to use the computers in Centennial Hall by appointment only. Fr. Jim is happy to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only.

Please the call the office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10:00am and 1:30pm to make your appointment.

You can read the Sunday bulletin at:

www.saint-leo.org/Pulications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can read Fr. Jim's letter at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

You can make your Sunday Offering at:

www.saint-leo.org/DonateNow

or, you can drop off your Sunday Offering in the slot in the back door of the rectory, or you can mail your Sunday offering to: St. Leo the Great Church 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225.

For more information: visit our website at: www.saint-leo.org
Or visit our Facebook page at: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

We are taking all necessary precautions to keep our Food Pantry
functioning in a healthy and safe environment.

Food Pantry hours are Mon. Wed. and Fri. 1 to 3:30pm

Parish members are encouraged to visit the pantry if needed.

New Rules at the Food Pantry

Special considerations have been implemented at the Food Pantry.

- Call 921-1044 each day to be certain the pantry is open.
- You will be expected to wait outside.

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 NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE PANTRY, unless they are in a carrier.

We are looking for a secretary/clerk for the office to begin as soon as possible. Hours are 2 or 3 days a week, 9am-3pm, answering phones and working on office projects involving computer/typing and some bookkeeping. Since the hours will be less than 20 per week, the position does not include benefits. It is an opportunity to be involved directly in the mission of St. Leo's. If you or anyone you know is interested, please send information to stleocinti@aol.com or call Stephanie at 921-1044x20.



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