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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.

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

BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance

WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 7 – 6:30 pm Mass Intention for the people of the parish; Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 8– 10:30am Mass, **Second Sunday of Easter**

2:00pm Confirmation/First Eucharist

Mass Intention for Florence Lander

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Monday, April 9 – No Service, **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**, Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;

Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 10 – No Service.

Readings: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15

Wednesday, April 11 – No Service.

Readings: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 12 – No Service

Readings: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

Friday, April 13 – No Service.

Readings: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

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

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 8

Lectors – John H., Agrippine

Distributors – Jon T., Pierre, Edgar V., Hector E., Mark S.

Servers – Aimable, Yesenira N.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 15

Lectors – Laurence, Marceline

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Servers – Elias, Jocelin 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 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

 **HELPING HANDS STORE** 2568 Beekman St, 45225, at the corner of Beekman and Dempsey, and

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.

VISIT US! **St. Leo's website:** www.Saint-Leo.org

Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeoTheGreatParish



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Collection for April 1: \$3,399.56

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. John's Westminster Union Church.

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

Blessed are they who have not seen, yet believe. What will it take for me to respond to God's call to priesthood or religious life?

LET US PRAY

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 8** Confirmation/First Eucharist, 2:00pm
Youth Group
- April 15** Wedding
Catholic Relief Services Collection
- April 22** Parish Council, immediately after Mass
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

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Second Sunday of Easter - April 8, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .

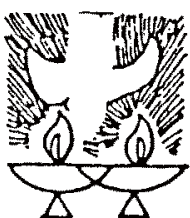
There is an old and favorite story that I like to tell and I am sure that many of you have heard me tell it before. It is especially good to tell during the Easter Season. Once there was a mother mouse and she was lining up her brood to take them out into the house through their mouse hole in the wall for the first time. As they go marching out, the house cat that appeared to be sleeping opens one eye and raises one paw. Immediately and instinctively the mother mouse sat back on her haunches and she BARKED! It was louder than any dog could produce and the cat went scurrying away. The mother mouse turns to her brood and says, "You see it pays to know a second language!" The mice continued on their journey in safety.

When it comes to sin and death and journeying in this world to the next one it pays everyone to know well the language of the resurrection. In the readings for the Easter season, we hear the risen Christ teach the apostles, disciples and all creation how to speak this language. The risen Christ speaks this language when he offers the frightened apostles peace and tells them not to be afraid. He speaks it to Thomas when he tells him to touch his wounds and to know that he is risen and alive and to believe in him. He speaks it when he tells the disciples to "Receive the Holy Spirit" and to forgive sin. The language of the resurrection is truly spoken with the virtues of the Holy Spirit as these virtues permeate all of God's creation and fill the hearts of all the faithful. It pays us to know the Lord's language of the Resurrection because this language sent death scurrying away and it keeps death in its place, takes its sting away and diminishes its power over the world. It conquers death and offers eternal life. Jesus speaks this language and he, himself, is the language. It pays us all well to know the Risen Christ.



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. God's mercy is the language of Lent and it speaks the language of the Resurrection incredibly well also. Psalm 118, today's responsorial psalm sums this up well. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say, "His mercy endures forever." ...The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; Let us be glad and rejoice in it. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

And the one simple word that the Church uses that speaks strongly of the Lord's language of resurrection is ALLELUIA! We are truly a people of the Resurrection and Alleluia is our song. Let us join with all of God's creation and with all the saints around the heavenly kingdom and sing it loud and clear. Let us pray that we will learn the language of the resurrection better during these fifty days of Easter. As I have learned from trying to speak Spanish, if I don't use it and keep trying to speak it then I will lose it! Have fun practicing resurrection, speaking its language and rejoicing in the fullness of God's life and love for us all. It truly pays us all to know the risen Lord!



The Sacrament of Confirmation: Please remember in your prayers the 47 parishioners who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at a special Mass today (Sunday), 2pm, here at St. Leo. Receiving and living the sacraments of the church is a great way to learn the language of Resurrection. Congratulations to all.

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



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

Santa Maria Community Services Family Health Fair. Sun., April 8th 12-3:00pm at Price Hill Recreation Center at 959 Hawthorne Ave, 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 info call 513-557-7249.

Golden Anniversary Mass 2018 Married couples celebrating their 50th 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. Schnutt, 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 or call 513-421-3131 ext. 2621 before June 22nd 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.



Support St. Leo Church Pantry at the 2018 Hunger Walk Join us on Monday, May 28th for the 15th annual Hunger Walk and 5K Run!

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

TEAM: <http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-donate> Registration forms are also available in the back of church.

Experience Jesus' love at the **HEALING SERVICE with MASS on Wed, April 4, 2018 at 7:30 pm** in St. Ignatius Church, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio. You can receive prayer for yourself or your loved ones. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more info call 513-471-LITE (5483) or visit www.LRC1.org



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