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.

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 22 - 6:00pm Mass; Mass Intention for the people of the parish; Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49;

Sunday, September 23 – 10:30am Mass, 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass Intention for World Justice and Peace;

Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

Monday, September 24 – No Service.

Readings: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18 Tuesday, September 25 - No Service.

Readings: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 26 - No Service Readings: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 27 – 7:00pm Mass; Mass Intention for Vivian Tillman; Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 28 - No Service.

Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 29 – 6:00pm Mass; Mass Intention for the people of the parish; Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 John 1:47-51

Sunday, September 30 – 10:30am Mass, 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass Intention for those who are sick or suffering; Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 23

Lectors - Diane, Yvone

Distributors – Mark S., Epiphanie, Hilda L., Juan B., Shirley Servers - Beata, Dandy

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 30

Lectors – Jon T., Theo

Distributors - Kate, Claudette, Berta M., Marina S., Ivy P. Servers – Therese, Angelica

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

ESL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!

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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Collection for September 16: \$1,772.66

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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 Shiloh United Methodist.

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 neither live nor die as ruler of our own lives. That is a scary, but freeing thought. What does God free us from? What does God free us for?

LET US PRAY

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 4 Exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following Mass until 9:00pm

October 7 Confirmation Classes begin

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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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 23, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .

"As a nation, we are in a critical moment of defining who we want to be moving forward and the Catholic community has an important responsibility in helping to speak out for justice." This is the message that I brought home with me when I visited the border in El Paso, Texas and I celebrated an interfaith prayer service with some immigrants, priests and religious leaders of all faiths and denominations with the Catholic Bishop of El Paso.

I was invited to come and meet Jesus at the border and there is no doubt in my mind and heart that Jesus is who I met. I met the Lord in stories of more than 500 immigrant children who were ripped from their parents' arms and are still separated, including 23 under the age of five. I hear the Lord in the tears of the parents of a toddler who died after being released from a government detention facility in Texas. I see the Lord in the stories I heard about psychologically wounded children being returned to their families, frightened to be hugged and lovingly united with their parents. This is the same Lord that I meet each time I hear about ICE performing raids on communities and workplaces throughout our country including Covington, Kentucky.

Parents are suddenly not returning home from work. This cloud of fear and darkness hangs low over immigrant families in Cincinnati and throughout Ohio as real possibilities to be the next targets. With the zero-tolerance policy in effect, immigrants are being dehumanized, criminalized, and demonized. But in it all, the Lord remains ever so present asking us, "As a nation, is this who we want to be?" Softly I hear, and I am reminded that "whatever we do to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do to Him."

Also, I met the Lord, at the border, in the universal church that is impelled and empowered to speak out against the injustices to and the inhumane treatment of immigrant families. The church's voice is the Lord's voice for the voice of the immigrant who has been silenced and denied. The immigrant has no voice if it is not for the universal church, all faith-based communities and faith-filled people speaking out for them, caring for them, and treating them with the human dignity and respect that they deserve.

There are places such as Annunciation House and La Casa del Inmigrante who receive immigrants who have been released from detention camps to be joined with their families or who have been deported to Mexico. When deported to Mexico, caregivers help them find jobs and give them a safe place to stay. At Annunciation House, caregivers provide legal resources and medical help and try to create a more human environment and healthy family atmosphere until they are deported as a family. Here, I met the Lord loving beyond conditions with compassion, and solidarity, and trying to forgive, heal, redeem and renew. Here, I heard the Lord ask again, "As a nation, is this who we want to be?" and I heard, as church this is who we must be." Again, I am reminded that "whatever we do to the least of my brothers and sisters, we do to Him."

When I visited families of parishioner families in Guatemala this past June, the parents and grandparents of our parishioners implored us to keep working for comprehensive immigration reform and they wanted all of us to know that their children are not criminals. I heard this at the same time the first group of detainee children were torn from their families at the border. I had no response but to promise them that we will keep trying to care for their children as if they were our own and in the way that they would love them. I've been to the border and I believe that as a nation we are in a defining moment of who we want to be and the Catholic community with the universal church, has an important responsibility in helping to speak out for justice, to declare that families belong together, that immigration detention is not a solution to family separation, and to continue to care for the immigrant in the way of Christ. *ଵ*ଊ୕ୢ୶ଊ୶ଡ଼୶ଡ଼୶ଡ଼୕୶ଡ଼୶ଡ଼୶ଡ଼୶ଡ଼୶ଡ଼୶ଡ଼୶ଡ଼୶ଡ଼୶ଡ଼୶



Do you or someone in your family need to be confirmed or would you like to help with preparing persons for Confirmation? Classes will be held once a month after Sunday Mass.

Contact Angela Anno alannoleo@aol.com or Judie Kuhlman judiekuhlman@gmail.com for more information.

Do You Like Things Neat and Tidy? Looking for a way to help out at St. Leo's? Volunteer Needed: 3-4 hours a week to keep the rectory clean and presentable, including cleaning the restrooms and kitchen, vacuuming and dusting the

offices and meeting spaces. If you are interested, please call 513-921-1044 ext. 20.

Volunteers are needed to help us show kindness to persons in need at the St. Leo Food Pantry: Coordinator for Fridays, noon-4:00, 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. Volunteers are especially needed to help out on Wednesdays and Fridays. To participate in any of these volunteer opportunities, please call at 513-921-1044!

Do you want to know Christ more personally? The Seminar is a life-transforming experience where you will discover Christ's personal and unconditional love for YOU. Listen to dynamic teachings to help you experience Christ personally and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Five consecutive Wed. evenings from 7 – 9 pm at St. Ignatius Parish in Hilvert Center, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45247. For more info or to register call Mary Ann at 513-378-4431 or Lighthouse Renewal Center at 513-471-5483. Visit our website at www.LRC1.org or on Facebook

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Fall Craft Fair, St. Antoninus church undercroft, Julmar & Linneman, Saturday, October 27, 2018, 9:00am-2:00pm. Admission \$2.00, Food café available. Wide variety of crafters and vendors.

"The Church is Mother, and her motherly attention is expressed with special tenderness and closeness to those who are obliged to flee their own country and exist between rootlessness and integration. This tension destroys people. Christian compassion—this 'suffering with' compassion—is expressed first of all in the commitment to obtain knowledge of the events that force people to leave their homeland, and where necessary, to give voice to those who cannot manage to make their cry of distress and oppression heard. They are all elements that dehumanize and must push every Christian and the whole community to concrete attention."

—Pope Francis

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