





St. Leo the Great Parish June Newsletter 2018





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Emilio Campos

Congratulations!



Daniel Cimalamungu

Kudos! Great Job! Well Done! Way to Go!



Congratulations, Graduates!

There're lots of gifts and talents in our parish and each year in June we are proud to share the hard work, success, and dreams of our graduates:

Becky Baibak, graduated at the top of her class at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. She hopes to work in Immigration Law.

Jamie Rieger graduated from the University of Chicago with a public policy degree and will be working as an investment banking analyst at Green Hill & Company in Dallas.

Sarah Marie Hill graduated with a BS in applied nutrition and minor and business from Ohio University where she plans to get a master's degree.

Sisters Joseline Habonimana and Solang Ndikumana, graduated from Withrow High school. Both will be attending UC.

Sandra Usanase, will graduated from Mother of Mercy and plans to attend Wright State University majoring in health communication.

Esmeralda Campos graduated from Dater High School.

Sean Dwyer graduated from Gamble High School and will be attending the University of Cincinnati.

Nick Schaffield graduated from St. Xavier High school and will attend Hillsdale College in Michigan where he received a scholarship. He also received a scholarship from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Gary Vasquez graduated from Holy Family grade school and will be going to St. Xavier High School.

Jefferson Bernardo graduated from Holy Family and will attend Elder High School.

Joselin Bernardo also graduated from Holy Family and will be attending Cristo Rey High School.

John David Hill graduated from Loveland Middle School and will attend Loveland High School. He has earned the rank of Star in Boy Scouts on his way toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

Elias Nzirubusa graduated from St. Boniface and will attend Cristo Rey.

Daniel Cimalamungu and **Stanislaus Masumbuko** graduated from Roselawn –Condon grade school. High school plans are not set yet.

Emilio Campos graduated from Midway School and will continue his studies at St. Boniface.



Because of You . . .

St. Leo's struggle and its gift is its poverty. In order to continue and expand its mission and ministry to the community and our immigrant and refugee parishioners we need to reach out to others to help us through prayer, finances, and service. Through God's grace it becomes mutual blessing.

And so we thank you ...



Thank you again and again to the many donors, registered participants and sponsors for our students who supported the 2018 Hunger Walk on behalf of the St. Leo Food Pantry. All donations, registration fees, t-shirt fees and sponsor contributions go directly to our account at the FreeStore FoodBank, which should cover our food expense for the next year. We are deeply grateful.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! The FreeStore Foodbank is accepting donations to support the 2018 Hunger Walk until June 30, 2018. If you haven't yet, you can still help us out. Go to: http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-donate



Many, many thanks to Patrick Rhode, and his donors and volunteers, who made it his Eagle Scout project to make our back door rectory entrance beautiful, inviting and welcoming by cleaning up, fixing up, painting and landscaping the entire area.



Many, many thanks to the donor who provided our much needed utility step stool for the Food Pantry. We are sincerely grateful!



Many, many thanks to the donor who so thoughtfully provided the funds to purchase a new stove for the rectory. The rectory staff truly appreciates your generosity!



Many, many thanks to the donor who responded to our Wish List and provided a small, chest freezer for the use of the St. Leo's youth program.

¡Gracias! Murakoze! Thank You!

We are deeply grateful for your continued and generous support. Our St. Leo the Great parish community promises to remember you and your loved ones in our private prayer, as well as in our communal prayer, which is to say that we are praying for you all the time. May our gracious God fill you with every blessing!

Pastor's Ponderings.

A big concern among advocates for justice for immigrants the way of new life and refugees is taking a mother or father away from their family and who needs them and returning someone to the very danger and opportunities. violence in their home country from which they fled. Although can always depend they may have broken the law, they are not "hard and fast" on our faith and turn criminals. Nor are they a danger and a threat to our country or to God in time of anyone. On the contrary, they can be a hard working provider and need. The Lord hears parent for their family. They can be involved with their parish the cry of the poor! community of faith and very good people. My St. Leo experience is Blessed be God! "I came not teaching me this profound truth.

Many undocumented immigrants have children who are born in the USA and are American citizens by birth. If their parents

are deported, what happens to them? I can't imagine having to decide if my child should stay or not stay in a country from which I am being deported! If the kids stay, what happens to them? I heard a story about an immigrant parent who approached an elderly woman in her faith community and asked her to take her child if she were to be deported. The elderly woman said, "I am so sorry. I would like to but I am just not able. I am too old." The immigrant woman responded that she understood but she the elderly woman to understand why she still had to make the request. She said, "You are the only one I know."

We to condemn but to save," says the

Lord. May the Church of God find clear ways to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ especially for our immigrant and refugee families who are most in need right now.

I am so thankful for all of our

aith is not knowing WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, **BUT KNOWING** who holds the future.

friends, partners, parishioners and the beautiful and wonderful diversity that makes up our parish community. Together, we are making a difference and sharing faith and being Church together makes the biggest difference for us all. We are growing our Sunday Mass attendance. Full to standing room only is a common occurrence at both of our weekend Masses. We have had the most people, adults and children, seek and receive the Sacraments of Initiation Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation or all three together during the entire Easter Season than we have had for a very long time. Our principal that "if we can learn to pray together, we can do

anything together is bearing much fruit.

Much has been taken from our parishioners through the years and there is always the threat that more can be taken. But the one thing that has remained, and we believe always will, is our faith. This faith brings us to the Eucharistic table each week and our celebrations are deep and vibrant because we know how God has truly blessed us with each other and with loving hearts that keep on loving through all diversity and adversity. Although much can be taken, we still have much to give because the Lord came to give us life and to have it in abundance. This is our faith. It is the faith of the Church and we are all proud to profess it in Christ Jesus, Our Lord. Thanks for being Church and sharing your faith with us. Amen. Alleluia!!

— Fr. Jim

Such situations, hardships, divisions and difficulties are enough to convince me that deportation is not the answer for immigration reform. There has to be a better way or other ways. I ask you to join with us in praying for immigration reform and doing whatever you can civilly to stop deportation. Calling and writing your representatives in Congress and joining social action efforts in your parishes and dioceses are still good things to do. This doesn't always seem to me to be effective but one voice when added to voices of others makes for a strong witness. We must keep trying.

Also, it is important to live the Law of Love for everyone right now. Love, kindness, holiness conquers fear and lets us know we are not alone. Love gives us the strength and proper attitude to accept the inevitable and to trust in God for direction and guidance. Love helps us see the good with the bad and points us in

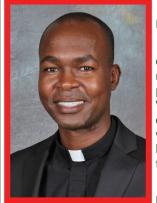
St. Leo's Prayer Wall is a place where all, regardless of age, race or creed, are invited to sing God's praises, give Him thanks, and/or call upon His presence for help in times of need. The wall, a place of prayer for all peoples (much like the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem), captures the faces of the community, as well as peacemakers and saints who have inspired us through the ages.



The Wall is a place for staff and volunteers, youth groups, community meetings, and for individuals who pass through our parking lot on the way to work, school, etc., to pray, reflect and pause. We invite you to share in this special way of prayer, joy, and thanksgiving. Praise God!

God cares about every need in your life and knows what you need even before you ask Him for help. Our St. Leo the Great parish community promises to remember you in our private prayer, as well as in our communal prayer, which is to say that we are praying for you all the time.

All prayer requests are held in strictest confidence. Send your prayer request to: Saint Leo the Great Church, 2573 Saint Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225. You can also submit your prayer request online at: http://saint-leo/WorksofMercy/PrayerWallMinistry.aspx.



Dear St. Leo's Family and Friends,

As my internship comes to an end on May 30th, I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to you and to our partner parish, Our Lady of the Visitation. It was an exciting opportunity for me to join you in work, worship, and fellowship. What a blessing this has been to share our lives together, even for just a brief time.

The nine-month internship has proven to be an invaluable

experience for me. You invited into your lives and shared your faith journey with me. I will forever be grateful. So many opportunities have been given to me and, because of your kindness, I learned so much about what it will take for me to continue on the road to priesthood. You have taught me so much that is not written in our seminary books. I believe I will a better priest for knowing you, Fr. Schutte and the staff at St. Leo. I am humbled by your courage and faith in God. I was honored to be welcomed into your homes, to share meals and stories with you. Most of all, I was blessed to worship with you and experience people of many different cultures coming together as real brothers and sisters in Christ. I am grateful that you welcomed my own African culture. It gave me such hope that the gift of community experienced in our parish can, one day, be experienced in the larger world.

I will be visiting my family in Kenya for the month of June. I look forward to sharing with them about my St. Leo family in the US. I'll return to the seminary in the fall but I will be sure to return for a visit. I promise to pray for you, asking our loving God to preserve you in unity and truth. Please pray for me on this journey to priesthood. We are all on that journey to carry on Jesus' mission of sharing Good News. You have shared that Good News with me and others during my internship year. I pray that God will bring us together again.

Ben Lotianga

You Are Invited to Join Us for St. Leo's

CULTURE FEST

Saturday, July 14, 2018.

1:00 - 9:30 pm

6:00 pm Mass

Featuring Music, Munchies, Merriment, and Much More!

Music Provided By Musicians from St. Leo and others.

Featuring a variety of Guatemalan, Mexican and Salvadorian cuisines.

Be daring and try the Fruta with the special seasoning! It's delicious and refreshing.

OUR FESTIVAL ISN'T ABOUT MAKING MONEY FOR THE PARISH. IT IS MAINLY ABOUT BRINGING OUR FAITH AND A SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD INTO OUR PARKING LOT AND THEN ONTO THE STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOOD. IT IS ABOUT INVITING OTHERS TO COME AND GIVE THANKS WITH US AS WE SHARE OUR CULTURES WITH THEM.

Volunteers Needed

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St. Leo's Youth Summer Fun Program

For ages 5-18 years old. June 4, 8, 11. July 9, 13, 23, 27, 30. August 3,6,10. In St. Leo's Centennial Hall. 10am-2pm. Lunch provided. There will be movies, fun in the park, games and activities for the children!

Adults – We need adults to help with the St Leo's summer youth program. You must be 18 years or older and Virtus trained. If you need training please see Judie Kuhlman. Please sign up for one or more days to help with children.

High School Teens! - We need you this summer to help be teen leaders for the Summer Youth program. Sign up to be a teen leader.

Teen Leader Meeting will be on June 3rd following 10:00am Mass.

Contact Judie Kuhlman 513~767~8088 or jdiekuhlman@gamil.com

To receive text updates about St. Leo's Youth activities, send your text to: 81010 and text this message: 88333ee. No one can access your number, it is protected.

Ending or Beginning.

It's that time of year when students don caps and gowns. a commencement—a beginning of a new stage of life? I believe it is original parishioners. both. And we all continue to have these kinds of experience until we take our last breath.

important to do the needed work to grow and move ahead. Jesus and possibly bringing in new housing. Working in Neighborhoods talks about building a house on a good foundation and sowing seed (WIN) has hired a full-time person to collaborate with housing

in fertile soil. Life then is a pattern of both graduations and commencements that invite us to ongoing growth that is exciting though it is sometimes painful and takes us places beyond our comfort zones. We always have the choice to be like the student who complains that he'll never use algebra in "real life" and then shuts down in math class, fails, and learns too late that "real life" does require math. But what opportunities await us if we are willing to do the work and welcome change! Let's look at just a few examples:



palpable.

Just a few years ago St. Leo's food pantry moved into a larger space and had the ability to become a "choice" pantry where patrons are able to choose a specified number of items of food based on family size and the preferences of their families. It was new, different, and uncomfortable for some people. Leaving the old ways that are familiar is always a challenge but can also be opening a door to something new. The pantry building will soon have more space available for programs that will benefit the community. It's exciting to think about the possibilities.

St. Leo's was founded by German and Italian immigrants wrap up classes and tests, say good-bye to school mates and over 130 years ago and those traditions continue to run deep but it teachers and move ahead in different directions. (See the story has also has welcomed immigrants and refugees from Latin America about St. Leo graduates on the front page.) Surely it is a time of and Africa in recent years and is growing and evolving into a transition; but is it a graduation--a completion of achieved goals--or wonderfully diverse community that still has the family spirit of its

The North Fairmount neighborhood is also in the process of renewal with increased community involvement and goals of Each stage of life builds on the one that preceded it and it's improving the current housing stock, rehabbing abandoned houses,

> efforts in North and South Fairmount and English Woods. A previously closed public school is now open as a Spanish language school, and community gardens are springing up in the neighborhood. For the health conscious there is exercise equipment in the Carll Street Park. There is a water park and free lunch there in the summer and it is a great place for families and friends to gather.

> Change, like the sprouting leaves, is "busting out all over." It is exciting and sometimes scary. It can feel like the lump in

Nearly 80 people made the choice to grow in their faith the throat that graduates feel when they don their caps and gowns this Easter season as they came into the church, were baptized, and leave the place where they grew and felt safe for so many received Eucharist, or were confirmed. It took a lot of preparation years. It's not going to be the same, they realize. In fact when they and prayer but the effects of the Spirit at work in them are almost return years later even that building that once seemed such a big part of their lives, will feel smaller, the halls narrower. That place-that experience had grown comfortable though there had been many ups and downs along the years. It was predictable and the next steps whether it would be another school or entering the work force will take them into unknown territory with new demands, new people, and mounting challenges—at least at first. And then the familiar pattern of graduation and commencement will surface and gradually they will realize that all will be well. In fact the best is yet to come.

—Angela Anno

"The Church must be open to change while rejecting a "controlling, hard, and prescriptive" style.

"... It is not useful to search for solutions in conservatism or fundamentalism," the pope said. "We are not living an era of change, but a change of era."

Christian doctrine, he added, "is not a closed system incapable of generating questions, doubts, queries, but it's alive, and able to unsettle, animate." Doctrine, Francis said, "has a face that isn't rigid, a body that moves and develops, it has tender flesh: that of Jesus Christ."





CLANCY'S CLICHÉ'S

It's daybreak. Not many footprints appear on the sandy beach. Doggie footprints mix with one or two other footprints. As the sun rises, more footprints appear down the same sandy path - imprints from so many



people from so many worlds stretching down the shoreline. It seems the beach is teaching the lesson of the many journeys each of us has, yet shows we are really walking together as one and could be stronger and make a real impression.



The beach itself transforms depending on the tide, the trade winds, the weather, and the living creatures visiting the vast shoreline. And just like the beach itself, walking along and stepping into others' footprints can create a sense of journey, of reflection, of following or leading, of understanding, of solidarity, of compassion. We may walk on the same beach yet with a different weight or pattern. Our legs may surprisingly feel the stinging crashing of the wave, startling us out of our reverie, yet those same upsurges will wash anew the path before us. No matter what, we all create impressions and have the power to create change. Our steps move us forward. Perhaps we stop for a moment, letting the sand squish between our toes and disappear into the beach as waves lap at our ankles. The impressions we ourselves make may create a shift in others to do the same. Undoubtedly, a different person emerges from the experience the beach, and what life, has to offer.

Each step is a different impression. Every journey

Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten! - Clancy





Clancy's Cackles

Secause the chicken wasn't born yet!

What do you call two bananas? is jabddils



What kind of hair do oceans have? ihrem



St. Leo Parish and Community Contact Information

Pastor: Rev. James R. Schutte Address: 2573 Saint Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225

Phone: 513-921-1044

Parish Nurse: 513-862-4398 Fax: 513-921-8048

E-Mail: stleocinti@aol.com Website: www.saint-leo.org

Facebook: St. Leo The Great Catholic Church
St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeotheGreatParish
Worship Schedule: Saturday 6:00pm Mass in Spanish;
Sunday Mass: 10:30am; Weekday Mass: Thursday 7:00pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: First Thursday following
7:00pm Mass.

FOOD PANTRY: At the corner of Carll & Baltimore Serving Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri., 1:00pm to 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.

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, point person for other volunteers. Assistant Administrator about 9-12 hours/week, to do ordering, organizing inventory, and communicating with coordinators/volunteers. To participate in any of our volunteer opportunities, please call at 513-921-1044!

ESL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

We welcome all wishing to learn English. **FREE!** Thursdays, 9:30 – 12:30 am and Saturday 10:00-Noon.



COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

North Fairmount Community Center/ Referral Services: Linda Klem: 513-921-5842

Housing: 513-921-5889, Healthy Moms & Babes: 513-591-5600 Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500

Literary Network: 513-621-7323

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<u>HELPING HANDS STORE</u> 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!

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Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeotheGreatParish





Enjoy the online edition with color photos!

Save the **www.saint-leo.org** site in your "favorites" list to visit often. Feel free to send corrections, updates, news and/or info to be included on the website to Casey Betz, Development Director, at cbetzstleo@aol.com. If you'd like to receive St. Leo's Newsletter, call 921-1044 and we'll add you (or anyone else you know) to the mailing list.

How You Can Help . . .

Treasure Chest



- Treasure Chest tickets are sold on a monthly basis at \$5.00 each.
- Winner based on Pick 3 played straight every day.
- Each \$100.00 prize will be sent in the mail.
- **Get In On the Fun!** To purchase Treasure Chest tickets, send \$5.00 per ticket by the first of the month to: St. Leo Treasure Chest, 2573 Saint Leo Pl., Cinti., OH 45225
- · Volunteers Needed to help sell tickets!

April Winners: Marilyn Boerger, Elaine Janis, Marilyn Yacchari, Vickie Shipley











WISH LIST

- · Wireless Doorbell w/Flashing Light (\$30-\$50)
- Toddler size Baptism Bibs (about 25 more we just had 20 within the last month!)
- Folding utility carts for Food Pantry clients (again the bigger the better)
- 3 Large Wipe Boards for our meeting space in the Food Pantry building. Available at Staples: U Brands Glass Dry-Erase Board, 70"W x 35"H available at Staples, Item:131724/Model:123U00-01 (\$299.99 each)
- 3 Correll Seminar 96" Rectangular Training Tables, Item: 1560623Model: SP1896PX-15 \$272.69 Ea. Only Available Online at Staples: https://m.staples.com/-/ product 1560623

Gift Cards for the continuing work and maintenance of the parish, and our Youth Group functions: **Lowes, Home Depot, Staples, Hobby Lobby, Kroger, etc. Priceless!**

Cash to Cover Operating Expenses is Essential!

Easy Unline Giving

Make a one-time donation, or set up a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual gift to be deducted from your banking account, or to charge your gift to your credit card:

Go to http://saint-leo.org DonateNow.aspx

And click on the Donate Now Button.



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http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-

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SHOP KROGER'S AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

htts://www.kroger.com/communityrewards Enter St. Leo's NPO #28680 or search for St. Leo the Great Church.

iGive: Shop the sites you love and support St. Leo! Sounds easy? It is! Sign up at http://www.igive.com/



Pantry Press

In April the Food Pantry served 753 individuals, in 266 households, including 315 children and 81 seniors.

Needs for June:

- · Canned: salmon, chicken, tuna, pineapple, mixed veggies, spinach, peas
- Vinegar, small ketchup, small mustard, cooking oil
- · Deodorant, shaving cream, ANY household or personal cleaning items
- Electric Bread Slicer-Sharpened/Commercial Grade=If anyone know anyone in the business, perhaps they might have a used one. These are very expensive, yet we receive several dozen loaves of un-sliced bread that are the last to be taken. A used bread slicer would help immensely!
- Folding utility carts for Food Pantry clients (again the bigger the better)

It's Not Too Late! Support St. Leo's Food Pantry

by supporting the 2018 Hunger Walk.

Donations will be accepted until June 30, 2018. All donations to the Hunger Walk on behalf of St. Leo Food Pantry are credited to our account at the FreeStore FoodBank. We depend on Hunger Walk proceeds to fund our purchases for an entire year, so your donation is much needed and most appreciated. **Donate:** http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-donate



Volunteer Needed

3-4 hours each week to do light housekeeping at the rectory, 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.



Building the Kingdom of God

St. Leo's is growing! Please join us in living the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy in real and concrete ways by:

Making a donation by cash or check.

Your **weekly, monthly, or quarterly gift** helps maintain us throughout the year. Sustaining gifts are most welcome and are tax deductible.

Remembering a Loved One. Your gift to St. Leo's is a caring way to honor or remember a special person, or mark a special occasion.

Gifts-In-Kind including food items, clothing, toiletries, and wish list items are just a few of the useful and practical items that help us assist those in most need.

Giving a gift of **stocks, bonds or mutual funds** that have increased in value. You can deduct the entire value from your taxable income and avoid the capital gains tax.

Please consider remembering St. Leo the Great Church in your Will. For more information contact Casey Betz at 513-921-1044.

Volunteering! Be sure to check us out on Facebook at: <u>St. Leo the Great Catholic Church</u> and on our Web Page at <u>www.saint-leo.org</u>, and please spread the word about us to your family and friends.

Without a doubt, **your ongoing prayers** are much needed and most appreciated!

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH 2573 St. Leo Place at Baltimore Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45225-1960

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		June			1 Food Pantry open AA Meeting 7:30pm	2 Mass in Spanish 6pm; English as 2 nd lang. class 10-noon
3 Mass: 10:30am Teen Leadership Meeting after Mass Corpus Christi	4 Food Pantry open Youth Summer Fun Program 10am-2pm	5	6 Food Pantry open	7 Mass 7pm; English as 2nd lang. class 9:30am	8 Food Pantry open; AA Meeting 7:30pm Youth Summer Fun Program 10am-2pm	9 Mass in Spanish 6pm; English as 2 nd lang, class 10-noon
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24 Mass: 10:30am	25 Food Pantry open	26	27 Food Pantry open	28 Mass 7pm; English as 2nd lang. class 9:30am	29 Food Pantry open; AA Meeting 7:30pm	30 Mass in Spanish 6pm;; English as 2 nd lang. class 10-noon;