

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

As we reflect on Christmas from our past, part of our memories are of those who have gone before us to be with the Lord. Some of these people have been gone for many years, others more recently. No matter, we miss them and bring them to mind. During the Christmas Season, we decorate Christmas trees that are symbolic of the Cross, the Tree of Life. As a way to celebrate the eternal life that these people have entered into, you are invited to place an ornament on a Tree of Remembrance that will be part of the church Christmas decorations. Ornaments will be available before and after all the Masses for you to write the name of the deceased on and place it on the Tree. At the end of the Christmas Season, you are welcome to take the ornament home for future use. May all of our deceased live forever in the Peace of Christ.

MEGA RAFFLE

The winner of the November drawing is **Judith Griffiths!** Congratulations!! Just a few notes to remember when handing in your Mega Raffle money and envelopes...You can always catch up on the envelopes; if you missed a month or two, you can hand in \$10 for the months you may have missed at any time. Please write a separate check from your weekly envelopes. No receipt will be mailed/provided when you turn in your Mega Raffle entry, your cancelled check is your receipt. As always, call the rectory if you have questions or concerns. The deadline for the December drawing is December 31st and the drawing is January 9th.

BAPTISMS

Our baptisms are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, the next baptism class is Monday, December 12th, at 7 pm please call to schedule your child's baptism 216-661-1006.



Pray for our sick... Regina Parle, Leonard Lyzen, Carol Sladowski, Lenore Tansler, Laura Bednarski, Mary Pasela, Tammie Nowacki, Ethel Simone, Ann Aron, Rose Mary Howard, Madison Kuhn, Paul Critzer, Walt Schoolcraft, Tomika Jones-McFarlane, Midge Markovich, Ester Dallas, Bob Lung, Gail Ryan, Bruce Furman, Hank Nowacki, Janet Lajewski, Millie Sklodowski, Renee Schlatterbeck, Theresa Truxall, Pat Konkol, Cathy Stimac, Jess Matey, Theresa, Martin Fontaine, Dorothy Steimle, Barbara Ann Prez, Mary Kay Simonik, James Minch, Margaret Zisk, Doris Cianciolo, Ina Minch, Richard Bernacki, Colleen Kleinhenz, Donna Mlady, Connor Sgobbo, Mary Szakal, Steve Simonik, Edward Bacso, Matthew Walsh, Michelle Crespo, Mary Ann Herron, Dorothy Friedl, Jim O'Malley and Raymond Carrossellia

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:30 – Delia DelBracco (Family)

Tuesday, December 13-St. Lucy
7:30 – Blanche Chester (Robert & Jean Colwill)

Wednesday, December 14-St. John of the Cross
7:30 – Dea Solek (Husband-Andrew)

Thursday, December 15-Advent Weekday
7:30 – Ann Madej (Son-Andrew)

Friday, December 16-Advent Weekday
8:30 – Irene Waldorf (John Waldorf)

**Saturday Evening / Sunday Obligation,
December 17-Advent Weekday**
2:45 – 3:30 pm - Confessions
4:00 – Seniors

Sunday, December 18
8:00 – Ramon Cancino, Sr. (Cora & Ramon Cancino, Jr.)
10:00 – Deceased Members of the Miller Family (Family)
12:00 – Parishioners
1:00 – Baptisms

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because of Christmas and New Year's, the bulletins will need to be done early in December and January. Announcements for the December 25th bulletin need to be in the rectory by Thursday, December 14th. Announcements for the January 1st bulletin need to be in the rectory by Monday, December 19th.

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2011

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bc, 19 Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 Ps 85:9ab-14 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

"One hour for the Lord"

PARISH SUPPORT

December 4, 2011

Sunday Collection	\$10,044.50
Assessments	\$580.00
Weekly Goal	\$12,500.00
Number of Families	2,100

If your employer has a matching contribution program, they may match your individual contribution to St. Leo the Great Parish.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

To "live and let live" is all right in its own way, but to "live and HELP LIVE" is much better. You can help others live by sharing your goods and your prayers with those in need through your SVDP. Next weekend, **December 17-18**, is our monthly food collection. Our cupboard is in need of **noodles, pasta sauce, jelly, pancake mix, cake mix, frosting, crackers, dish washing soap, and laundry soap.** Your help will be very much appreciated. Thank You!

Donate that old car to the SVDP Society: Donate your used car, van or pickup truck to the SVDP Car Donation Program, and avoid the hassles and headaches of trading it in or selling it yourself. Your vehicle will be sold and the proceeds used by SVDP in the Diocese of Cleveland in their charitable programs that assist the needy and suffering. You may also be eligible for an income tax deduction. To donate your vehicle, please call 1-800-322-8284 or visit www.svdpusacars.com

ST. LEO SENIORS

St. Leo's Preschool Singing Angels will entertain us at our next regular meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at 11 am. This will be the only meeting to be held during the month of December.

Meadows Racetrack & Casino-Don't let Friday the 13th scare you, you might come out a big winner. On January 13, we will leave St. Leo's at 8 am for Meadows Racetrack & Casino. We will return about 7 pm. Call Joanne Todd to book your trip 440-526-3505. The cost is \$29.

Cleveland Part 1-Depart St. Leo's at 8:30 am and arrive at Moses Cleveland, travel to Lorenzo Carter Cabin, Irishtown Bend, Ohio City. Spend some time at Hansa German Market and the Westside Market. Have lunch at Sterle's Restaurant, then visit Archie's for a "Hough Tribute" bakery, Euclid Beach, University Circle, Little Italy and Gus Gallucci's Store. Call Joanne Todd to book your trip 440-526-3505. The cost is \$62.

When parking for these bus trips, please park in the far west of the back parking lot.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Retired religious need your support. By 2019, it is projected that retired will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to today's second collection.

**OPLATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE RECTORY FOR \$2.**

ADOPT-A-CHILD

Many names are still available for St. Leo's Adopt-A-Child Program.

If you wish to purchase a gift for a needy child, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247 or Judi Westerburg at 216-642-0134.

All gifts must be wrapped and dropped off in the church sanctuary by Saturday, December 17 at 5 pm.

If you would like to help deliver gifts, please come to the Parish Center on Sunday, December 18 between 10 am and noon.

Monetary contributions may be placed in the collection basket. Please make any checks payable to St. Leo Parish and mark them for "Adopt-A-Child".

CHRISTMAS AT ST. LEO'S

Come enjoy the sounds of Christmas at St. Leo's annual Christmas concert! This year's selections will include music from the 14th century up to the present day, and will feature the talented St. Leo's Music Ministry. St. Leo's Music Ministry includes Handbell Ringers, various instrumentalists, the Men's Choir and the Adult Choir. The concert will take place in the church at 7 pm on Friday, December 16.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, December 11th, from 9 am-noon. Donations are typically low during the holidays. Donors must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 lbs. The average adult has between 9-12 pints of blood in their body-all we need is 1. Your body will replace the lost fluid within 24 hours and the red cells in 4-8 weeks. Please stop by and donate!

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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



CONGRATULATIONS

To **Anthony Calvillo** for making the honor at Benedictine High School.

To the following students from Padua Franciscan High School for making honor roll-**Janel Altenbernd, Taylor Ehrman, Nicholas Hoy, Gabrielle Jurcak, Kyle Mountcastle, Brendan Nenadal, Michael Nock, Patrick Nock, Gianfranco Rorando, Sophia Wojnar and Christopher Zimmer.**

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Christmas is that time when we want to show our appreciation and love for others. We often do this by giving gifts to family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Often, we wonder "what is the perfect gift?" I suggest that you give a gift of a gift card from the St. Leo the Great Certificate Program. The Certificate Program allows you to choose from nearly 100 stores and restaurants to show your appreciation. Still not sure what gift card to give? Then give the gift of a gift card that allows the person to come and redeem the card of their choice. The Perfect Gift!

The Certificate Program is a no additional cost to you program that allows you to purchase gift cards for use at restaurants, stores, gas companies, and for entertainment. The Parish makes a small profit on the cards that helps to offset major Parish expenses. Gifts cards can be purchased at the Parish Office.

I know that Giant Eagle offers a variety of cards as well for purchase, and many of you like to purchase cards there to offset gasoline purchases. I don't blame you. However, why not buy your Giant Eagle cards here and then redeem them at the store for groceries or other cards and still get the credit for gasoline.

We have included a list of the certificates available. If you have any questions please call the rectory at 216-661-1006.

ST. LEO STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The 5th grade is collecting Can Tabs as a Service Project to help Ronald McDonald House. Please save your can tabs and bring them to the rectory.

The 6th grade is collecting Pink Yoplait yogurt lids for Breast Cancer. Please save your lids and bring them to the rectory.

The 6th grade is also collecting Coats and Sweaters in good condition for Coats for Kids. Please drop off any donations to the rectory.

MARKET DAY

The next Market Day pick up is Friday, January 13th, 5:30-6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Stop in the rectory to pick up a form or go to www.marketday.com by using the account number 6935. Forms must in to the school by January 5, online orders must be in by January 9.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES & PLACEMENT EXAMS

St. Joseph Academy-Placement/Scholarship exams are Saturday, January 7 from 9-11:30 am. The cost is \$20. For more information visit our website www.sja1890.org or call 216-251-4868.

St. Peter Chanel-Placement and Scholarship tests are Saturday, January 7 from 9 am-12 pm. The cost is \$20. Please call Scott Gongos at 440-232-5900, ext. 144 to reserve a seat.

MAGNIFICAT HIGH SCHOOL

The Magnificat High School Varsity and JV basketball teams will be playing Beaumont High School at Quicken Loans Arena in the Cavs High School Hoops Showcase on Friday, December 23. The JV will play a shortened game beginning at 5:30 pm and the Varsity will play at 6 pm. Tickets for the Cavs High School Hoops Showcase are \$16 and include admission to all games that day, as well as a voucher for a future Cavs game, valid through the 2012-2013 regular season (seats subject to availability for a mutually agreed upon date). Fans can get their tickets for Cavs High School Hoops Showcase through Magnificat's athletic department 440-331-7663.

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DECEMBER 11, 2011-THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 12

4:00 pm	Basketball	Gym
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	PC/Great
6:45 pm	PSR	School
7:00 pm	Baptism Class	PC/Great

Tuesday, December 13

4:00 pm	Basketball	Gym
6:30 pm	SVDP Meeting	PC/Francis
7:00 pm	RCIA	PC/Great

Wednesday, December 14

11:00 am	Seniors	PC/Great
4:00 pm	Basketball	Gym
6:00 pm	Men's Choir	Church
7:00 pm	Adult Choir	Church

Thursday, December 15

4:00 pm	Basketball	Gym
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	PC/Great

Friday, December 16

4:00 pm	Basketball	Gym
6:45 pm	Troop 220	Parish Center
6:45 pm	Troop 427	Parish Center
6:45 pm	Troop 1821	Parish Center
7:00 pm	Christmas Concert	Church

Saturday, December 17

8:00 am	Basketball Centers	Gym/Kit
9:00 am	Troop 381	PC/Great
3:00 pm	Grapevine A.A.	PC/Great
4:00 pm	Adopt-A-Child	Parish Center

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am	Adopt-A-Child	Parish Center
11:00 am	Handbell Choir	Church

POLISH CHRISTMAS LITURGY

The Traditional Polish Christmas Liturgy "Pasterka" will be celebrated on Tuesday evening December 27 at St. John Bosco in Parma Heights. Singing of the traditional Polish Christmas Carols (Kolendy) will begin at 6:45 pm and mass will follow at 7:30 pm. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Pasterka Chairpersons, Larry and Kay Gonet at 440-826-0226.

MAGNIFICAT HIGH SCHOOL

The Performing Arts Department has two free concerts scheduled this December to get you in the mood for the Christmas season. The Band Concert is Tuesday, December 13 at 7 pm. The Choral Concert is Tuesday, December 20 at 7:30 pm. Both events will take place in Magnificat Center for Performing Arts. Admission and parking are free for both events.

CLUSTERING NEWS

Mary Queen of Peace-Bingo in the Parish Center on Fridays at 6 pm.

St. Charles Borromeo-Mark your calendars for the First Friday of the month to attend this informative series of talks in the Church arranged by our seminarian-intern, Matt Byrne. The next talk will be on Friday, January 6th at 7:30 pm. Additional talks have been scheduled on the First Fridays of February, etc.

St. Thomas More-The High School Youth Ministry will be holding Evening Prayer on Sunday evenings in Advent at 6 pm. This service is open to any and all parishioners and their families, friends and neighbors. Please consider joining members of the Youth Ministry for prayer as we journey through Advent.

JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

Advent Retreats-A **Day Retreat is Tuesday, December 13, 9 am-2:30 pm.** The cost is \$25, includes lunch, presentations and personal prayer. A **Evening Retreat is Thursday, December 15, 6:30-9 pm.** The cost is \$15, includes refreshments, presentations, and personal prayer. **December 16-18 is AA Men's Retreat, Friday at 6 pm until Sunday at 11 am.** The cost is \$150, includes 5 meals, lodging and retreat materials. **Christmas Eve Mass is at 4 pm on Saturday, December 24.** A **New Year's Eve Retreat is December 31 at 6 pm until January 1 at 11 am.** Mass will be celebrated at 11 pm with a celebration to follow. The cost is \$80, includes food and overnight lodging. All retreat are at the Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Road. Call 440-884-9300 for more information. **Pre-Cana Days** at the Jesuit Retreat House are Sundays, January 22, February 12 and March 18. The program runs from 12:45-8 pm. The cost is \$75 per couple. Space is limited and registration is required. Please see the Retreat House website at www.jrh-cleveland.org to register and for more information.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Someone once said "marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth." Have you become so distracted by outside pressures that you have neglected your spouse? Retrouvaille (Help Our Marriage) can help you put your marriage back on track. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held January 13-15 at the Cleveland Hilton Inn Beachwood. A registration fee of \$150 is requested to confirm a reservation. For information concerning the program, or to register, contact Al or Diane Miskinis at 330-665-3506 or 1-800-470-2230. You may also learn about Reteouvaille at www.helpourmarriage.com.

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