



Saint Leo News

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**Marian Concert
At Saint Leo Church
221 Hanford
Columbus, OH 43206**

**Dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, In This Year of Divine Mercy
Sunday, October 16, 2016
6:30 PM**

Please join together for the 4th Biennial Marian Concert for an evening of song, short meditations and prayer dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes in this Year of Divine Mercy. Let us join together to honor her holy motherhood and beg her intercession on behalf of a world in great need.

Several of the groups performing are: St Mary's three choirs (Handbell, Contemporary, Combined choruses of St. Mary Traditional Choir and the Mendelssohn Liedertafel), Holy Family Choir, The Catholic Polish Community, Catholic Korean Community, and St. Patrick Church Choir and soloist, Cecile Smith. Father Nicholas Droll, one of our young dynamic priests, will grace us between choirs with meditations on Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes in the Year of Divine Mercy.

We will begin the evening by crowning our beautiful Mother. At the end there will be an opportunity for you to put your written, folded petitions into a basket which we will burn later that evening, sending your prayers to our Heavenly Mother and Her Son, Jesus.

Many of you have attended the Marian Concerts in the past and you know what a wonderful evening you will have. Please join us with your family and friends and pray for Peace in our World!

As in the past, any donations made that evening will be split with the St. Leo Seminarian Endowment Fund and the Preservation Society.

**ST. LEO FEASTDAY MASS
November 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

Come Celebrate our Patronal Feast Day! Father Nicholas Droll will be our celebrant!

New Projects for Saint Leo Church -

First Things First -

Last November, Mike Wolf underwent double knee replacements. This amazing man had both done at the same time and was doing so well within two days, that his doctor called him "the poster child for knee replacement surgery". It wasn't long before he was back on his feet and driving and planning his next works for St. Leo Church. The Lord is good to us by being good to Mike! God Bless him !!!

Organ Console Replaced

Mike just completed a replacement of the organ console. This used console was purchased by him a couple years ago and it was in storage waiting for the “right time” for refurbishing. When the original restoration of the organ was done, an affordable “3 manual” was not available at the time so a 2 manual was settled upon. This console is fully electric and not air activated as the last console and it reduces the need for costly labor, time and maintenance. Mike said nothing major should need to be done to this console for 25-30 years. There is more control inside the console than outside and the new technology allows for more precision and functionality including giving more access to the echo organ, even allowing it to be played alone. Mike used the rigging that he built the last time to remove the 2 manual console and install the 3 manual. While he said it took 6 men the last time, in 25 minutes the old was removed and new installed with the work of only 3 men. In the meantime, this rigging serves other churches as they update their organ works.

New & Additional Bathrooms Coming!

Mike will be installing a women’s restroom with two stalls, reconfiguring current bathroom for the men and installing a handicapped accessible bathroom – all in the sacristy to the left of the altar. To initiate this work, he has emptied the far right room of the basement/boiler area, sealed cracks, enclosed window openings, rewired with new electric and will begin painting. He will then begin removal of wooden cabinets upstairs and installing them downstairs. Once this is done, a lot of structural work will take place under the left side in the boiler room. This includes removing cement from the understructure of the left sacristy and installing new steel support beams. Once that is done, new concrete, plumbing, electric, structures and plumbing fixtures will be done. Mike will do every bit of work that he can do, but will leverage with suppliers, plumbers and contractors he knows to obtain their help to complete this work. While they will be generous with time, supplies and labor, this work will still cost about \$23,000 that The Saint Leo Preservation Society will need cover.

At Last !!! Working Towards Air-conditioning !!!

My dear friends, we are at last working toward obtaining air-conditioning. While we would have loved to do this years ago, it was not possible economically nor was it feasible with other projects. In the last 15 years or so, technology has really changed and, as they say, “timing is everything!” **Yes! We know it as GOD’S TIMING!** Mike has examined the issue for two years now, asking questions, consulting with experts and even testing it at his own house. There are new heat pumps out there now that can cool as well as heat. These are interior wall hung units that connect to the outside mechanics thru a small vent. Mike will have these installed within the interior heating units along the walls of the church where the radiators are. Cement pads will be installed outside the church on the courtyard side to hold the heat pumps. This is an economical way to cool the church. At the same time, it will be a source of heating, as well. When the temperatures are in the 40 & 50’s they can be the main source of heat. When it dips down to colder temperatures, the boilers will kick in as the main source. When it really gets cold, the heat pumps can become auxiliary heat helping the boilers to run more efficiently at less expense. This is a wonderful thing! Once again, while Mike will do a lot of preliminary work and leverage with his contacts, etc., we are looking at about \$150,000 to complete this work.

It Is Thru YOU that God’s Work is Done! God Be Praised!

When you consider all that has been done at St. Leo Church through these years, one can truly say it is miraculous! God has guided and directed every step and He has always provided whatever is needed. He has done this by moving the hearts of all of you to be generous in your love of St. Leo Church (and his whole Church) by instilling in them generosity of time, talent, spirit and resources. We have never asked for money, in general. Only when there is a project that God has pressed upon us do we ask for monetary support – like the organ and stain glass window projects. It is in this spirit that we reach out to you and ask once again for your generosity in funding the air-conditioning project. You know how brutal the heat and humidity can be in the summer here in Columbus. Having air-conditioning opens up many more opportunities for special occasion Masses and for other things God would have us do.

We appreciate **all** donations, big, medium or small. If you are in a position for providing larger sums for this project, God be Praised! If you are not in a position to give a large donation, but can do whatever it is God puts on your heart, God be Praised! And if you cannot donate at all, Pray and Pray and ask His help for this project and God be Praised! We ask all of you for your prayers and we pray for all of you! And may God let the family of St. Leo Church be in Heaven someday together with all the Saints and Angels! All donations can be made to: **The Saint Leo Preservation Society, c/o Lori Mitchell, 1451 Linwood Avenue, Columbus, OH 43206.**

Speaking of Saints

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta – Canonized September 4, 2016. The anniversary of her death, September 5, 1997, is her feast day. What a wonderful day for the Church! What a wonderful day for the poor and hurting of our world which includes each of us in our own way! Let each of us reach out to this dear, sweet woman of grace and ask her for her continued help. She’s just waiting to hear from each of us so that she can work in our lives and help bring us to Jesus, her dearest and everlasting Love!



Here is a prayer written on the day of her death in her honor:

Mother Teresa, you who have seen Christ Himself in the Poorest of the Poor and had compassion on them, please help us. Glance upon (person(s) name) with your compassionate eyes and see Christ within (him/her/us). As you loved and served Jesus through your work upon earth, we humbly ask that you continue your work in heaven and intercede for us in our needs. After looking upon (person(s) name) please turn your compassionate eyes to Jesus, as you had adored him in the Holy Eucharist, and present our request that (state petition). While we are not as materially destitute as those you served on earth, we reach out to you in the poorness of our souls and seek Jesus through you. Kindly Mother Teresa, help us.

A Special Gift

We had a very nice surprise recently. A very nice person recently passed away and left The Saint Leo Preservation Society in his will. We were notified that the preservation society will receive \$1000. We thank him and ask God to bless him for his thoughtfulness and generosity.

Vocations to the Priesthood Remains an Essential Work of Saint Leo Church -

Saint Leo Parish Memorial Seminarian Assistance Endowment Fund

Two seminarians benefited from our Seminarian Endowment Fund this past June. Money from the fund supported Austin Hill in his summer placement at Holy Family Parish and Tyler Wittenmer’s summer placement at St. Thomas Parish. In 2015 the money was used to support Chris Tuttle as he studied Spanish in Costa Rica. Father Noble, our diocesan vocations director, said, “Thanks so much for the on-going support this endowment provides!”

New Priests of the Diocese

On May 28 at 10:00 AM THREE new priests will be ordained. The names of these wonderful men are: Timothy Joseph Lynch, Stephen Michael Smith, and Daniel Joseph Swartz.

Once again, the board members of our Saint Leo Preservation Society, in our support of vocations for our diocese, contributed to provide the gift of the Marian Missal, Lectionary, Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a book of sample sermons to each one of these men. We delivered them to Father Paul Noble, Vocations Director, to distribute to each man.

Please pray and pray for those vocations! We need these young men to confect the Eucharist for us, to be those Alter Christi’s who will forgive our sins, lead us in worship of our Wondrous God and to bring those beautiful Sacraments to us as we prepare to leave this world. If we ask, God will provide! **YES!!! GOD IS GOOD!**

Supporting Vocations Locally, Nationally and Internationally

Since our last newsletter of May, 2015 (yes, it’s been that long – my apologies!) We delivered Christmas packets of hardtack candy, as well as those sweet chocolate crosses at Easter to the Josephinum. We provided for at least 225 seminarians (with extras thrown in). Christmas packets were accompanied with a holy card of the statue of St. Michael the Archangel (now in the garden of St. Leo’s) and Easter crosses came with a holy card of our own statue of The Infant Jesus of Prague. These gifts are truly appreciated by these young men as evidenced in remarks and thank you notes.



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Special Occasions at St. Leo

Many young couples are still getting married at St. Leo Church. They want to come back to the roots of their families' faith. Sometimes they are new to St. Leo Church, even being out of town, but looking for that traditional Catholic atmosphere to sanctify their marriage before God. This is very exciting! Don't forget to schedule your special days and occasions, weddings, reunions, family celebrations !!

Many people come back to the seat of their faith to be buried. While sad in many ways, it is truly comforting for the family to "come home to St. Leo Church" to be in God's presence as Holy Mass is said for the soul of their loved one. To sigh in the presence of Christ and to breath in the peace and saving grace of His Own Sacrifice of Love for us can be very healing. May God grant each saint of St. Leo Parish a beautiful place in Heaven! The fees for a funeral established by the diocese is: \$40 for servers, \$200 for the priest, \$150 for the organist. There is a fee paid of \$300 for St. Leo Church since there is no regular collection to cover the normal expenses of opening and closing the church, setting up for the service, candles and incense. This fee is then directed towards those expenses and helps with snow removal and other maintenance issues. This is all handled through the funeral home at the time of consultation.

Moved? Changed Email Address?

Please let us know when you've moved or if you changed your email address. Many email addresses are rejecting and bouncing back and many hard addresses are being rejected as well. Please let us know how to contact you to keep you updated about coming events, etc. Email Lori at: lmitch9@columbus.rr.com or send to the website: www.savesaintleo.org or info@savesaintleo.org