

Saint Leo Magnus

Roman Catholic Church

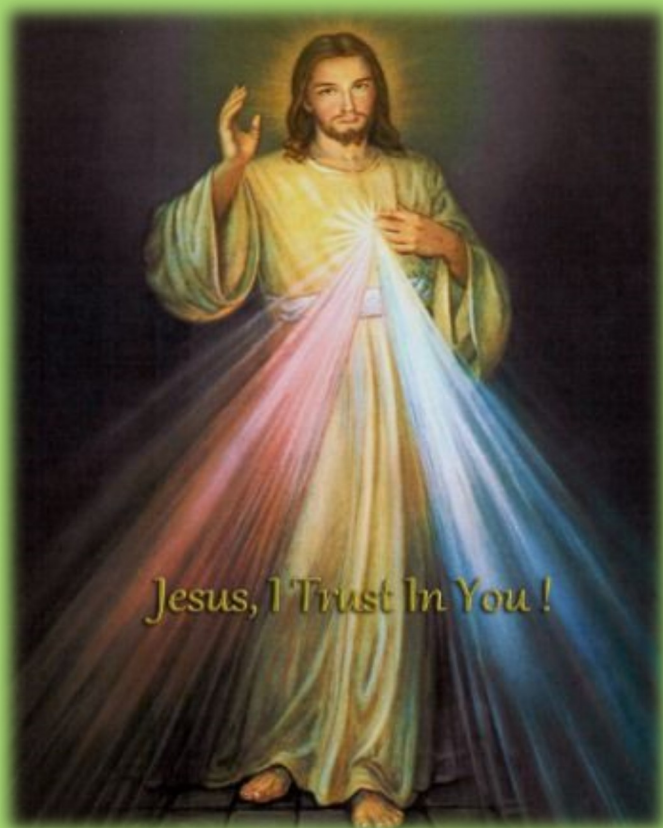
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Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021



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MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday evening: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Radio Mass: 9:00 a.m. (97.5 WDDH)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES:

Evening before: 6:00 p.m.
On the holy day: 8:30 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesdays 4-6 p.m.
Confessions in the sacristy

ST. LEO MAGNUS ADORATION TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9 AM TO 9 PM

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SAINT LEO MAGNUS IN RIDGWAY, PENNSYLVANIA



BAPTISM

Please call the parish office to schedule.

MARRIAGE

Please notify the pastor at least 6 months before the marriage.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Call anytime for emergencies. Notify the office if someone is hospitalized, seriously ill, or in need of a priest

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSONS

Cursillo Movement
Parish Festival.....
Choir.....
Catholic Daughters of America
Knights of Columbus
Food Bank.....
Prayer Chain
Fish Fry
That Man is You (TMIY).....
Cancer Care Ministry.....
Website Manager
Prison Ministry
Altar Guild
Funeral Luncheons.....
Money Counters
Eucharistic Ministers.....
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Altar Servers
Baptismal Preparation Classes
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ST. LEO MAGNUS CATHOLIC CHURCH *Membership Form*

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please drop this form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish Office

- ☐ New Registration
☐ Change of Address or Phone
☐ Moving Out of the Parish
☐ Need Envelopes

From the Pastor's Desk

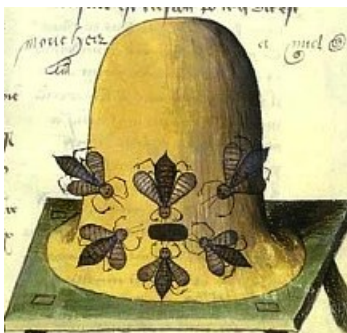
I – Easter Reflection Series on the Paschal Candle: The Wax & Mother Bees

My dear parish family:

I mentioned in my Easter homily the great Paschal Candle in the medieval cathedral of Durham, England. British historian Geoffrey Moorhouse describes its grandeur in his excellent work *The Last Divine Office: Henry VIII and the Dissolution of the Monasteries*. **“In Holy Week now, a great paschal candle in a seven-branched candlestick (which a Jew would have recognised as a menorah, such as had been used in the temple at Jerusalem) was set up on Maundy Thursday in the quire, where it was lit two days later on Easter Eve with new fire struck from flint, a beryl or a piece of crystal, its flame then wavering continuously until Ascension Day. There was no other candle like this one in all England, for it rose as high as the triforium, the lower of the two galleries running the length of the church under the roof. It has been estimated that the Durham candlestick was about 38 feet high, the candle itself rearing another 30 feet on top of that.”** (pg. 33)

We can see by this vivid description that the Paschal Candle is truly the preeminent symbol and liturgical focus of the Easter season. Therefore, over these remaining six weeks of Easter, I want to explore, reflect, and meditate on various aspects of the Easter Candle. This week we will look at (1) the wax made by mother bees. In the successive weeks, we will encounter: (2) the light & the flame, (3) the cross, (4) the alpha & omega, (5) the year and finally (6) the five grains of incense.

I want to again publicly acknowledge and thank **Mrs. Carmella Bonghi**, who donated the funds to purchase this year's Paschal Candle in memory of her late husband and our fellow parishioner, **John Bonghi**. May he and all our beloved dead know the profound beauty of the Risen Christ's light this Easter!



THE WAX: Paschal Candles are always fashioned in bee's wax. This pure form of wax indicates the purity of Jesus Christ – He who was like us in all things, but sin. This purity harkens back to the pure Virgin Mary, who was chosen to be the vessel of God's incarnate person, Jesus.

At the Easter Vigil, last weekend, I sang the great Easter hymn, *The Exulet*, after the new fire was blessed and the candle had been prepared, lit, and carried forward into the darkened church. I sang these phrases that night: *“On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, **the work of bees** and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church. But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God's honor, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, **drawn out by mother bees** to build a torch so precious.”* For many years the mention of the bees, including the mother bees was excluded from the English translation. Just recently, the bees are back!

For a poetic insight into bees, read the words of Pope Pius XII in an excerpt from an address he delivered to beekeepers on 27 November 1948: *“The bee pierces to the very depths of the flower's calix diligently, adroitly, and so delicately, that once its precious treasure has been gathered, it gently leaves the flowers without having injured in the least the light texture of their garments or caused a single one of their petals the loss of its immaculate freshness. Working like bees with order and peace, humanity would learn to enjoy and have others enjoy the fruit of their labors, the honey and the was, the sweetness and the light in this life here below.”*

We should be grateful that the bees are back and their wax has again gifted our parish with a beautiful Paschal Candle. In the Easter weeks ahead, go up into the sanctuary look it's detail and smell the sweet fragrance of the wax. Yes, the melting was fed by mother bees!

May these 50 days of Easter light bring us hope and joy!

Father Justin

SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 28, 2021

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Weekly Contributions</u> | <u>Weekly Budget</u> |
| \$9,289 | \$9,915 |
| <u>Contributions Year to Date</u> | <u>Budget Year to Date</u> |
| \$301,695 | \$386,685 |

Weekend of April 4, 2021

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Weekly Contributions</u> | <u>Weekly Budget</u> |
| \$9,880 | \$9,915 |
| <u>Contributions Year to Date</u> | <u>Budget Year to Date</u> |
| \$311,575 | \$396,600 |

CSA--

is due by January 2022

\$46,962

Pledged to date: \$14,025

Received to date: \$12,140

PARISH LOAN

St. Leo requested a loan from the Diocese of Erie to pay our school subsidy December, 2019 in the amount of \$185,000.

Balance due: \$151,000

Have an IRA?

Would like to gift to a qualified charity, tax free?

If you make donations, and are subject to required minimum distributions (RMD) rules for your IRA, gifting some of your RMD income using the qualified charitable distribution will count toward satisfying your RMD, and neither you or the charity will have to pay income taxes.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Be Vigilant -It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them-at every opportunity. *For particular questions you may call:* **Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.**

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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 11, 2021

WATCH

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Thank you to the Fish Fry Crew!! Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. After last year, we all pulled together and put on some great meals, along with fellowship inside and outside the kitchen. To everyone down in the hall to our volunteers up in the Gathering Space, please know, on behalf of the parish and the greater community, of our profound gratitude. In these still strange times, it is heartening to be part of some tangible forms of giving. Get some rest and well get ready for the next adventure!
God bless! Father Justin

Adoration is a very special time to spend with our Lord in prayer.

St. Leo offers Adoration hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We ask that you sign up for a time so that we're sure someone will be there. Better yet, claim the same hour on the same day each week. Make it your special prayer time.

Please consider signing up for just one hour a week. It seems so little to ask for someone who gave so much for us.

PALM SUNDAY

Deacon Larry offers palms to MacDonald children after Palm Sunday Mass



The Hinton's graciously assist with the passing out of palms after Mass.



RISEN CHRIST



St. Leo Good Friday Service
Prayers before the Crucified Christ



ADORATION

Tuesday and Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

*Nothing can compare to the
intimate presence of the
Lord Jesus in the Eucharist.
Come be with Him.
Prayers are answered*

PRAYER CHAIN

CALL OUR PRAYER CHAIN
COORDINATOR

FELCIA NELSON AT
814-772-5460

IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU
KNOW,

CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAYS
FROM
4-6 PM
IN THE SACRISTY



MONTHLY SPONSOR ***SPOTLIGHT***

On behalf of Father Justin and
the entire parish we want to
thank all of our sponsors who
advertise in the bulletin. This
month we especially recognize:

Elk County
Foods



CD of A Meeting - Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. Don't forget the book club group discussion prior to the meeting.

Rosary for Seminarians - is held every Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys. The rosary begins at 7 pm. Pray for our local seminarians. The last evening for Rosary for Seminarians is April 28.

Baptismal Training Sessions - April 20 at St. Leo. Please call 772-3135 to reserve your spot. Online programs are available for baptism preparation. Contact the parish office for a list of approved classes.

St. Leo School Fishing Derby - May 8 & 9. St. Leo Church Grounds. Register now at www.stleosfishingderby.com Catch Lucky Leo and win \$1500. Three others are tagged for \$1000 and hundreds are tagged for \$500-\$10. This is a great family friendly outdoor activity.

St. Leo School Sunday Supper - Sunday, April 18, 3 p.m. until sold out. Drive thru St. Leo parking lot. Menus for April: **Handmade Haluski Perogies and Homemade Sausage**

Our Retired Diocesan Priests - The annual Diocesan good Shepherd Collection April 24 & 25 is used to support our retired diocesan priests. Use the special envelope provided to contribute to this annual need.

VIOLA FUND

The late Chester and Grace Viola and their family have always embraced the value of Catholic education. Several years ago, the Chester and Grace Viola Tuition Assistance Fund was established for Saint Leo School. These funds have remained largely untouched. However, the family would like to begin to use this fund to help students and their families attend their parish school. It is our goal that each child baptized at St. Leo Church will receive the gift of a \$100 voucher to be used towards kindergarten tuition. In order to reach more students both now and in the future, we would like to see this fund grow. If you value Catholic education as Chet and Grace did, the family humbly asks that you consider making a donation in their memory. The funds raised will be administered by the Elk County Community Foundation and used solely for students at Saint Leo School. If you would like to contribute to this tuition assistance fund, please send donations to:

Elk County Community Foundation
32 S St. Marys Street
St. Marys, PA 15857

On the memo line, simply put Chester and Grace Viola Fund
Or, you can go to the Elk County Community Foundation website and choose DONATE NOW and mention the Chester and Grace Viola Fund when asked on the form.

The children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Chet and Grace thank you for your steadfast support of Catholic education here at St. Leo School.

SIGN UP FOR THESE GREAT RESOURCES FROM ST. LEO'S

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Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier; at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies...there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Visit Formed.org to get started.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Flocknote is an email/text tool used to communicate with parishioners. Sign up to get the latest info on Church happenings. Visit www.StLeoMagnus.org to get started.

ONLINE GIVING

Visit www.StLeoMagnus.org, click the Online Giving link, and begin giving. Your support throughout the year helps sustain our church.

WAYS TO REMEMBER

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:

Mass -- \$10

Sanctuary Candle -- \$10/wk

Hosts and Wine -- \$40/month

Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold --
\$10/day

Radio Mass Broadcast -- \$100/week

Memorial Space on the bulletin ads -
\$50/wk

Or anything you would like to see in
the parish -

statues, artwork, equipment.

*Please contact Rena in the office or
Father Justin.*

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intention</u> | <u>Requested by</u> |
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| Saturday, April 10 VIGIL-SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | 5:15 p.m. | Rudy Johnson, anniversary | Family |
| Sunday, April 11 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Sue (Fleming) Spiher Kelley Aiello | Pat & Bubba Fleming Family |
| Monday, April 12 Easter Weekday | 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service | |
| Tuesday, April 13 Easter Weekday | 8:30 a.m. | Fred Wonderly | Jan Wonderly and Family |
| Wednesday, April 14 Votive Mass of St. Joseph | 8:30 a.m. | Geraldine Raubenstrauch | George & Nancy Peterson |
| Thursday, April 15 Easter Weekday | 8:30 a.m. | Josephine Capuccini | Debby & Charlie Richards |
| Friday, April 16 Easter Weekday | 8:30 a.m. | Jacqueline Renaud & Allison Caimi | Cyndi Aiello |
| Saturday, April 17 VIGIL - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | 5:15 p.m. | Tron Valentine, Jr. | Julie & Joe Aiello |
| Sunday, April 18 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Deceased mbrs of Viola & Dellaquila Families People of St. Leo Parish | Family |

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of April 11th will burn in memory of Marianne Drathman from Annie Schield.

The wine and hosts for the month of April are in memory of the deceased members of the Holtzhausen Family from Bert & Paula Carr



**How good &
how pleasant it is,
when brothers dwell
together as one!**

PSALM 133:1

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the family of Cynthia Weaver, sister of Dan Peterson. May she, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!

**Ministry Schedule
Week of April 18, 2021**

Money Counters

Team 3

Altar Guild

For 4/16 - Group 4, Pew 4

CANCEL THE COLD

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

APRIL 11

**DOMINIC & ELVERA JUDICE
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE JUDICE-
BOGGIA FAMILIES
GENEVIEVE STANLEY
MARY FOLEY
SOULS IN PURGATORY
SIS GEITNER**

APRIL 17

MARTHA LAUGHNER

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - noon & 1pm - 4 pm

Friday: 9 am - noon

CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

