

# Saint Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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July 18, 2021 + Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday evening: 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Radio Mass: Sundays, 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 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSONS**

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Cursillo Movement .....             | Mark & Kellie Martinez, mam533@pitt.edu    |
| Parish Festival .....               | Chris & Susie Klase, Klase4@windstream.net |
| Choir .....                         | Joey Kepple, jomariehelen@yahoo.com        |
| Catholic Daughters of America ..... | Linda Facchine                             |
| Knights of Columbus .....           | Bill MacDonald                             |
| Food Bank .....                     | Sam & Lois Markert, 776-1950               |
| Prayer Chain .....                  | Felcia Nelson, 772-5460                    |
| Fish Fry .....                      | Charlie Richards, 773-7990                 |
| That Man is You (TMIY) .....        | John Gangloff                              |
| Cancer Care Ministry .....          | Tecla Pontious, 772-1352                   |
| Website Manager .....               | Frank Quattrone/Rena Urmann                |
| Prison Ministry .....               | Molly Fernan                               |
| Altar Guild .....                   | Noel Murphy                                |
| Funeral Luncheons .....             | Paul & Rita Reed, 773-7772                 |
| Money Counters .....                | Linda Facchine                             |
| Eucharistic Ministers .....         | Fran & Kathy Greich, 776-1540              |
| Ushers .....                        | Jim Catalano                               |
| Lectors .....                       | Wee J. Fernan                              |
| Altar Servers .....                 | Joey Kepple, jomariehelen@yahoo.com        |
| Adoration .....                     | Dolly MacDonald, 776-6662                  |
| R.C.I.A. ....                       | Lucy & Dave Bobby                          |

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:**

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and mislead his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). What characteristics make for an ideal leader?

**Second Reading:**

Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?

**Gospel:**

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating?

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

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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*

My dear parish family:

Last week I reflected on Jesus' humanity, which is intimately linked and inseparable from His divinity. Just as we should often meditate on the "normal" and "ordinary" moments of Jesus' human life – just as He experienced life as we do today in our human condition – we too should turn our thoughts to the supernatural and extraordinary moments of His divine existence. Like Jesus' human moments, for instance growing up as a teenage Jewish boy in Nazareth, many of His divine moments are hidden from us in the sacred scriptures. No one recorded Jesus and Joseph in the carpenter's workshop, just as there is no biblical picture of the actual moment of the Resurrection. Yet it is these "in between the verses of the Bible" that much prayer and meditation can be spent.

My favorite depiction of the Resurrection is an Eastern Orthodox icon called *The Descent into Hell*. There Jesus has gone down into the abyss to free the souls who's entrance into heaven were blocked since the gates were locked when Adam and Eve first allowed sin to enter into our humanity there in the Garden of Eden. The icon shows Jesus, with the broken locks and keys of heaven at His feet, with two elderly and obviously weak people coming out of the darkness – a man and woman. The man is Adam and the woman is Eve. The first two humans created, now being saved and redeemed by the One who is true God and true Man. Thought not in the Bible, this depiction makes it clear – that He who was born as one of us, lived as one of us, died as one of us – truly was and is (as the centurion observed with the shadow of the Cross) the Divine Son of God!



The Divinity of Jesus is not just a fancy law that all Christians have to believe in, it is essential and above all, it is beautiful! Think for just a moment: God loves humanity so much that when Adam and Eve sinned and original sin tainted the whole of the human race's souls, God Himself became human to later give himself as a sacrifice for your sins and my sins. There hanging on the wood of the Cross, the second person of the Trinity – God in His human form – the man Jesus of Nazareth, to whom countless people called teacher and Lord, to whom we call Savior and Redeemer. The only way this could come to its completion on Easter Sunday was that God would become one of us – BUT never losing what God gave Him – His divine life. Both true God and true Man.

As Saint Paul put it: *"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."* (2 Corinthians 5:21). Therefore, not only is the reality of the Trinity and Jesus' two natures required for us to believe, not only is it beautiful, all of our Salvation is dependent upon the FACT that Jesus is God.

Christianity can, to some extent, be summed up by a single, seemingly paradoxical dictum given by Saint Athanasius: ***"God became human that humans might become God."*** Our earthly bodies, which were never a possession, but a gift – a gift in process, are changing into a magnificent eternity. This is what the Resurrection is – life continuing – life transforming. The Resurrection is the fulfillment of our earthly lives, not their annihilation – not their end. Our most ardent desire here on earth must be that we want to experience the love of God, the love of neighbor – both in a degree of intimacy that we cannot yet begin to fathom. God desired that union of love and thus sent us His Son. Jesus' humanity and divinity show forth in such a splendid way the beauty of God.

As John's gospel begins, so may I conclude my thoughts with you about Jesus' beautiful humanity and divinity. ***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father."*** This is one of the most well-known biblical proofs of Jesus' two natures. Jesus is eternal (here, "beginning" means "eternity past"). He was with God the Father, and is God the Son. To make sure we have no misunderstanding, John says to us again that the "Word" referred to is the Son, and notes that He "became flesh" (the Incarnation). Only the Son has a body. The Word = Jesus = God. How simple it is and always has been. Yes, how beautiful!

*Father Justin*

## Parish Support

### Weekend of July 4, 2021

| <u>Weekly Contributions</u>       | <u>Weekly Budget</u>       |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$9,461                           | \$10,160                   |
| <u>Contributions Year to Date</u> | <u>Budget Year to Date</u> |
| \$9,461                           | \$10,160                   |

### Weekend of July 11, 2021

| <u>Weekly Contributions</u>       | <u>Weekly Budget</u>       |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$6,668                           | \$10,160                   |
| <u>Contributions Year to Date</u> | <u>Budget Year to Date</u> |
| \$16,129                          | \$20,320                   |

## CSA--

**due by January 2022**  
**\$46,962**

Pledged to date: \$24,960

Received to date: \$24,210

62 Families have pledged

## 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: \$139,000

**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 your or the charity will have to pay income taxes.

## Celebrating the Sacraments



Parishioners who have difficulty walking in the communion line to receive the Eucharist during Mass are encouraged to sit in a side pew. Eucharist is brought to all parishioners sitting in the smaller side pews.

If you or a family member are ill or facing surgery, and would like to be anointed, please contact the office. Our number is 814-772-3135.



***If you need Communion brought to the homebound, please contact the parish office @ 814-772-3135***



Infant baptisms (for children from birth to just before their 7<sup>th</sup> birthday) are scheduled throughout the year after weekend Masses. Baptisms are not performed during the solemn season of Lent (between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday). Before the child is baptized, parents and godparents must attend a baptism preparation class. Call us for more detail. 814-772-3135

**Are you wondering if you should stop in to schedule Masses for 2022?**

**The answer is NO.**

The 2022 Mass Book will open later this year. Watch the bulletin for the date. It will be published several weeks before the book opens.

The Daily Mass Record

## 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.





## Have you, or someone you know, thought about becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is here to answer your questions about the catholic faith.

If you are not baptized, baptized in another Christian tradition or a Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of confirmation, we would love to hear from you!

There is no commitment other than to let us know how we can help.

We ask all our St. Leo parishioners help by letting those who have questions know about RCIA.

Please contact the parish office at [secretary@stleomagnus.org](mailto:secretary@stleomagnus.org) or call 814-772-3135.



If you are currently using weekly envelopes to make your church contributions, we encourage you to consider ONLINE GIVING.

Online giving offers flexibility in the frequency of your donations and allows you to choose the source of funds: checking, savings, or credit card. You can give weekly or monthly or customize how often and how much you contribute.

In addition to personal convenience, online giving is a great way to practice good stewardship. Without having to send out monthly packets of envelopes, the parish saves over \$1,000 per year - funds that can be used for other community assistance purposes. More online giving = more annual savings for the parish! In addition to saving money, it's more eco-friendly and an opportunity to practice going green!

Please contact Rena Urmann to discuss your online giving options and have your sign up questions answered at 814-772-3135 or [secretary@stleomagnus.org](mailto:secretary@stleomagnus.org).

## 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*

### Fr. Mark Groeger's new address:

Fr. Mark Groeger  
C/O Prince of Peace Parish  
811 Chestnut Ave.  
Northern Cambria, PA 15714

## Prayer Chain

CALL OUR PRAYER CHAIN  
COORDINATOR  
**FELCIA NELSON AT  
814-772-5460**  
IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU  
KNOW,  
ARE IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

## 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:

**Optometry  
Dr. Mary Reed  
DaCanal, OD**



# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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## Baptismal Training Sessions

Aug. 10 at St. Mark Church, Emporium 814-486-0569  
Sept. 7 at Queen of the World, St. Marys 814-834-4701  
Be sure to call ahead to reserve your spot!

**Walmart Clothing Sale** - August 6<sup>th</sup> (3-6 pm) and 7<sup>th</sup> (9-4 pm). North Broad St. Fire Hall, Ridgway. Everything will be 50% off retail price and brand new! Stay tuned to their Facebook page for updates @ [www.facebook.com/groups/166256655412766](https://www.facebook.com/groups/166256655412766). Benefits St. Leo School.

## Queen Esther Bus Trip to Lancaster

Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The bus will depart from St. Mary's Parish Annex at 9:15 a.m. And return by midnight. \$165 includes bus, show ticket, supper and all tips. Call St. Mary's parish office to make your reservation @ 814-781-1019.

## Bethany Blueberry Festival

July 31 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville. Pick your own blueberries and a variety of activities. Check their website, [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org), or Facebook page for event details.

**Looking for family planning** that respects your faith, your marriage, your body and that is effective? Couples from around the diocese are learning about a way of life that helps them work with God to grow their families or space children. Find studies verifying **Natural Family Planning's (NFP)** effectiveness and class schedules at [www.eriecnd.org/chastity.htm](http://www.eriecnd.org/chastity.htm) or contact the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Coordinator @814-512-0810.



Monday - Thursday 9 am - noon & 1pm - 4 pm ,  
Friday - CLOSED (but call and leave message).  
Fr. Justin will check messages)  
CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

## CD of A Members

Five Years in Heaven by John Schlimm has been selected for the Summer Book Club. If you indicated you were interested in joining the book club and have not yet received your copy contact Lisa Martin @ 814-772-2261 and one will be delivered to you. The cost is \$12. A picnic/group discussion will take place the beginning of August with more information to follow. The next CD of A meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:30** in the Social Hall with the annual tureen dinner.

The CD of A motto is "Unity and Charity". We provide a unique opportunity, through charitable acts, for women to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways. Jesus Christ is the heart of our organization. If you would like to become a member of this dynamic group of women contact Linda Facchine @ 814-594-4567 for more information.

**Velveeta Concert** hosted by ECCSS PTO. August 14 from 6-10 p.m. at the Fine Line, St. Marys. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at [www.eccss.org/velveeta](http://www.eccss.org/velveeta). Velveeta is an 80's cover band. Visit their website at [www.80scheese.com](http://www.80scheese.com).

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in an area of Parish Ministry. Please reflect on the ways you are called to SHARE YOUR GIFTS to help our community grow. Contact the parish office for more information about all of our ministries.



Altar Server training/retraining will take place later this summer. Watch the bulletin for details.

## CONGRATULATIONS 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Make sure you belong to something great in college.  
Connect to Catholic campus ministry.

[signup.newmanconnection.com](https://signup.newmanconnection.com)





## Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 17 - Vigil - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **John Bonghi** (PC Systems Harness Dept.)

Sunday, July 18 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Arvita Carson** (Steve & Diane Piccirillo)

10:00 am **Donovan Clancy** (Carmella & John Bonghi)

Monday, July 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Communion Service

Tuesday, July 20 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am **Rosann Kucenski** (Dave & Lynne Kucenski)

Wednesday, July 21 - Votive Mass of St. Joseph

8:30 am **Mary Jane Verbeck** (Family)

Thursday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 am **Albert Paladino** (Helen Paladino)

Friday, July 23 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am **Richard Izbinski** (Family)

Saturday, July 24 - Vigil - World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

5:15 pm **Rudy & Cecelia Johnson** (Family)

Sunday, July 25 - World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

8:00 am **Frank Quattrone, Jr.** (Family)

10:00 am **Irene Facetti** (Linda Johnson)

**\*\*Mass on Monday, July 26 will be celebrated at 6 pm** on the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There **will not** be a morning

*The Sanctuary Candle for the week of July 18<sup>th</sup> will burn in memory of Arthur Cianca from Mary Ann Cianca..*

*The Wine and hosts for the month of July have been donated in memory of Marianne & Joe Drathman from Annie Schield.*

## BEAT THE HEAT

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

July 18

*Art Aiello*

*Catherine & Fred Bowers*

*Marriage Banns*

Third Banns

*Joanne Aiello*

to

*Andrew Nortum*

*Please remember to keep in your prayers  
this couple as they prepare for the  
Sacrament of Matrimony at  
St. Leo Magnus on July 31, 2021*

## Ministry Schedule Week of July 24 & 25

Money Counters  
Team 4

Altar Guild  
For 7/30: Group 1, Pew  
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## Mass Ministry Schedule Weekend of July 24 & 25

|                      | 5:15             | 8:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m.  |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Eucharistic Minister | N Petrosky       | N Murphy  | S or L Fimk |
| Lector               | J Challengsworth | P Gilmore | M Tettis    |

STAY TUNED - OUR OTHER MINISTRIES WILL BE BACK SOON!

## JOIN THE CHOIR!



Just come to the choir loft before  
the 10 a.m. Mass.