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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020



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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:

Monday 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:

Dec. 1-22 Tuesday & Thursday 4-8 p.m.

Or by appointment

ST. LEO MAGNUS ADORATION TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9 AM TO 6 PM

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

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. beginning
November 30th thru December 22nd

BAPTISM

Please call the rectory for scheduling.

MARRIAGE

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

ANOINTING 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
Ushers
Lectors
Altar Servers
Baptismal Preparation Classes
Adoration
R.C.I.A.....
Sacristy

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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:

This year the Fourth Week of Advent is relatively short! Yes, Christmas is less than four days away. We have traveled far since the first purple candles of our Advent Wreaths were lit. The journey is not over really, it has just begun, soon we will find the Baby of Bethlehem, along with his mother and foster-father and later the Magi on Epiphany; but let's focus now on the baby – the reason for everything – the way, the truth and the life God gave us so that we might be with him forever.

So why did this baby come? So that we, all of us, might have life and life to the fullest. The baby came so that humanity would be given the chance of complete love, complete happiness, and complete life in the eternity of heaven. That gift promised to us when time began came to fulfillment on the Cross, when our Lord gave up everything and died for us; but the Cross has no meaning without first finding the baby in the crib. The wood of the crib points us to the wood of the cross. This silent, tiny child is our king who will one day wear not a crown of gold, but a crown of thorns. Thursday night the Word Becomes Flesh again and dwells among us! He is one of us and like us in all things but sin!

The words of the Fourth Eucharistic Prayer that I have been praying at evening mass during this Advent season are about to ring true, again: ***“For you came in mercy to the aid of all, so that those who seek might find you. And you so loved the world, Father most holy that in the fullness of time you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our savior.”*** Yes, the time has come! The baby comes again to shatter the darkness of sin. The baby is, as Bishop Trautman used to call this moment, “the laser beam that pierces the darkness.” The baby comes to chase away any doubt that God loves every single human person!



The baby comes for whom? He comes to find not just a few or even the many, but ALL! He comes to ransom from death every people and every nation on the earth. He comes to LOVE all human persons regardless of their creed, ethnicity, social status, age, or gender. He comes to save not for just those who believe even, not just the young or the old, but everyone in between as well. God has never picked and chose who He will love or who He will save. The baby we will find, who we have already found in our hearts, is here for everyone, because everyone is made in God's image and likeness and God's desires with the deepest and most awesome intensity for everyone to return to Him in heaven and live with Him forever.

This is the why the baby comes, that is why we drop to our knees at Christmas. The greatest gift is not wrapped in foiled paper with a bow, but in swaddling clothes in a crib. Our gift every Christmas is not returnable like an unwanted or out of style piece of clothing. The gift of the baby is priceless and when we adore and glorify Him by our lives of faith, hope and love here on earth, our reward, our chance of re-payment for this immeasurable gift will last forever in paradise, when we will be with that baby in never-ending joy.

The joy begins again this week. Are we ready? Are we open? Are our hearts burning for the baby? By sending the Baby of Bethlehem to earth, God has made room for us in heaven. He has drawn a clear path from here to forever. Have we made room for Him?

*An early Blessed and Joy-filled Christmas to all of you!
Christ IS Born! Glorify Him!!*

Father Justin

SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of December 13, 2020

Information not available at printing.

CSA-- \$50,737 is due in 2020

To date 89 Families have
pledged \$29,255
and \$28,661 has been collected.



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: \$160,000

***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.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY**

Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Breaking Bread Mass Books

The new 2021 books are available for purchase in the parish office

Cost \$5.00

Limited quantity available.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

For the **January 3, 2021** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on **December 22**.

For the **January 10, 2021** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on **January 4**.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 20, 2020

WATCH

CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



ADORATION

Tuesdays and Thursdays

*9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
During Advent*

Nothing can compare to the intimate presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist.

Come be with Him.

Prayers are answered



THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

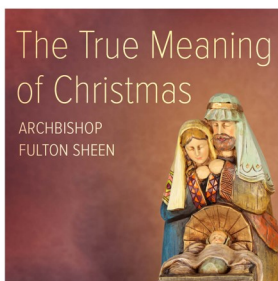
Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



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SATURDAY - 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

A GREAT PLACE TO CHRISTMAS SHOP!

Lighthouse Catholic Media

*Books, CD's & pamphlets are available for purchase in the gathering space.
Stop and shop!*

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:

***Cenni's
distributor***



The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the family of Tom Dickinson. May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!





CD of A Members - It's time to pay your 2021 dues of \$25. Make checks out to CD of A Court #356. Mail them to Theresa Zamoski, 3071 Elk Drive, Ridgway, PA 15853. Or pay at our next meeting.

St. Leo Lucky Lion Lotto Calendar - Want 365 chances to win CASH!? St. Leo School will be selling Lucky Leo Lotto Calendars after every St. Leo mass in December (until sold out - limited quantity available). Calendars are \$25 each. These make great gifts - just make sure you have the address and phone number of the calendar recipient. You can also pick up a calendar at the Ridgway Record, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. or the St. Leo Parish office Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. - noon & 1-4 p.m. (Fridays 9 a.m. - noon).

ECC Music Boosters Cash Bash! - January 16, 2021- \$100 drawing every 5 minutes; \$200 drawing every 15 minutes; \$2000 Grand Prize! Tickets \$50 each - call ECC to purchase tickets #834-7800.

Pre Cana - Sacred Heart Church January 23, 2021. Call for reservation 814-781-7861

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 20, 2020, 4th Sunday of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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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.*

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, December 19 Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Advent	5:15 p.m.	Deceased members of the Bomba Family	Family
Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	People of St. Leo Parish Kelley Aiello	Joe & Julie Aiello
Monday, December 21 Advent Weekday	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mark Stolburg Roger Hasselman	Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello Blanche, Paula & Terry Carlson
Tuesday, December 22 Advent Weekday	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mike Quattrone & Rose Guidice Theresa A. Zamoski	Jo Quattrone Ralph & Margaret Tettis
Wednesday, December 23 Advent Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Maria & Francesco Villella	Rosa & Bobby Aiello
Thursday, December 24 Vigil - NATIVITY OF THE LORD	4:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Richard Polinski Deceased members of the Stanley Family	Children Family
Friday, December 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD	10:00 a.m.	Daniel Martin	Joan & Family
Saturday, December 26 Vigil - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	5:15 p.m.	Sandy Lewis	Dave & Joey Kepple
Sunday, December 27 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Judice - Boggia Families Robert Caffrey	Art & Mary Therese Cianca Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Papa

CANCEL THE COLD

† WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS †

DECEMBER 20

BERTHA VERBECK

JIM VERBECK

DECEMBER 24

MR & MRS THOMAS VERBECK & FAMILY

TED BOMBA

DECEMBER 25

EDITH & JOSEPH FUSCO

MARY HELEN JACOBS

JOSEPH & JANICE CASOLO

FRANCESCO & MARIA VILLELLA

ERNIE AIELLO

MARY FRANK CARIBARDI

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of December 20th will burn in memory of Richard Polinski from his children .

The wine and hosts for the month of December are in memory of Al Paladino from his wife, Helen Paladino.



Ministry Schedule
Week of December 27, 2020

Money Counters

Team 4

Altar Guild

For 12/24 Group 6, Pew 6