

Saint Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 12, 2021

A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.



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. & 6:00 p.m. during Advent

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.

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*Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays & Thursdays
9 am - 7 pm ~ Please sign up for an hour !*

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

Ministry Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day			
	Christmas Eve 4:00 pm	Christmas Eve 10:00 pm	Christmas Day 10:00 am
Altar Server	D Tutton F Messineo	Joesph & Charlie Toncich	Jack & Dominic Williams
Lector	Neil Hoffman	WeeJ Fernan	Beau Grove
Eucharistic Minister	N Petrosky J Wonderly	M Martinez L Caggese	M Detwiler F or K Griech

CD of A News

Court St. Leo #356 Annual Bake Sale and Basket Raffle will be held December 18 & 19. Tickets can be bought from any CD of A member at \$5.00 a ticket, also Advent candles are on sale in the Gathering Space for \$5.00 for candles and \$20 for complete set ring and candles.

K of C 300 Club Winners		
	Week 18	Week 19
\$40	Kevin Clancy	Ed Aiello
\$25	F. Wonderly	Dave Mader
\$15	Karl Breakey	Wayne Allegretto
\$10	Nora Johnson	Joe Fava
\$10	Unsold	Pickle
\$10	Ron Viglione	Mamie Mader



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSONS

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Finance Council Chair | Jim Urmann |
| Parish Council Chair | Andy Messineo |
| 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) | Deacon Larry Caggese |
| 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 |

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

III: PRESENTING THE LORD!

Advent Reflection Series on The Five Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

My dear parish family:

On this Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday – the Sunday of Joy, when we put the purple away for a bit and the bright rose colored vestments and altar cloths adorn our Advent journey, let us turn to the next joyful mystery. We are out of order, because the third mystery is the Birth of Jesus, but we will wait till Christmas for that one – and in the meantime look at the Presentation of the Lord.



We read from Sacred Scripture: *Luke 2:22, 34, 35* –
“When the days of her purification were fulfilled they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...Simeon blessed them and said to his Mother, ‘Behold, this child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted; and thy own soul a sword shall pierce.’”

Let us reflect now: There had never been a presentation like the one that took place in the Temple that day and there never would be again. Mary and Joseph were presenting the Only Begotten Son to the Eternal Father – the Word Made Flesh Who was now Dwelling with Us! It was monumental when we were brought to churches by our parents for our “presentation” or baptism, but here we have the ultimate presentation to the world of the continuation of God’s saving plan for us and every human person ever! The Holy Family were also acknowledging that this child was not their own, and that his first bond of intimate family relationship was to His Father – Our Father in Heaven. Mary loved her child with wonderful and irreplaceable love, as all mothers do, yet even she, the selfless and obedient one who had said yes to the angel, was promised at the Presentation that a “sword of sorrow would pierce her heart on the day of separation.” We know she stood by her son through the pain of the Cross into the inexhaustible joy of the Resurrection. Let us contemplate then: why does God give us such beautiful gifts and then ask us to give them up? Why does he allow a loving heart to be pierced with loss? These questions must be brought to Mary, who more than any mother, any father, endured loss, but never gave up her faith and trust in God’s plan. So too must we! Through this joyful mystery, she can help our hearts accept what our mind cannot understand. Joy will always conquer sorrow. The light of Jesus will always dispel the darkness. Soon, at Christmas, the world we see Him again in a new way!

Each week I will end my meditation with the words of Saint John XXIII. They come from a retreat he offered on the joyful mysteries around 1961: *While still in his mother's arms, the life of Jesus unfolds to the meeting of the two Testaments. He is light and revelation to the nations, the splendor of the chosen people. St. Joseph must be present and also participate in the rite of offering prescribed by the Law. This episode is perpetuated in the Church. As we recite, the Hail Mary's of this decade, it is beautiful to observe the joyful hopes of the perennial re-flowering of the promise of priests, religious, deacons, and dedicated lay people who cooperate in great numbers in the kingdom of God. Here also are the young students of the seminaries, of religious houses, of Catholic schools as well as other youth of a future lay apostolate whose growth in numbers-in spite of difficulties and setbacks and harassed even by persecutions in many nations-never ceases to be a comforting sight, which evokes words of admiration and joy.*

This Advent may we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus!



Father Justin

Parish Support

Weekend of December 5, 2021

Weekly Contributions
\$9,716

Weekly Budget
\$10,160

Contributions Year to Date
\$177,241

Budget Year to Date
\$233,680

CSA--

due by January 2022
\$46,962

Received to date: \$28,537

79 Families have contributed



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: \$125,000

**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.



St. Leo's Lucky 13

Get your tickets in!

Drawing Dec. 19th
Top prize \$7,500

St. Leo Parish Angel Tree

Thank you to all the ANGLES who brought gifts for the Angel Tree. Your generosity is so appreciated especially this year. If you still have gifts to be returned you may leave them at the rectory or call me @ 814-772-2569. You have brightened the Christmas season for many area children and that is truly a blessing.

May your Holiday be full of Joy and your New Year be filled with Gods blessings.

Sincerely, Jeanne Hall

ST. LEO SCHOOL LUCKY LION LOTTO CALENDAR



Calendars are available for sale while supplies last! During 2022, over \$15,000 will be given away! Get your chance to win by purchasing a \$25 calendar with a unique 3 digit number assigned to it. If your number is the PA Pick 3 Evening number- you will receive a check in the mail! These make awesome Christmas gifts. Calendars will be for sale after weekend masses in December. You can also stop in the Ridgway Record or St. Leo Rectory during regular business hours to purchase. Questions? Call the fundraiser chair, Amanda Straub (814-590-8115). Thank you to everyone who sponsored days to help make this fundraiser so successful!

WAYS TO REMEMBER

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

Mass -- \$10

Sanctuary Candle -- \$10/week

Hosts and Wine -- \$40/month

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

Radio Mass Broadcast -- \$100/week

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

Or anything you would like to see in the parish -

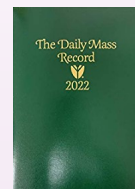
statues, artwork, equipment.

Please contact Rena in the office or Father Justin.

Masses, sanctuary candles and Host & Wine are now being scheduled for 2022

Call or visit the rectory to schedule. Our number is 814-772-3135.

The parish office is open Monday thru Thursday 9am - noon and 1 - 4pm.
(Closed holidays and holy days)



Synod: Key Term #3

The infallible belief of the Faithful: What is the *sensus fidei fidelium*?

One of the reasons that Pope Francis has been emphasizing synodality is that he wishes to better recognize and utilize all the gifts of all the people in the Church. Most of us know that the Magisterium of the Church (the teaching office of the Church exercised by the Pope and the bishops), under certain conditions, can teach infallibly. But the faithful members of Christ’s Church also have a corresponding gift. We can believe infallibly. Ideally these two gifts should inform and reinforce each other.

This gift of the Holy Spirit is called the *sensus fidei fidelium*: The understanding of the Faith by the Faithful. Everyone who is baptized is anointed with the Holy Spirit, and this anointing is strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation. By the grace of the Spirit, the People of God as a whole does not err in faith, even when it cannot adequately explain the faith. The more faithful a Christian is - participating in the Sacraments, building their relationship with God, feeling with the heart of the Church - the better of an instinct they will have for the True Faith. When we are open to Him, God gives us an intuition about divine realities. And when the entire People of God manifests a belief of faith or morals, that belief cannot be wrong, because the Holy Spirit would not allow the entire Church to go into error.

The *sensus fidei* cannot be determined by majority vote. History shows that individuals and groups in the Church, whether members of the faithful or bishops, can very easily fall into error and sin. The more separated a person is from God and His Church, the less likely they will be to instinctively recognize the truths of the Faith - and we have all sinned and fallen short (Romans 3:23). However, if the faithful stubbornly cling to some belief or obstinately refuse to accept another, for a long time and in many places, even in the face of opposition and persecution, that should be a sign to the Magisterium of the *sensus fidei* at work.

What is the Synod on Synodality?

Pope Francis has asked the entire world to participate in a synod on the topic “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.” The central question asks of everyone is:

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” How is this “journeying together” happening today in our diocese? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?

You may be invited to participate in listening sessions at your local parish, or you may wish to give your input online. Participation in a synod should always involve prayer, listening, discussion, and above all, discerning the way that the Holy Spirit is guiding us. Hopefully these questions and answers can help you as you prepare your input.

Series of articles on the synod by Maria Caulfield Graduate theology student, Franciscan University of Steubenville Executive Assistant to the Offices of the Vicar General and the Chancery Diocese of Erie



For a synodal Church
 communion | participation | mission



ADORATION

**Tuesday and Thursday
 9 a.m. to 7 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, ARE IN NEED OF PRAYERS.



We Welcome into the Catholic Community

Lorelai June Fleck
 daughter of
 Andrew and Shelby Fleck

We pray God will bless her as she grows in her faith.

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:

Elco Electric

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

Save the Date - March 12, 2022 - 7th Annual Women's Conference. www.138women.com for more information.

+ + Holiday Bulletin Deadlines + +

Please note the dates below for Bulletin Submissions. It's important to keep these dates in mind if you plan on submitting a Cancel the Cold or would like to advertise your organization's events.

Submit by Dec. 15 for the Dec. 26 bulletin
Submit by Dec. 21 for the Jan. 2 bulletin



The Church celebrates the third Sunday of Advent today. It is known as Gaudete Sunday because the opening words of the Mass coming from Scripture, "Rejoice", coming from the Latin *Gaudete* — rejoice — is the entrance antiphon for today and the controlling idea of the first reading from Zephaniah.

On Gaudete Sunday the priest may wear either violet or rose vestments and we light the rose candle on the wreath. This custom of rose vestments is a 10th century practice (one that we also observe on the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)). In the season of Advent, the color rose is a sign of anticipatory Christmas joy as it also marks the midpoint of Advent.

Joy is the basic Christian attitude; no joy, no true and authentic Christian discipleship. Mary, the Mother of God is also the first disciple of joy!

Ministry Schedule Weekend and week of December 19, 2021

	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers	Percy & Moe MacDonald	J Sorg Haylee Gardner	T Bish Aaron MacDonald
Eucharistic Minister	C Armanini	B Gausman	L Caggese
Lector	Jen Challingsworth	Jim DeVittorio	Dean Paige
Money Counters	Team 3	Altar Guild, For 12/17	Group 3, Pew 3
Ridgemont Minister	Marsha Skraba	Hi-Rise Minister	Coming Soon!



Saturday, December 11 - Vigil - Third Sunday of Advent

5:15 pm **Anthony Rutigliano, Sr.** (Betty Rutigliano)

Sunday, December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Janet Yonker** (Family)

10:00 am **People of St. Leo Parish**

Monday, December 13 - St. Lucy

8:30 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:30 am **Michael Thompson** (The Thompson Family)

6:00 pm **Shirley Wilson** (Joey Kennedy Kepple)

Wednesday, December 15 - Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Members of Victor C. Aiello Family** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

6:00 pm **Stephana Franco** (Dolly MacDonald)

Thursday, December 16- Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Renaud & Mori Families** (Family)

6:00 pm **Robert Caffrey** (M/M Leonard Papa)

Friday, December 17 - Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Michael DeStefano** (Family)

6:00 pm **People of St. Leo Parish**

Saturday, December 18- Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:15 pm **Lori Spangler** (Family)

Sunday, December 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **People of St. Leo Parish**

10:00 am **Kelley Aiello** (Family)

The Wine and hosts for the month of December have been donated in memory of Albert Paladino from Helen Paladino

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of December 12th will burn in memory of Clara Jane Mago from George & Karen Kutcher.

CANCEL THE COLD
†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

December 18
Frank & Dorothy Armanini

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the families of Karol Hill and Richard Herrman. May they and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace.

PENANCE SERVICE

At St. Leo Church

Monday, December 20

6 pm

(Regular Wednesday confession 4-6 pm will be held December 15)

St. Lucy | Feast Day December 13

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.