

# Saint Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

## A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,  
give us hope as we wait  
for your coming again.  
When we are tempted  
to be grateful to have found you  
while others are lost,  
send us out into the darkness  
in search of those  
who need you most.  
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.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.



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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSONS**

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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
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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*

### I: ANNOUNCING THE LORD!

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

My dear parish family:

As you will recall, last Lent I based my reflections in the bulletin and my Sunday homilies on the five sorrowful mysteries of the rosary. For the next four weeks of Advent, I would like to shift our emphasis on the five joyful mysteries as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior at Christmas (which now is less than a month away!) Over these days, nights, and weeks of Advent let us ask God for an increase of joy in our lives as we meditate on these five pivotal moments in the life of the Church.



**We read from Sacred Scripture:** Luke 1:28, 31, 38 – *“The Angel Gabriel said to Mary: ‘Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women...You shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus’... Mary answered, ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word.’”*

**Let us reflect now:** In the quiet of a garden, God announces through an angel the greatest joyful news ever heard by human ears and a young woman (around the age of 15) accepts. Mary of Nazareth is accepting to walk into a mystery, with nothing but faith, fueled by her absolute love for God, in her heart. She does not know what lies ahead on this new path, but she knows who is asking and she trusts in Him. There are many annunciation moments in our lives, and sometimes we hesitate to say yes because we cannot see the future or control what will happen. In this mystery of announcing the Lord, ask Mary to give you a deep trust in God, so that we can follow Him as He leads us to His Beloved Son in the manger. Ask Mary to help us trust that even if the path ahead is full of crosses, sufferings or even dangers (as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph encountered that first Advent), God will be walking with us, always. If we hold His hand in the darkness of our doubts and uncertainties, He will give us new strength, new peace, and a new kind of joy that nothing nor no one can take away.

**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:** *This is the brightest point that links heaven and earth, the greatest event of the centuries. The Son of God, the Word of the Father-by whom all was made that was made in the order of creation-took on human nature to become the Redeemer and Savior of the whole human race. Mary Immaculate, the most beautiful and fragrant flower of creation, at the voice of the angel, accepts the honor of divine maternity. With her words, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord,” it is fulfilled in her at that moment. And we all, as brothers and sisters redeemed in Christ, become her children. She is the Mother of God and our mother. As we prayerfully contemplate the Annunciation event, we resolve to daily acquire the habit of thanksgiving and sincerely strive to acquire that humility, purity, and great charity of which the Blessed Virgin gives us such an amiable example.*

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



*Father Justin*

## Parish Support

Weekend of November 14, 2021

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
\$6,740	\$10,160
<u>Contributions Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>
\$152,027	\$203,200

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

Received to date: \$27,384

76 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.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Thanksgiving is certainly a time that we should be counting our blessings. One of the blessings I count daily is being a part of the wonderful faith community of St. Leo Magnus. In this community, we have many ministries, many ways to participate in the community. Many of those ministries are seeing their ranks slowly dwindle. One of the ministries that is in need of a re-enlistment is the lector ministry. A few years ago St. Leo had fifteen lectors – five for each of our three masses. Today, we have ten – 2 for the 5:15 Mass and four for each of the Sunday morning Masses. If you would be interested or willing to serve our parish as lector while you are at Mass, please contact WeeJ. Fernan at [w\\_fernan@hotmail.com](mailto:w_fernan@hotmail.com) or (814) 558-1329. If leaving a message, please include your name, contact information and the Mass or Masses you would be able or willing to read. A training/confidence session will be provided before you are asked to serve.

WeeJ. Fernan

### St. Leo Parish Angel Tree is back!

The Angel Tree will be in the gathering space in time for your Black Friday shopping! You are welcome to choose an angel from the tree and attach it to an UNWRAPPED gift and return it to the tree no later than **December 12**. Please note that the hints on the angels are suggestions for your shopping convenience.

Happy shopping.!

Call Jeanne Hall with any questions (814-772-2569). Thank you.

### WAYS TO REMEMBER

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

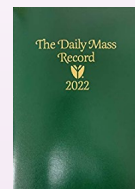
- Mass -- \$10
- Sanctuary Candle -- \$10/week
- Hosts and Wine -- \$40/month
- Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold -- \$10/date
- Radio Mass Broadcast -- \$100/week
- Memorial Space on the bulletin ads - \$50/week

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)



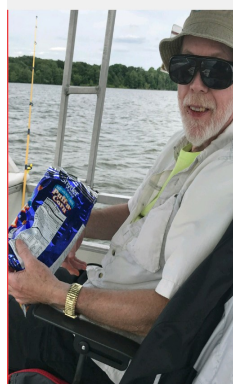
*During the month of November, we remember those who have passed away this year.*



Benjamin Gnan



Greg Maddalena



Richard Allenbaugh



James M. Urmann



Norman Smith



James MacDonald



Martha Laughner

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## ADORATION

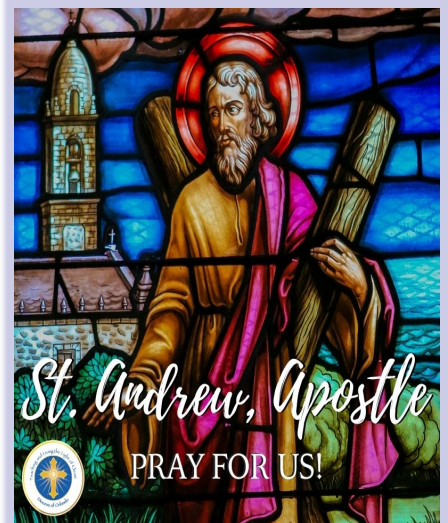
**Tuesday and Thursday  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

*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.



## 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:

**Thompson  
Funeral Home**

### Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

- Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## Baptismal Training Sessions

Nov. 29 at St. Mary's, St. Marys 814-781-1019  
Be sure to call ahead for a reservation!

St. Mary/St. Ann Parish will be hosting a Christmas Holiday Craft Show at the St. Mary Social Hall in Crown, PA on Friday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 4th. The show will run from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day. Dozens of tables filled with crafts and vendors will be available to complete your holiday shopping! Refreshments and lunch will be available for purchase. The event will also include a Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and a Black and Gold Pressure Washer raffle. Admission is free. See you there!

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. Here's what folds have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at <https://www.riercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!





*The Annual*  
**12 Knights of Christmas**  
Raffle

Only 300 tickets to be sold  
\$3500 in total prizes given out in 12 days  
\$20 per ticket  
Sold through K of C members and the Parish Office

**Ridgway K of C**  
★ 12 Knights of Christmas Raffle ★

Dec. 13 thru Dec. 17 \$100 per day	Dec. 24 1st Drawing .....\$1000
Dec. 18 .....\$200	2nd Drawing .....\$500
Dec. 19 thru Dec. 23 \$100 per day	5 Drawings of ....\$100 each 6 Drawings of .....\$50 each

## 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 you club's events.

Submit by Nov. 30 for the Dec. 5 bulletin;  
Submit by Dec. 5 for the Dec. 12 bulletin  
Submit by Dec. 9 for the Dec. 19 bulletin  
Submit by Dec. 15 for the Dec. 26 bulletin  
Submit by Dec. 21 for the Jan. 2 bulletin

## Ministry Schedule Weekend and week of December 5, 2021

	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Altar Servers</b>	T & M Gilmore	J & D Williams	D LaBenne Max Messineo
<b>Altar Server for Holy day of obligation</b>	Dec. 7 @ 6 pm - I & A Macer		
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	L Caggese	D Richards	R or D Foringer
<b>Eucharistic Minister for Holy day of obligation</b>	Dec. 7 @ 6 pm - S or L Fink	Dec. 8 @ 8:30 am - K Gerber	Dec. 8 @ 12:05 pm - N Hoffman
<b>Lector</b>	Jen Challingsworth	Pat Gilmore	Christine Tutton
<b>Money Counters</b>	Team 1	Altar Guild, For 12/3	Group 1, Pew 1
<b>Ridgmont Minister</b>	Kathy Roemer	Hi-Rise Minister	Coming Soon!



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 27 - Vigil -First Sunday of Advent

5:15 pm **Mary Margaret Facetti** (Linda Johnson)

Sunday, November 28 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Mark Cacchio** (Cousins)

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

Monday, November 29 - Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday, November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

8:30 am **Richie Nelson** (Felcia Nelson)

6:00 pm **Inez Grieggs** (Jim & Karen Catalano)

Wednesday, December 1- Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Daniel Martin, 4th anniv.** (Joan Martin)

6:00 pm **Michael Leithner** (Dave & Joey Kepple)

Thursday, December 2- Advent Weekday

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

6:00 pm **Dorik Metelski** (Felcia Nelson)

Friday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30 am **Sr. John Francis** (Rosa Aiello & Family)

6:00 pm **Fern & Ray Volk** (The McDonson Family)

Saturday, December 4- Vigil - Second Sunday of Advent

5:15 pm **Frank & Dorothy Armanini** (Bob & Carol Connacher)

Sunday, December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Veronica DePanfilis** (Family)

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



*The Wine and hosts for the month of November have been donated in memory of Elaine Geyer from Janet Polinski.*

*The Sanctuary Candle for the week of November 28<sup>th</sup> will burn in memory of Clara Jane Mago from George & Karen Kutcher.*

*The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the families of Phil Mitchell and Curt Paul Gosnell. May they and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace.*

### CANCEL THE COLD

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

November 27

*Joseph, Angeline & Eugene Facchine  
Art Aiello*

November 28

*Luigi LaValle  
Edith & Joseph Fusco  
Jim and Tom Detwiler  
Sonja Becker  
Chet & Grace Viola  
Joe & Kathy Sorge  
Bob & Carol Erlanson*

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Friday - CLOSED**

CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

“It is impossible to find a saint who did not take the “two P’s” seriously:

**Prayer and Penance.”**

St. Francis Xavier, SJ

