

# Saint Leo Magnus

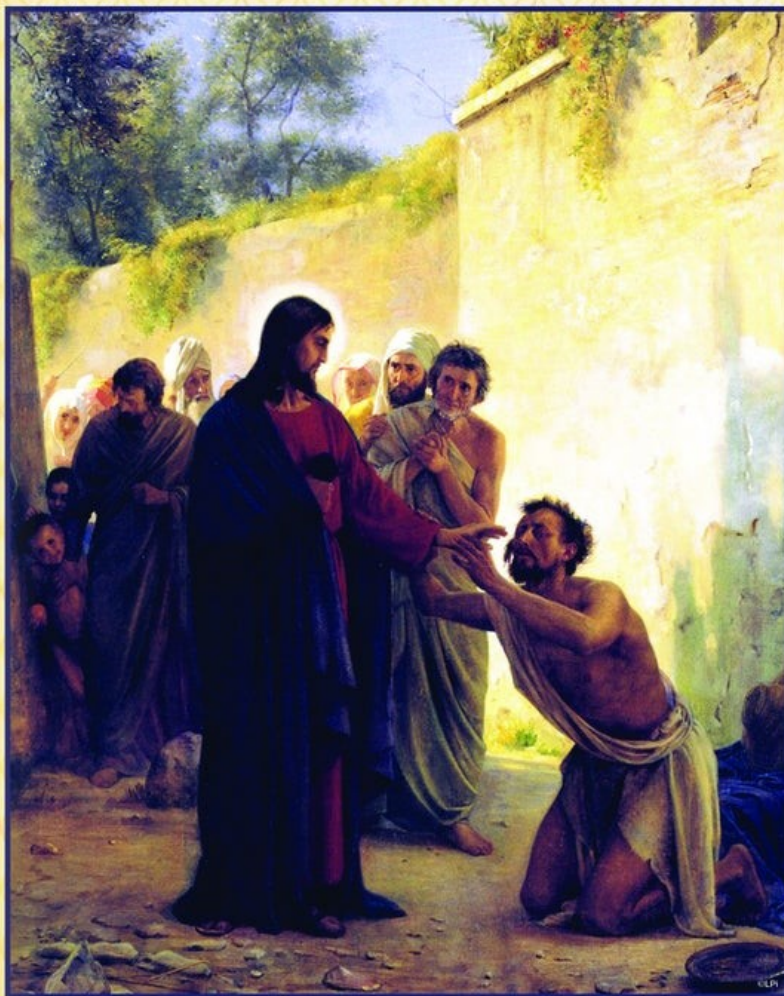
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 24, 2021



**30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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

**SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA | FEAST DAY OCTOBER 26**

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669.

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Knights of Columbus.....	Bill MacDonald
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Prayer Chain.....	Felcia Nelson, 772-5460
Fish Fry.....	Charlie Richards, 773-7990
That Man is You (TMIY) .....	Deacon Larry Caggese
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Prison Ministry.....	Molly Fernan
Altar Guild.....	Noel Murphy
Funeral Luncheons.....	Paul & Rita Reed, 773-7772
Money Counters .....	Linda Facchine
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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*

### HOW LATE HAVE I LOVED YOU

*The Greatest Commandment – Epilogue to our Ten Commandments Reflection Series*

My dear parish family:

We read from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew: “When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.’”

Over the past ten weeks, or so, we have journeyed through the ten ways that God invites us to love Him, others and ourselves in a more intimate and beautiful way. Thousands of years ago when He Himself carved those ways to love into the stone in front of Moses atop Mount Sinai, humanity's mission to love began in a new way. That journey – that mission – that way of living out our relationship with our God continues for us today. As a way of cap stoning our reflections, I offer you as a final meditation, as Scripture records, the greatest commandment!



Throughout our reflections on the Ten Commandments, I have urged you to replace “thou shall not” with “I will love more.” Now we come to Jesus' combining of all we have reflected within that same view – love. Sometimes we forget to love. Sometimes we don't love enough. For some of us love is frightening or embarrassing to express. For others we need just a small drop of it to survive. Whatever the case may be, the bottom line is that is NEVER TOO LATE TO LOVE! Especially to love the God who gives us everything and takes nothing but sin and pain and emptiness away.

Every August 28<sup>th</sup>, the Church throughout the world honors (unless the date falls on a Sunday, of course) one of our greatest and most human saints – Augustine. He wasn't perfect; in fact his worldliness and sinful indulgences during his youth pale in comparison to some of the “stuff” kids do today. If it was sinful and immoral, Augustine did it! Yet his mother Saint Monica, never gave up hope for his conversion (to change his life and embrace God's love) and she prayed for decades. She prayed that it was never too late for her son. Augustine did change and God rejoiced. In one of his most famous works *The Confessions*, Augustine puts his love for God in these beautiful terms, he prays: “**How late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, how late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.**”

How often does God shout to us for love? How often does He call to our hearts to be open and receptive to His love? How often does He search for us to close to Him? The answer: every time our heart beats in every moment of every day! That's how much He loves us and don't you think that is what we must return to Him? Again, the answer is a resounding yes! Augustine shows us that God never gives up on us even though we often do. Augustine's holy life proves that it's never too late!

Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything. So the question this week for all of us, my dear friends, is: How will I fall in love in God all over again today? And when you come up with an answer, share it; yes, share it with our Creator, share it with family and friends, share with someone you don't even know. Just don't say “I love you God.” Live it!

I was once asked one of my students in Punxsutawney – her name was Donna Jean – what word best described how much God love us. Her response was seared onto my heart: “there isn't a word big enough!” Well said, Donna Jean, yes, well loved! It's true, there isn't a word big enough, but for now, here on earth, we can strive every day to come close. It's not too late, together let's start now!

As Fulton Sheen used to say, “**God love you!**” and may your week be blessed!

*Father Justin*

## Parish Support

Weekend of October 17, 2021

Weekly Contributions  
\$5,842

Weekly Budget  
\$10,160

Contributions Year to Date  
\$119,573

Budget Year to Date  
\$162,560

### CSA--

due by January 2022  
\$46,962

Received to date: \$27,266

75 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: \$128,000



**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

If you would like more tickets,  
call the parish office @ 814-772-3135.



**CD of A Members** – *Hope to Die: The Christian Meaning of Death and the Resurrection* by Dr. Scott Hahn has been selected for the Advent Book Club. If you are interested in joining order the hardback, audio, or Kindle version from Amazon or any other seller. If you do not have access to Amazon and would like the book ordered for you contact Lisa Martin 772-2261 by November 1 to arrange delivery. A group discussion will take place the beginning of December with more information to follow. The next CD of A meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:30** in the Social Hall.

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 594-4567 for more information. CD of A Court St. Leo would like to welcome its newest member Mary Jo Caggiano.



### Good Samaritan Food Bank

It is time for St. Leo's to donate nonperishable foods to the food bank.

Please leave items in the gathering space the weekend of November 6/7.



## Ridgway K of C

12 Knights of Christmas Raffle

Drawings Dec. 13 thru Dec. 24

Buy your tickets from any Knight or the parish office

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Giving as God does**

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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September 22 - October 31, 2021

**Each Tuesday beginning Sept. 28, we will be praying the Rosary following the 8:30 Mass at St. Marys Church.** Please join in this crusade for life.

40 Days for Life is sponsored by Elk County Right to Life. Call Mary Ross @ 814-781-6867 for more information.

**Pro-Life Prayer for Sunday, October 24 -**

Lord, you are the creator of all things. Guide my thoughts to consider your creation in all of its majesty, beauty and holiness. Guide my heart especially to your creation of precious human life. Help me to comprehend how essential life is in your own heart. Teach me to appreciate, love and protect all human life through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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,  
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:

**Reliable Remodelers**

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Baptismal Training Sessions

**Nov. 9** at St. Boniface, Kersey, 814-885-8941

**Nov. 29** at St. Mary's, St. Marys 814-781-1019

Be sure to call ahead for a reservation!

**St. Joseph, Force - Fall Fish/Shrimp Dinner** - Every Friday from September 17 - October 29. Noon - 6:30 pm. All dinners \$13. Call 814-787-4151 #6 to order. Carry out ONLY. Dinners include: baked or fried fish or fantail shrimp, choice of potato, choice of coleslaw, applesauce or macaroni salad plus a roll and a dessert.

**The Guardian Angel Center**, Kersey is now open with back-to-school clothing. For more info call 814-885-6192 or go to their Facebook page.

**You Are Invited!** St. Joseph Church, Force PA, is pleased to announce a **Mission on the Eucharist** with Rev. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R. Fr. Kevin will introduce the mission experience and preach at all weekend Masses Saturday, October 30 at 5:30pm and Sunday, October 31 at 9:15am. **The mission will be from Sunday, October 31 thru Tuesday, November 2. Service begins each evening at 7:00pm.** The public is invited to attend this "Parish Mission" and to share with St. Joseph parishioners and family members a mission experience. A preview of Fr. Kevin's mission message can be found at <https://www.redemptoristmission.com/come-to-the-mission>.

**Please join us at St. Joseph Church, 17744 Bennetts Valley Hwy, Force, PA!**

### Sacred Heart Social Committee is hosting a Fall Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 4. The menu includes Stuffed Chicken Breast or Stuffed Pork Chop with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Homemade Rolls and Light Dessert. **Dinners must be pre-ordered by Friday, Oct. 29 at 3:00pm. Drive thru pick up Nov. 4 from 4-5:30pm.** Cost is \$12.

**The Maternity Closet is open** the 1st 3 weeks of each month on Wednesday from 3-3:30pm and Thursdays 1-2:30pm. Babies and children to 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday in need are welcome.

### Ridgway YMCA and PENNIE present - Health Equity Tour

Wed., Oct. 27th from 10am - 2pm at the Ridgway YMCA. Enjoy free access to a wide variety of health education and screenings. For more information, contact the Tour Team @ 717-232-3113 or [tour@mcaharrisburg.org](mailto:tour@mcaharrisburg.org)



Please complete and return the parish **census** form .

If you have not received one call the parish office at 814.772.3135.

Or pick one up in the Gathering Space after Mass.

**Are you wondering if you should stop in to schedule Masses for 2022? The answer is YES!**

**THE 2022 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

The Daily Mass Record

**Intention requests will be limited to 3**

**GET CHRISTMAS HELP** - The Salvation Army is accepting names of children in need - Oct. 25-27 from 10am - 2pm; Nov. 5 from 5-7pm and Nov. 6 from 12-3pm.

To qualify, the children of families must live in Elk County, have legal custody of children and apply in person at the Salvation Army. Children up to the age of 12 can qualify. Documentation required: Birth certificates for the children, picture ID for the applying parent, and proof of residency (A utility bill dated within the last 30 days). For more information call 814-772-0485.

 **ONLINE GIVING** *Is simple and easy!*

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 email [secretary@stleomagnus.org](mailto:secretary@stleomagnus.org).



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 23 - Vigil -Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Ethel Facetti** (Linda Johnson)

Sunday, October 24 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 am **Frank Clark, 23<sup>rd</sup> anniv.** (Ron & Mom)

Monday, October 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday, October 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am **No Mass. No Communion Service**

Wednesday, October 27 - Votive Mass of St. Joseph

8:30 am **Communion Service**

Thursday, October 28 - Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

8:30 am **Fran Lewis** (Dave & Lynne Kucenski)

Friday, October 29 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am **Leonard Mick** (Fr. Justin)

Saturday, October 30 -Vigil - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **William Magrini** (Dolly MacDonald)

Sunday, October 31 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Clyde Piccirillo** (Family)

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

*The Wine and hosts for the month of October have been donated in memory of Ruthie Cooney from Annie Schield.*

*The Sanctuary Candle for the week of October 24th will burn in memory of Luigi & Caroline LaValle from Frank & Caroline Armanini, Jr.*



### Ministry Schedule Weekend and week of October 31, 2021

	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J Sorg M Toncich	N & P Washburn	L MacDonald F Messineo
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	F or K Griech	M Detwiler	L Caggese
<b>Lector</b>	Noel Murphy	Neil Hoffman	Dean Paige
<b>Money Counters</b>	Team 4	<b>Altar Guild For 10/29</b>	Group 2 Pew 2
<b>Ridgemont Minister</b>	Christine Tutton	<b>Hi-Rise Minister</b>	Coming Soon!

### **CANCEL THE COLD**

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

*October 24  
Art Aiello*

### **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.*

### **This Week Around the Parish**

Oct. 26 9am - 9pm ADORATION

Oct. 26 6:30pm TMIY at the K of C

Oct. 27 9am - 9pm ADORATION

Oct. 29 4pm - 6pm Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot

### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Friday - CLOSED**

*CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS*