



St. Leo Magnus

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Sat. Vigil: 5:15 pm + Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesdays: 6 pm + Wednesdays - Saturdays: 8:30 am

Saturdays: Rosary is recited at 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Evening before: 6:00 pm

On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

Confession

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

Adoration

Tuesdays 9 am - 6 pm

Thursdays 9 am - 7 pm



150th Anniversary: 52 Weeks - 52 Photos

#17: The Marian Side Altar of the second Saint Leo Church (1883 - 1941), which was illuminated for the annual Little Flower Novena in 1927.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 24, 2024

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 23, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

8:00 am **Rosary**

8:30 am **Donnie Aiello** (Daughters)

9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, March 23, 2024 + Anticipated for Palm Sunday

5:15 pm **Livio Morelli** (Mark & Mary Ann Rezmerski)

Sunday, March 24, 2024 + Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am **Jane Williams** (Bob Bomba)

10:00 am **Dominic & Elvira Judice** (Art & Mary Therese Cianca)

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 + Holy Week

9 am - 6 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

6:00 pm **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 + Holy Week

8:30 am **Billy Egger** (Family)

4-6 pm **Confession**

6:00 pm **Tenebrae Service**

Thursday, March 28, 2024 + Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm **Richard Allenbaugh, 3rd anniv.** (Family)

Friday, March 29, 2024 + Friday of the Passion of the Lord

1:00 pm **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death**

Saturday, March 30, 2024 + Mass of the Great Easter Vigil

8:30 pm **Jim & Eugene Facchine** (Family)

Sunday, March 31, 2024 + Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

10:00 am **Andy & Jean Fioramonti** (The McLaughlin Family)

Ministry Schedule Week of March 31, 2024

Money Counters
Team 1

Altar Guild (3/29)
Group 2 Pew 2

The wine and hosts for March have been provided by Virginia Manno in loving memory of her husband, **Jimmy Manno**



Saint Leo Tenebrae Service

Wednesday, March 27 at 6 pm

Tenebrae is part of the Divine Office or Prayer of the Universal Church preceding Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It involves extinguishing candles one by one as Christ goes through His Passion.

It also includes special scriptural readings and hymns as to prepare one for the holiest days of the Church year.

Altar Candles

WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Sanctuary - Walter and Kathy Clark
from Mary Jo & Barry Caggiano

Saint Leo - Deceased members of Saint Leo Parish

During the somber time of Lent, the Holy Mary and Blessed Joseph candles will not burn.

Please contact the parish office
if you would like to reserve a special candle
in memory or in honor of a loved one.

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

Alice Malacarne
and

Grace Daughenbaugh

*May they, and all the faithful departed,
rest in eternal peace.*

Cancel the Cold

†We remember in our prayers†

March 24

Mary Helen Jacobs
Larry Johnson

Liturgical Ministries Holy Week, 2024

	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Lector
Wed. 3/27 6:00 pm	Volunteer Needed		
Thu. 3/28 7:00 pm	T Bish S Tettis P Messineo	S Anderson	Volunteer Needed
Fri. 3/29 1:00 pm	D LaBenne K Matha	L Caggese	Volunteer Needed
Sat. 3/30 8:30 pm	N & P Washburn J Nicklas	W MacDonald J Allenbaugh	J Challengingworth and Volunteer
Sun. 3/31 8:00 am	D Tutton M & P Messineo	B Gausman M Detwiler	J Allenbaugh And Volunteer
Sun. 3/31 10:00 am	D & J Williams S Tettis	N Hoffman A Messineo	C Tutton And Volunteer

Prayer Chain ~ Call Felcia @ 814.772.5460

If you, or someone you know are in need of prayers.

Parish Support

March 17, 2024

Contributions..... \$7,008
 Weekly Budget.....\$9,246

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Contributions.....\$305,893
 Budget.....\$351,348

Ways to Remember

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

Mass - \$10

Candles: Sanctuary, Saint Leo, Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph - \$20/week

Hosts and Wine - \$100/month

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

Radio Mass Broadcast - \$100/week

Contact the parish office for details.

Have an IRA? Would you 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. Call the parish office for more details.

Online Giving

Our online offertory program is called Vanco. This offertory site can be accessed by visiting our church website at **www.stleomagnus.org** and click the **Vanco** button at the top of the page. Simply follow the directions to set up an account. You have total control of your donation. Your donation to St. Leo will be received and placed into the fund you chose.

If you have questions, please call the parish office for information.

Bulletin Deadlines-

Submit by April 2 at noon for the April 7 bulletin

Submit by April 9 at noon for the April 14 bulletin

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Office hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 am - noon + 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call the parish office for your cemetery needs

Faith Formation Corner

(formerly Religious Education)

2023-2024

Class Schedule for this week:

March 24 8-9:30 am Grades 6, 7, 8 K of C Classroom

March 24 11-12:30 pm Grades 1, 2, 4, 5 K of C Classroom

Mother-Daughter Tea - A special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, prepare for puberty together. April 21, 2024 at St. Marys Church 1-4 pm. RSVP by 4/14. Cost \$35 per family includes: afternoon tea, light lunch, activities, unforgettable memories. For more information and to sign up visit <http://ereereriercd.org/chastity/tea.html>.

Sponsor a Child on a Mission - Help support area youth for an unforgettable journey as they deepen their faith and experience the power of God's love through service. Three students from our parish will be traveling to New Castle, PA for a Catholic Heart Workcamp. If you would like to support them, you can mail a donation to the Faith Formation Office at 325 Church St., St. Marys, PA 15857. Please make checks payable to St. Marys Inter Parish Faith Formation noting "mission trip" in the memo line.



During Mass on March 17th Fr. Justin added a first class relic of St. Patrick to our Altar of Sacrifice. Shown above are Fr. Justin with Patrick Messineo placing the St. Patrick relic into the Altar. There are many other relics located in the reliquary cabinet near the server's sacristy door. Stop and see the display.



Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Apr 16, 2024 7:00 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 814-772-3135

*Be sure to call ahead to reserve your spot



Everyday Stewardship

I read a story recently about a teacher who donated to one of her former students a kidney. This tremendous act of selflessness came about because the young person had lost most of the function his kidneys due to an illness. Literally, that teacher gave the gift of life to someone who wasn't her own child or another family member. This is certainly radical stewardship.

How far would you go to give of yourself so that another might live? Would you have to love him or her like your own child or parent? No one can deny it would be a difficult decision, especially if your giving put your own health at risk.

Reflecting on these things helps to provide some perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus. Not only did he suffer tremendously at the hands of the Romans, he gave his life for us so we might live forever. What does true stewardship look like? The cross is a symbol to us of total surrender. When we are called to give of ourselves in ordinary ways in daily life we sometimes hesitate and think twice. Perhaps when we are unsure we should look to the cross and there we can find our strength. And then when the call comes to truly sacrifice and place our trust in God, we may have already developed a lifestyle that makes responding, "yes," that much easier.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A Tisket, A Tasket, A 50-50 Ticket For Everyone's Easter Basket!!

Looking for something to add to your Easter Basket? How about a chance to win our 50-50 drawing at the end of December? Remember last year's winner won \$11,000!!! Tickets are available in the Gathering Space and Rectory. Happy Easter!



Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners

St. Joseph Church Force. Celebrating the 25th anniversary of our annual Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners! Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. Noon - 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Good Friday 2 - 6:30 pm. All Dinner \$15. Menu includes: Baked or Fried Haddock, Fantail Shrimp; and side dishes. Dine in or take out (call 814-787-4151 #6).

St. Boniface Lenten Fish Fries

From Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent from 4 - 6:30 pm. St. Boniface Social Hall. Fish Dinner \$15, Chicken Dinner \$10, Children under 10 \$8. Menu includes: Baked, Fried or Beer Battered Fish, Breaded Shrimp or Shrimp Scampi or Chicken Tenders; and side dishes. Dine in or take out.

Benedictine Gift Shop

In St. Marys, is fully stocked with Easter and Sacrament gifts. Open Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 am until 5 pm and Saturdays from 10 am until 1 pm.



SAINT LEO HISTORY

Search your basements, attics, and closets for hidden treasures.

Throughout this coming anniversary year, Father Justin will be writing a new history of our parish. So please look for anything dealing with these past 150 years. Bring anything to the office and we will take photos, copy or scan whatever you have. Anything will help us enrich our parish archive.

Photos ~ Bulletins before 1995 ~ Old Yearbooks ~ Newspaper Articles ~ Mass Program ~ Historic Objects ~ Anything and Everything!

ST. LEO MAGNUS CATHOLIC CHURCH Membership Form

Name _____ Phone Number _____

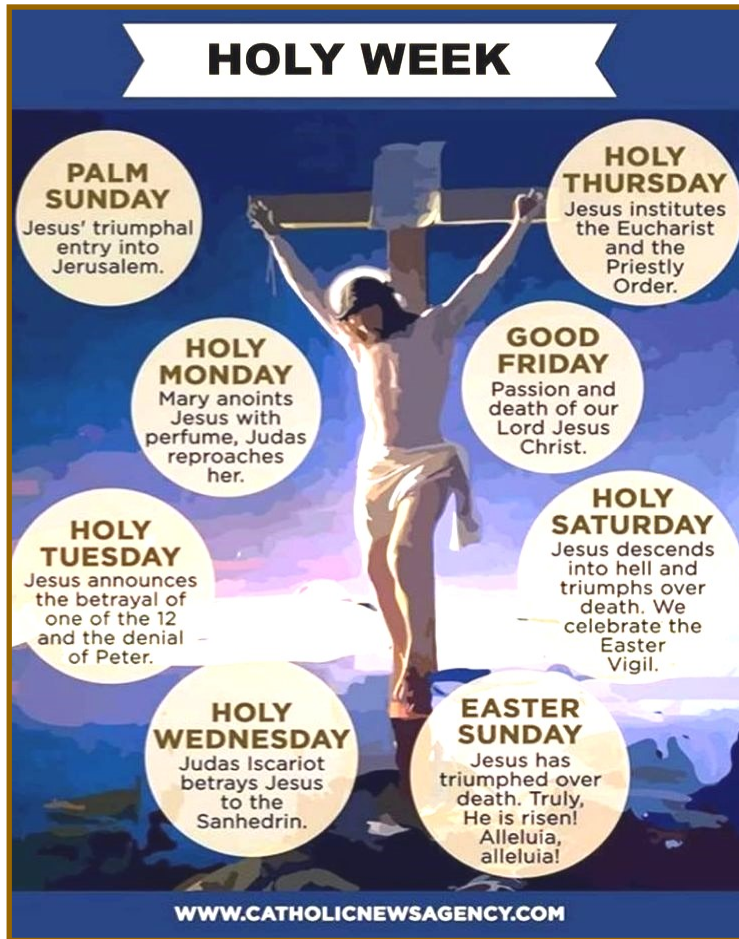
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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:



Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week Catholics pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. It starts on Palm Sunday, a day that commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist while Good Friday reflects on Jesus' death by crucifixion. Throughout this week, Catholics reflect on the emotional intensity of Jesus' Passion, contemplate His boundless love and mercy, and anticipate the joyous hope of His Resurrection. An intentional Holy Week can serve as a spiritual pilgrimage that deepens our faith.

Holy Week represents the end of Lent and its culmination. We are invited to meditate on the last days of Jesus' earthly life, especially by commemorating the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the meal at which Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and offered himself so that people could be nourished by his own life for centuries to come. During Holy Week, we also commemorate the Passion of Jesus, his Way of the Cross and his death on Golgotha. It is a time for meditating on this death that leads us to Life.

Here is a suggested prayer for this Holy Week.

Let us pray, this Holy Week:

Father in heaven, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how to honor you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus.

Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, give me guidance when I am not sure which way to go, and give me wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it.

May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond. Amen.

Please make it a priority to attend our various liturgies this week from the schedule distributed in last week's bulletin. I hope – like last year – to see a full church on Thursday, Friday and Easter weekend! **God be with us and may we walk with His Son this week!**

Father Justin