



Saint Leo Magnus

Roman Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 22, 2023

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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: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday thru Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses:

Evening before: 6:00 p.m.

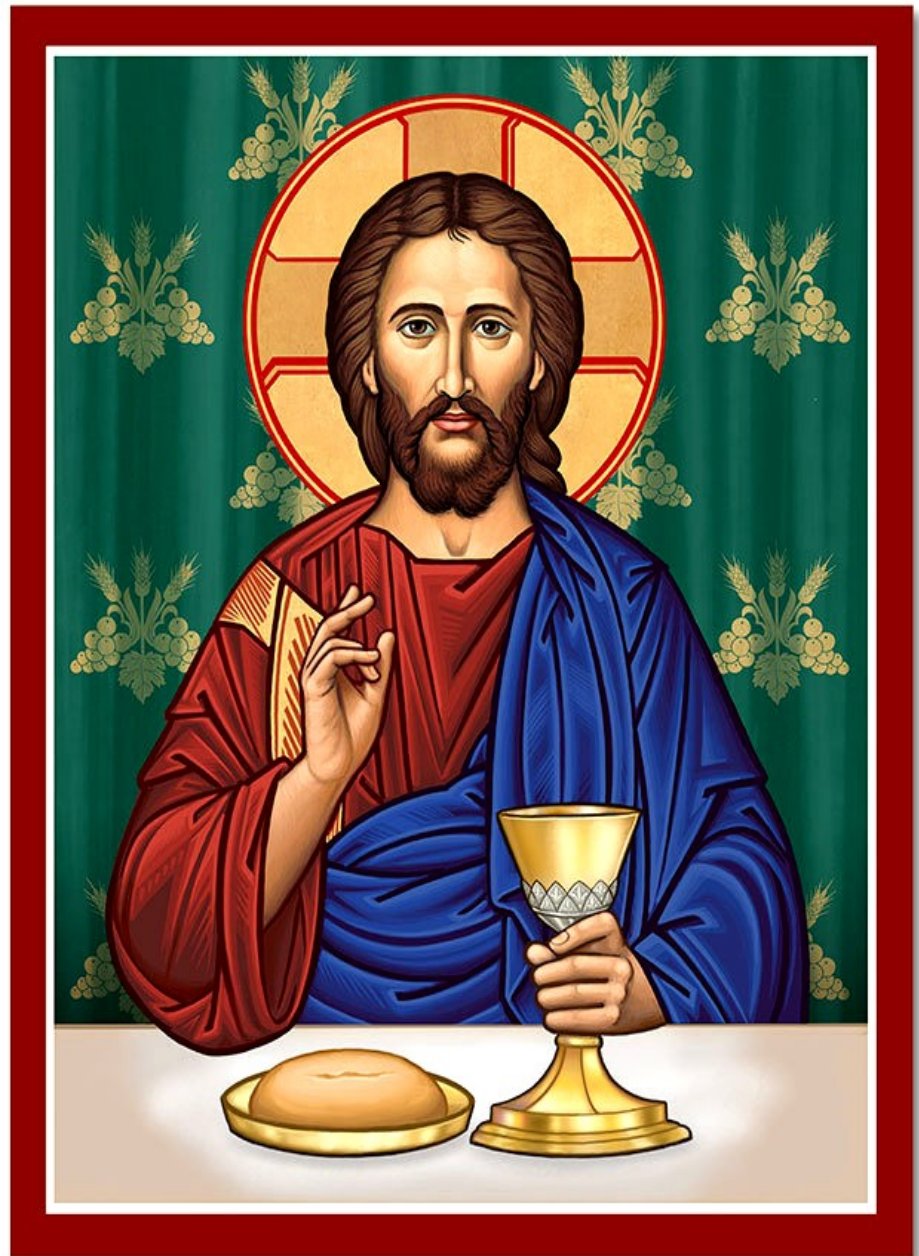
On the Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. &

12:05 p.m.

Confessions:

Wednesdays - 4-6 p.m.

Saturdays - 9 a.m.



Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AROUND THE PARISH

- Jan. 24 6:30 p.m. Bible Study - social hall
- Jan. 25 Religious Education Class
- Jan. 28 8:00 a.m. Pray the Rosary before Mass
9:00 a.m. Confessions after Mass
- Jan. 29 Catholic Schools Week begins

Please Pray for the Priests of our Diocese

- Jan. 22 Rev. Msgr. Daniel Magraw
- Jan. 23 Pray for Vocations
- Jan. 24 Rev. Mark J. Mastrain
- Jan. 25 Rev. David Whiteford
- Jan. 26 **Rev. Justin Pino**
- Jan. 27 Rev. Christopher Wheeler
- Jan. 28 The Most Reverend Lawrence Persico

Baptismal Training Sessions

- Feb. 7 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Force, 814-787-4151
 - Feb. 23 7:00 p.m. St. Mark Emporium, 814-486-0569
- Online classes are also available. Please call for details 814-772-3135

PRAYER CHAIN

Call Felcia @ 814-772-5460 if you, or someone you know, are in need of prayers.

CANCEL THE COLD

† WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK †

JANUARY 21
BERTHA VERBECK

WE MAKE HOUSE CALLS !

If you or a family member are ill or facing surgery, and would like to be anointed, please contact the office. Our number is 814-772-3135

Are you homebound and need Holy Communion, call 814-772-3135. We'd be happy to bring Him to you.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Infant baptisms (for children from birth to just before their 7th birthday) are scheduled throughout the year after weekend Masses. Baptisms are not performed during the solemn season of Lent (between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday). Before the child is baptized, parents and godparents must attend a baptism preparation class. Call us for more details. 814-772-3135

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January, 2023

FOR EDUCATORS

We Pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

ST. LEO PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 AM - NOON + 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
PH: 814-772-3135 EMAIL: SECRETARY@STLEOMAGNUS.ORG
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

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:

“I urge that you be united.” (1 Corinthians 1:10) The Church was a mess. It was out of control. Some of the members were visiting prostitutes. One was even having an affair with his stepmother! They were taking each other to court. Some were abusing the celebration of the Eucharist. Others did not believe in the Resurrection. No matter where you looked, there were signs of division, discord and disunity! Welcome to the Church at Corinth. Those crazy Corinthians and that is what Paul walked into. No wonder he admonished his friends there in these words: “I urge you to be united!” Easy to say Paul, but it takes lots of patience and understanding to actually accomplish!



Saint Paul knew this when he arrived to minister to the Corinthians, but he didn't quit. He didn't take his “ball and bat and go home.” He relied on one person and one person alone. The one who unites all people, who dies for all people, who promises eternal life for all people – Jesus Christ. Before he tackled the specific issues the Corinthians needed to solve, Paul first thanked God for all the blessings He had given to them in the first place. “God is faithful,” Paul prayed “He will keep you firm to the end.” When we encounter division or obstacles to unity, do we immediately throw up our arms and complain about all the problems we have or all the things that divide us OR do we thank God for all we have received to this point and move forward together? Ever hear the phrase: Embrace what unites us rather than what divides us?” It's nice to say. Moreover, it's nice to hear also. However, do we mean it? Can we live it? Will we share it? The faith, the hope, and the trust that Paul taught so many centuries ago, must enter into our hearts and then in return be shared and live.

Does scripture say that Paul panicked today because of these divisions? Does our second reading this weekend recount that Paul gave up, packed his things and got back on the boat because the Corinthians were afraid and maybe even angry because of this change, transition, this move toward a better unity? Did Paul tell the people “go figure it out yourselves?” No – I say it again no!

When life seems out of control. When we seem confused by new ways and new changes, we have to remember that God never will abandon us and we must never abandon one another! We must remember and live out that unity means letting go of things that we might hold dear so that we can forward together. We must practice forgiveness because removing misunderstandings and divisions is necessary for accepting God's will in our parish – our diocese – our homes and our hearts. We must wake up every morning and know that love must be the first option, the last option, the only option, so that we may continue to be “one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church!”

Every time we gather in these pews, we have a chance to deepen our relationship with God's Son, with His Church and with one another – to be one people in Christ! We can no longer allow ourselves the complacency of the past, “*The way things have always been*” needs to become the “*the way things need to be*” if we have any hope of preaching Jesus Christ to the world around us – so that the next generation of Catholics here will fill these same pews. This is the only reason the Church exists. No one “owns” the Church; not the bishops; not the clergy, and not the laity. The Church belongs to Jesus Christ and to Him alone. Nevertheless, all of us in different ways, no matter what our vocation, have responsibility for the Church and her mission. The mark of true Christian discipleship is to share every day, the love of Jesus Christ with each other. That's what unites us!

May God bless you in His abundance this week!

Father Justin

Parish Support

January 14 & 15, 2023

Contributions.....\$8,852
Weekly Budget..... \$9,747

Year - to - Date

Contributions..... \$226,090
Budget \$282,663

Envelopes mailed.....336 # Returned.....121
Online contributions...16

Parish Share

Assessments Due to Diocese of Erie.....\$36,459.50

*Please continue to use the yellow debt reduction envelopes found in your envelope packet to help us pay our share of assessments to the Diocese of Erie.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!**



**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.

WAYS TO REMEMBER

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

- Mass -- \$10
- Sanctuary Candle -- \$20/week
- Hosts and Wine -- \$100/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.

Prayer of Abandonment

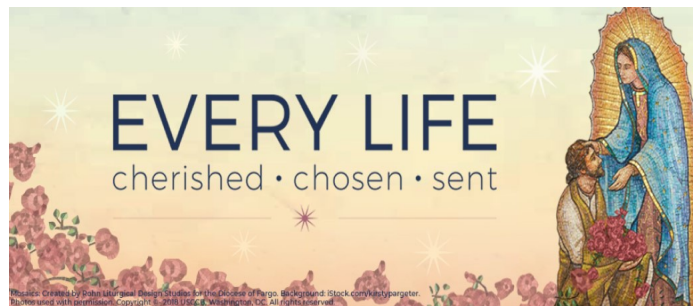
Father,
I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures -
I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into your hands I commend my soul:
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father.

Charles de Foucauld



K of C 300 Club

Tickets are now available at the rectory.
Drawings will start on January 27.
Tickets are good for 12 weeks of drawings.
Cost \$20 each



ONLINE GIVING

Our online offertory program is



This offertory site can be accessed by visiting our church website at www.stleomagnus.org and clicking the button on 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 deposited into the fund you choose. If you have questions please reach out to the parish office @ 814.772.3135

GET READY FOR LENT

Saint Leo Magnus Parish

Bible Study

Bible study and discussion about the sin of Adam and the Temptations of Christ in the desert

*Led by:
Lucy Bobby*

*Tuesdays - January 24, January 31,
February 7 and February 14*

6:30 p.m.

Saint Leo Social Hall

Material covered is appropriate for teens and older



For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life

God our Creator,
we give thanks to you,
who alone have the power to impart the breath of life
as you form each of us in our mother's womb;
grant, we pray,
that we, whom you have made stewards of creation,
may remain faithful to this sacred trust
and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

*Collect for Jan. 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children*

CD of A Members — Through the generous funding of the Erie Religious Education Enrichment Fund, Mary's Mantle books and prayer journals have been purchased for our members. Mary's Mantle Consecration: 46 Days of Prayer for Heaven's Help is a special program that has resulted in miracles in the lives and hearts of its members and their loved ones. St. Pope John Paul II said that his consecration to Mary was "a decisive turning point in my life." Join



us **Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m.** in the social hall to receive your book and listen to guest speakers discuss the main pillars of the retreat. This is a home study program which will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22 and conclude Good Friday, April 7.

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 at 814-594-4567 for more information.

The Art of Retreat

Social media has made it far too easy for me to share my opinion.

These virtual spaces tend to strip our words of all empathy. Someone will post something that I think is nonsense, and I just have to tell them why — and quickly! Hurry! Before they delete it!

Nine times out of ten, when the dust is settled, I find that I've said too much and listened too little.

As I've gotten older, the motto I try (not always successfully) to live by is this: You do not have to be on the attack all of the time, even if it's for what you think is the truth.

I can't help but notice that the first thing Jesus does when he hears of the arrest of John the Baptist is to retreat. He doesn't punch a hole in a wall or take to the streets in protest. He withdraws.

And what does he do after withdrawing? A lot of praying, I would imagine. A lot of thinking, a lot of reflecting. A lot of listening to the voice of his Father.

Sometimes we mistake stillness with vulnerability. But Christ shows us that to withdraw, to contemplate, can actually be a tremendous show of strength. Even the fiercest dogs wait for the command of their master before they act.

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence. — 1 Corinthians 1:17 ©LPi



Radio Mass

For the month of January is being sponsored by

Knights of Columbus Council #1064 of Ridgway, PA
In memory of their deceased members

Thank you for supporting our radio mass which can be found on WDDH, 97.5 FM, The Hound.

22:32 Men's Conference

Will be held March 4th, 2023 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. Guest speakers include: Fr. Larry Richards and Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck (professional soccer player). The live event will be held at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie. Registration opens soon.

Religious and Pro Life Lending Library -

The library, located on the main floor, front room of the Sacred Heart Parish Center, is open to all. Hours are the same as parish office hours, 9 am to 4 pm, Monday thru Friday. Not open on Holy Days or Holidays.

The Maternity Closet ~ IS OPEN~

The 1st three weeks of each month on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Babies and children up to 3rd birthday in need are welcome. Wednesday 2-3 pm, Thursdays 1-2:30 pm. The Maternity Closet is located at 139 Church St., St. Marys. Next to the Benedictine Gift shop.

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday, during 10:00 o'clock mass, students in grades preschool thru 2nd grade are brought down to the social hall for kid-friendly, age-appropriate activities based on that week's Gospel reading and message. Please join us!

Mass Ministry Schedule Weekend of January 28 & 29, 2023

	5:15 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am
Altar Servers	P Messineo A MacDonald	I & J Nicklas	J Tettis J Sorg
Eucharistic Minister	L Caggese	B Gausman	K Gerber
Lector	WJ Fernan	J Allenbaugh	B Grove

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Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignacius press

Parenting Pointers -

"As Jesus was walking he saw two brothers...He said to them, *Follow me.*" (Matthew 4:18-19) What does it mean for brothers, sisters, parents to "follow Jesus." Do you all have to go to the same church, synagogue...? No, following Jesus is a Way of life, not a place of worship.

Celebrate our Priests!

Ministry Schedule Week of January 29, 2023

Money Counters
Team 1

Ridgmont Minister
C Tutton

Altar Guild (1/27)
Group 5, Pew 1

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 21, 2023 + *Saint Agnes*

8:00 am Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 am **Mary Ann Fazio** (Dave & Lucy Bobby)
*Confessions available after Mass

Saturday, January 21, 2023 + *Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:15 pm **Jack Kelly** (Cathy & Francis Santiso)

Sunday, January 22, 2023 + *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am **People of Saint Leo Parish**
10:00 am **James M. Urmann** (Nieces & Nephews)



Tuesday, January 24, 2023 + *Saint Francis de Sales*

6:00 pm **Joseph Casolo** (Family)

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 + *The Conversion of Saint Paul*

8:30 am **Lorenzo & Carmella Caggese** (Deacon Larry Caggese)

Thursday, January 26, 2023 + *Saint Timothy & Saint Titus*

8:30 am **Genevieve Gardner** (Judy Fusco)



Friday, January 27, 2023 + *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am **Caroline Addeo** (Kathy Roemer)

Saturday, January 28, 2023 + *Saint Thomas Aquinas*

8:00 am Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 am **Joan Papa** (Chris & Susie Klase)
*Confessions available after Mass



Saturday, January 28, 2023 + *Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:15 pm **Sandi Lewis** (Friends)

Sunday, January 29, 2023 + *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am **Bill Gausman** (Mr. & Mrs. David Giovanini)
10:00 am **Colleen Malee** (CD of A Court #356)

Pope Paul VI called the Mass "THE MOST PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER."

Offering Mass for our loved ones is an honored way to unite ourselves in prayer with those we have loved.

*The wine and hosts for the month of January have been donated in memory of **Stella Maddalena** by her family.*

*The Sanctuary Candle for the week of January 22nd will burn in memory of **Ruthie Cooney** by **Anne Schield**.*