



Saint Leo Magnus

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Forty Hours Devotion



Come and spend time with our Eucharistic King!



Faithfully departed from Saint Leo Parish



Angela Morelli



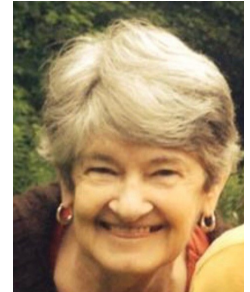
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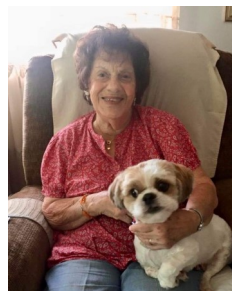
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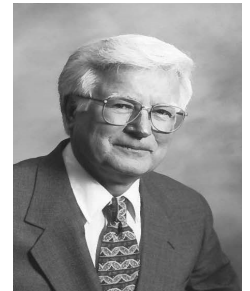
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Kathleen Pino



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Cindy Fink



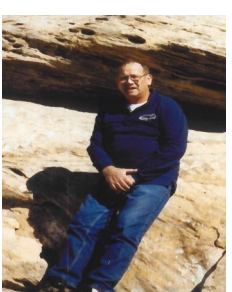
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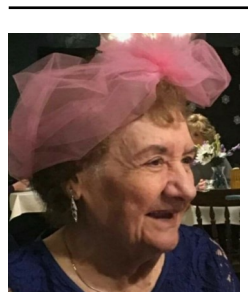
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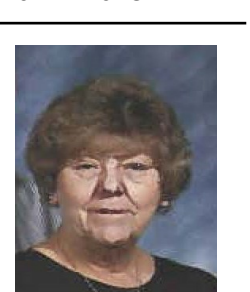
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Pauline Salvetto



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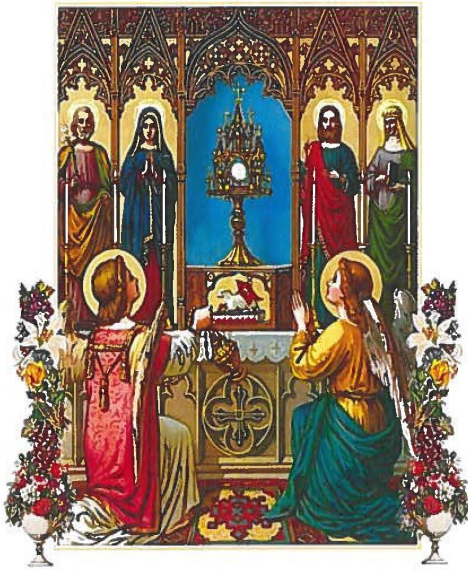
Ruth Bowes



Mary Costanzo

Missing:
Bernadean Neiger

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



Forty Hours Devotions

*Three Days of Prayer, Adoration, and
Inspiration Centered on the Holy
Eucharist*

**NOVEMBER 8 – 9 – 10, 2023
7 P.M.**

JOIN US EACH EVENING!

Wednesday, November 8th

8:30 am – **Mass** (Votive Mass for the Holy Eucharist)

**The Litany for Life will be prayed during Mass.*

9:00 am – **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament begins.

**We will pray the Stations of the Eucharist after Mass.*

++ Adoration continues throughout the day ++

4:00 pm – **Confessors** will be available for the Sacrament of Penance

7:00 pm – **Forty Hours Devotions with Father Justin as Homilist**

**We will pray the Rosary, listen to Scripture, and have Benediction*

**Confessors will be available after services also*



Homilist: Fr. Justin Pino

Thursday, November 9th

8:30 am – **Mass** (Feast of the Lateran Basilica)

**The Litany for Vocations will be prayed during Mass.*

9:00 am – **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament begins.

**We will pray the Rosary after Mass.*

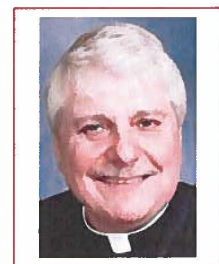
++ Adoration continues throughout the day ++

4:00 pm – **Confessors** will be available for the Sacrament of Penance

7:00 pm – **Forty Hours Devotions with Guest Preacher**

**We will celebrate Evening Prayer, and have Benediction*

**Confessors will be available after services also*



Homilist: Fr. Williamaska

Friday, November 10th

9:00 am – **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament begins with Morning Prayer.

++ Adoration continues throughout the day ++

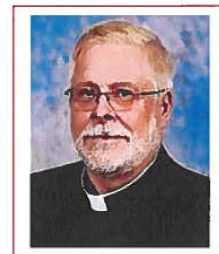
++ The **Relic of Saint Leo** will also be available for veneration ++

1:00 pm – **Mid-Day Prayer** will be celebrated in the church

4:00 pm – **Confessors** will be available for the Sacrament of Penance

7:00 pm – **Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Leo Magnus with Guest Preacher**

**During Mass we will conclude our Forty Hours Devotions
with a procession inside the church and Benediction*



Homilist: Fr. Mark Gregor

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 4, 2023 + Saint Charles Borromeo

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Donna Brazinski (Joe & Sue Dellaquila)

****Confessions after Mass****

Saturday, November 4, 2023 + Anticipated for the Thirty-first Sunday

5:15 pm Joseph & Angeline Facchine (Family)

Sunday, November 5, 2023 + Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Dutch DePanfilis (Family)

10:00 am Deceased members of Ridgway K of C (K of C)

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 + Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm Jacqueline Renaud (Family)

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 + Votive Mass for the Holy Eucharist

8:30 am The People of Saint Leo Parish

****Adoration: 9am - 7pm****

Thursday, November 9, 2023 + The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 am James Manno (Virginia Manno & Family)

****Adoration: 9am - 7pm****

Friday, November 10, 2023 + Solemnity of Saint Leo Magnus

7:00 pm Chester Viola, 20th anniv. (Children & Grandchildren)

****Adoration: 9 am - 7pm****

Saturday, November 11, 2023 + Saints Martin of Tours

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Thomas Coppella (Betty Hoehn)

****Confessions after Mass****

Saturday, November 11, 2023 + Anticipated for the Thirty-second Sunday

5:15 pm Lori Spangler (Ruth Steis)

Sunday, November 12, 2023 + The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Jane Mago (Fr. Mark Groeger)

10:00 am Matthew Cartwright (Friends)



This Week At St. Leo

Tue Nov 7 Senior Safe Driving Class, 9am - 1pm

Wed Nov 8 Forty Hours Devotion, 7pm. Homilist: Fr. Justin. Don't forget Adoration 9am - 7pm

Thu Nov 9 Forty Hours Devotion, 7pm. Homilist: Fr. William Laska. Don't forget Adoration 9am - 7pm

Fri Nov 10 Forty Hours Devotion, 7pm. Homilist: Fr. Mark Groeger. Don't forget Adoration 9am - 7pm

Looking ahead:

Sun Nov 12 Confirmation class

Wed Nov 15 First Holy Communion class for REP students

Wine and Hosts for the month of November have been donated in memory of Jacqueline Renaud by her family.

Sanctuary Candle will burn this week, November 5, in loving memory of Jacqueline Renaud from her family

Prayer Chain

Call Felcia @ 814.772.5460

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



Pope's Prayer Intention For November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Cancel the Cold

†We remember in our prayers†

November 5

Ron McDonson

Mike Thompson

Caroline & Luigi LaValle

Living & deceased of the DePanfilis Family

Mass Ministry Schedule Weekend of November 11 & 12, 2023

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
5:15 pm	D Lineberger M Toncich	S Anderson	WJ Fernan
8:00 am	S Tettis F Messineo	B Gausman	M Stager
10:00 am	M MacDonald A MacDonald	N Hoffman	C Tutton

Ministry Schedule Week of November 12, 2023

Money Counters	Team #2
Ridgmont Minister	M Skraba
Altar Guild (11/10)	Group 6 Pew 6

Parish Support

October 29, 2023

Contributions.....	\$5,986
Weekly Budget.....	\$9,246

Fiscal Year-to-Date (7/1/2023-6/30/2024)

Contributions.....	\$133,642
Budget.....	\$166,428

CSA

Our contribution.....	\$52,838
Gifts to date.....	\$25,096

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.

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.

Ways to Remember

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

Mass - \$10

Sanctuary, Blessed Mother
or Saint Joseph Candle - \$20

Hosts and Wine - \$100/month

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

Radio Mass Broadcast - \$100/week

Contact the parish office for details.

St. Leo Parish Office

Mon. - Thur. 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

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Be sure to remove ALL plants, pots and decorations before November 15.

If you need help cleaning up the items you placed in the cemetery, call the parish office.

THE 2024 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN **NOVEMBER 6**

WE WILL BEGIN WITH 3 MASS INTENTIONS. SOMETIME IN THE SPRING, ADDITIONAL MASS INTENTIONS CAN BE REQUESTED. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN.

50/50 DRAWING



We'll draw 1 winner on December 17th

Winner will get at least \$9,025!!

Tickets can be found in the gathering space or at the parish office.

St. Leo Christmas Cash Drawing

December 17th

7 winners of \$1,000 each

Tickets for sale at the parish office
\$20 each/3-\$40

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).

We will be most happy to reserve a date for your child's baptism after all necessary documents are received in the parish office. Call 814-772-3135 to find out what is needed.

Religious Education Program

2023-2024

Registration details will be published soon.

Keep an eye on the bulletin

Bulletin Deadline -

Submit by noon on November 7th for the November 12th bulletin



The 3rd Annual **12 Knights of Christmas** Raffle

Only **300** tickets to be sold. \$20 per ticket.
\$3,500 in total prizes. 24 drawings over 12 days.
All tickets stay in drum through final \$1,000 draw.
Sold through K of C members and the Parish Office.

Lighthouse Kiosk

New titles are here! Check out some of the new books added to the Lighthouse Kiosk located in the Gathering Space.

- We are the Lord's: A Catholic Guide to Difficult End-of-Life Questions
- The Life and Glories of Saint Joseph
- Stories about Purgatory and What they Reveal: 30 Days for the Holy Souls
- Heroic Habits: Discovering the Soul's Potential for Greatness
- 30 Favorite Novenas

Second Harvest Food Bank

This mobile food pantry is offered the third Monday of each month from 10 am - noon. The next distribution will be held Nov. 20th at the North Broad St. Fire Hall. Be sure to bring a cart, wagon, bags or boxes to carry your food.

Sacred Heart Thanksgiving Goods

Pre-order your Pumpkin Roll, Dinner Rolls, or Cranberry Salad by Friday, November 17 by calling 814-834-7861 #1. Pick up will be Wednesday, November 22 from 2-5pm.

Food Collection

St. Leo Church is holding their annual food drive November 1 - 15. Please bring non-perishable items to the Gathering Space and we'll deliver them to the Food Bank.

K of C Super 300 Club *Month Long Drawing*

Oct. 29 - Frank & Caroline Armanini - \$100

Oct. 30 - Joe Messineo - \$100

Oct. 31, Bonus 1 - Nick Cherry - \$250

Oct. 31, Bonus 2 - Dave Giovanini - \$250

Oct. 31, Bonus 3 - Arnie Bowser - \$500

A Christmas Holiday Craft Show

St. Mary Social Hall in Crown (address: 117 Lencer Drive; Leeper, PA), on Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd. The show will run from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each day. Over 40 tables filled with crafts and vendors will be available to complete your holiday shopping! Refreshments and a soup and sandwich luncheon will be available for purchase. The event will also include a Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and a special raffle. Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the St. Mary/St. Ann Faith Formation Program. See you there!

Marriage Encounter Weekend

It is a busy time. Consider this: a weekend away after the holidays to just be the two of you - husband & wife - and refocus on being that couple. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a faith-based enrichment for any married couple. Next is February 9-11, 2024, Hampton Inn & Suites, Grove City, PA. Application fee is \$75. Scholarships are available. Go to www.WWME.org for more information and to apply.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month:

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but in the United States up to 2.5 million youth experience homelessness every year. Each year up to 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and/or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (www.nctsn.org) offers information on a range of child safety topics. For additional resources on recognizing and reporting child abuse visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

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:

As I have been mentioning in the past weeks, our parish will host the traditional three-days of devotion known as Forty Hours on November 8 – 9 - 10. There will be moments of prayer each morning (mass on Wednesday and Thursday), and each evening we will gather for devotions at 7 p.m. in the church. Adoration will begin each day at 9 am and continue until devotions each evening. There will be an opportunity for confessions before services from 4-5 p.m. in the two sacristies.

Friday the 10th we will close Forty Hours with Mass in honor of our patron saint – Saint Leo. This Mass will also serve as the opening liturgy of our yearlong celebration of our parish sesquicentennial – the 150th anniversary! Events will be planned throughout the coming year to honor our heritage and prepare for the future. Please join us each evening.

I am grateful for our two guest priest homilists, who will join us this week: I will be offering the reflection the first evening; former deacon and assistant here at Saint Leo, **Father William Laska** from Brookville will be with us on Thursday; and our native son priest, **Father Mark Groeger** will join us for the feast day and anniversary mass on Friday.

Again, please join us each day as we continue to reorient ourselves and revive in our hearts, the love for the Holy Eucharist. With that in mind, here are some thoughts on this central mystery of our Catholic faith in order to prepare us for this week:

When we receive the Eucharist, we respond after the minister says, “*The Body of Christ?*” – “*Amen*” – Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, for “*it is true*” – in other words, Yes! I believe. We are saying: yes, I know that this is the body of our Savior Jesus Christ. We are saying yes, I know that through Jesus Christ we will all find eternal life if we live a life in accord his teachings and the teachings of the Church. We are saying yes, it is true that this bread – this wine – has been transformed and Jesus is now part of our own bodies. And it should blow us away!

We might not be able to physically see Christ in bodily form as we see one another, but we certainly see and feel his effects on us and that of the whole world. Many of us can pinpoint those times in our lives that were darkened with great difficulty and pain – perhaps it’s right now. Nevertheless, somehow there came relief – there came happiness, once again. **The happiness that all of us seek – the happiness that all people have the right to enjoy -- has a name – has a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth hidden in the Eucharist. It is the mystery of the Passion hidden in the bread.**

God made himself visible in Jesus his Son. Through Jesus we are able to see the Father. In the love story recounted in the Bible, he comes toward us; he seeks to win our hearts, all the way from the Last Supper, to the piercing of his heart on the Cross, to the joy of his Resurrection. In the word, the sacraments and especially in the Eucharist we too experience God’s love. He loves us, he makes us see and we experience his love. And love must be our response – our gift in return.

On April 14, 2005, the day of his inauguration as the Successor of Saint Peter, Pope Benedict XVI remarked the following: “*The Church is alive – she is alive because Christ is alive, because he is truly risen. If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return.*” **CHRIST OFFERS US THE GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST EVERY DAY AND THE REWARD IS SO GREAT! WHAT WILL WE GIVE BACK TO HIM? WHAT WILL WE DO “IN MEMORY OF HIM?”** Come to all three nights of Forty Hours and see!

God bless you today and everyday!

Father Justin