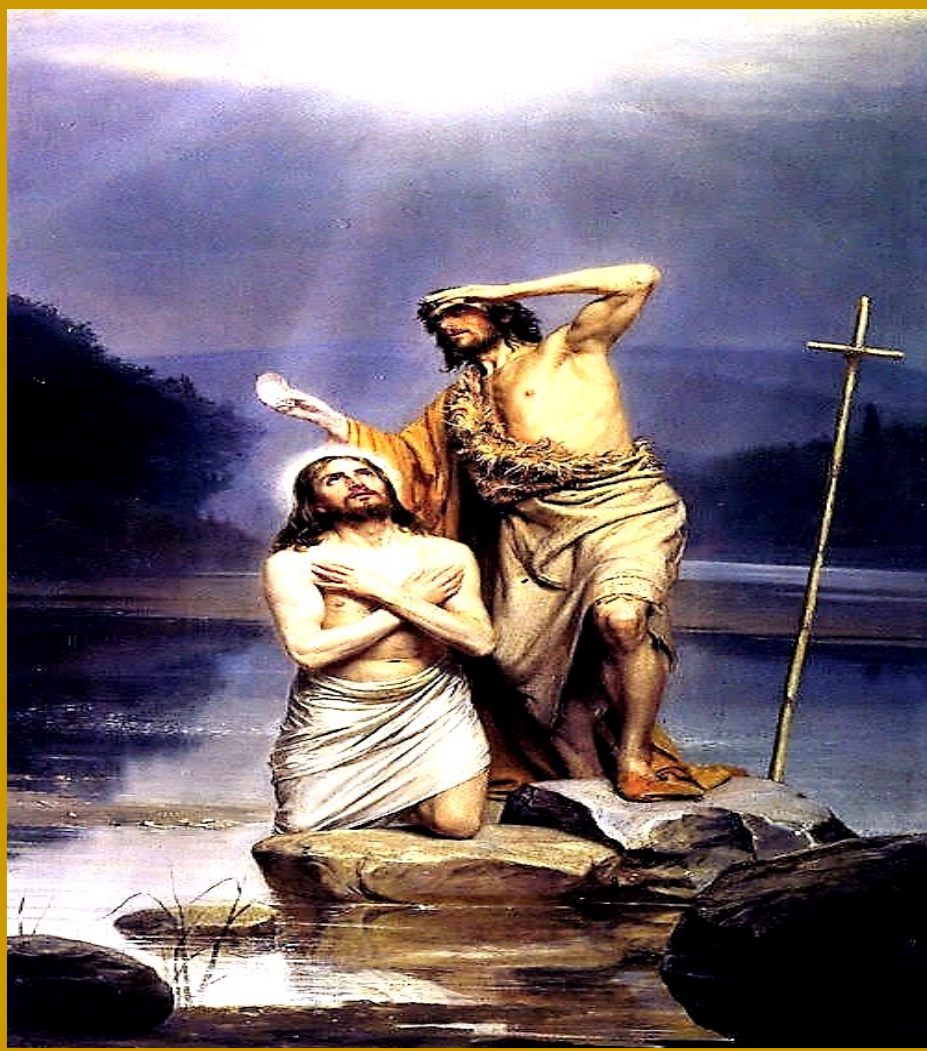


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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 9, 2022



Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 am - 7 pm

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday evening: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Radio Broadcast: 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.

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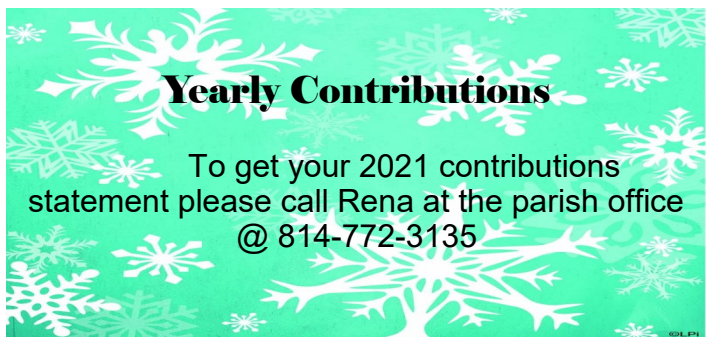
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Mrs. Rena Urmann, *Office Manager*
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We will be taking down the Christmas Decorations today beginning after the 10 am Mass.

Come Help!

“Many hands make light work”



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Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in an area of Parish Ministry. Please reflect on the ways you are called to SHARE YOUR GIFTS to help our community grow. Contact the parish office for more information about all of our ministries.



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:



Baptism is very much about love! Yes, it's also about our entrance into the family of God – the Church. Yes, it's about washing us free from Original Sin. Yes, it does begin our journey of discipleship to Jesus Christ – opening the doorway to the sacred – inviting us to be recipients of God's inexhaustible grace. Yet Baptism is about how intensely God loves us that He does all these things through His inexhaustible grace (the washing, inviting and journeying) so that we might know Him and love Him in this world and eventually, when He calls us home, be with Him forever in Heaven. The road back home to heaven begins at Baptism! However, in between our baptism and returning home, there is life – as messy and difficult as it can be for us, especially in the past two years. Yes, life intervenes and we must ask ourselves how do we love God in return from the moment of our baptism (and additional experiences of Him in the other sacraments) before we, hopefully, return to heaven?

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, comes at the beginning of a new year – 2022, is an excellent opportunity for each of us to *review* our relationship with God and His Beloved Son, Jesu Christ, the One who has come again to begin again the cycle of salvation from Bethlehem to Calvary and many places – touching many hearts along the way. In God's eyes: we are good; we are pleasing to Him. That is why He created us in the first place – not for fun or our of some “puppet master amusement.” No – we are created – beloved by Him, because it is love that fuels every particle of existence of God. Along with Christ, we are God's beloved as His divine voices booms from the clouds in the gospel account of Jesu's baptism this weekend. No, we are not perfect – not even close - but God loves us even though we have flaws – faults – sins.

For God – love comes first. Love comes first! And when humanity, through sin and weakness and doubts, fails to love, when we reject God's love or that of others, when we abuse or ignore love what comes from God then what? The answer is mercy. First, there is love - then there is mercy. Before we existed, God loved us. When we enter into the world God loves us. Before God looks at our faults and failures – He loves us. Before God judges us – He loves me. Moreover, after God judges us – He loves us. This cycle of love is exponentially re-energized at our baptism.

Why would someone not desire with all their heart to have their child baptized? Some people do sadly, so pray for them that they hear God's loving voice this year to come to the saving waters and celebrate the greatest sacrament of love, mercy, and welcome we can imagine. Yes, pray that they walk through the doorway to the sacred and are flooded by God's grace!

All the pain and brokenness, all the sin in the world, all the sin in our lives, comes, in one way or another, from our not believing, not accepting, from our doubting that we are loved by God. So many people doubt that they are lovable at all. Yes, they doubt that they are loved by others or worse yet, doubt that God loves them. That impossible, by the way. God does not know how to not love. When we doubt that we are loved it's then that we begin to trip, stumble, fall and, often, end up looking for love in all the wrong places. If we have fallen into that darkness, the light of Christ this year can led us out. No doubt!

Every one of us needs the assurance of the Father's blessing, which God the Father withholds from no one. God offers each of us that blessing to help us live and love as fully and deeply as God intends and desires us to live and love. In addition, we are called to love and bless one another in the same way. Before we get to know others, we are called to love them – even before we know them. After we've come to know their assets and liabilities, we are called to love them. Before we label others, we are called to love them. Before we judge others, we are called to love them. That is how God works. May His ways – His love be our ways – our love. **Love always comes first because the God who loves us - is love!**

This new year, let us hear God's voice – as did Jesus and John the Baptist that day in the Jordan River. God whispers it every day – He even shouts it when we especially need to hear it – yet do we listen? Do we hear Him say, “You are my beloved. I love you?” Do we hear Him? Do we repeat what He says to others or back to Him?

Happy New Year again and may God's peace be with you! - Father Justin



**Weekend of December 26, 2021
(includes Christmas Offering)**

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
\$10,708	\$10,160
<u>Contributions Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>
\$205,011	\$264,160

Weekend of January 2, 2022

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
\$11,029	\$10,160
<u>Contributions Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>
\$216,040	\$274,320

***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.



**A Prayer on the Anniversary
of my Baptism**

*Good and Gracious God – O Loving Father in Heaven, hear my prayer. Today is the day that I was baptized. On this day (*insert the date and place of your baptism) I was welcomed as a Catholic Christian by my family, and by the Church. Today I again am signed with the cross, to remember that I baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (make the sign of the cross). In Baptism, I was filled with the light of Christ. May I walk always a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in my hearts. May I live each day knowing my true identity as a beloved child of God. And when the Lord comes, may I go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom to live with him forever and ever. AMEN!*

ONLINE GIVING Online giving 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.



On Christmas, baby Jesus is placed in his crib on the altar. This year Julia Gilmore brought baby Jesus to His bed.

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.

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.

Child Protection ~

Online Gaming: 72% of teens, both male and female (ages 13-17) play video games. More than half of those teens said they have made new friends online. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children analysis of Cyber Tipline reports has found that gaming platforms are more often used in the online enticement of young boys than any other group of children. It is important for parents to talk to their child about safety in online gaming. Some important questions to ask are: Have you ever been cyberbullied while gaming? Do you know what information is OK to share about yourself while gaming? Has anyone talked about sex while you were gaming or asked you to send pictures of yourself? If your child answers yes, report the matter to law enforcement. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ for additional resources.

12 KNIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS WINNERS

12/13/21	Kathy Clark	\$100
12/14/21	Megan Dickinson	\$100
12/15/21	Roy Krise	\$100
12/16/21	Sandy & Mike Buehler	\$100
12/17/21	Marlin Konen	\$100
12/18/21	Jeff Marzella	\$200
12/19/21	Tony Marchione	\$100
12/20/21	Ross Martin	\$100
12/21/21	Francine Papa	\$100
12/22/21	Joe Brunner	\$100
12/23/21	Bill Jacobs	\$100
12/24/21	Nick Cherry	\$1,000
12/24/21	Louis Bonini	\$500
12/24/21	Curt Gosnell	\$100
12/24/21	Steve Straub	\$100
12/24/21	John Caimi	\$100
12/24/21	Bill MacDonald	\$100
12/24/21	Jamie Dickant	\$100
12/24/21	Scott Pine	\$50
12/24/21	Ron Minnick	\$50
12/24/21	Scott & Missy Jacobs	\$50
12/24/21	Michael Jacobs	\$50
12/24/21	Ed LaVelle	\$50
12/24/21	Ted Bullers	\$50

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.

"The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you."

St. Hilary

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:

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

ECCHS Music Booster Cash Bash!! - January 15, 2022 from 6 to 10 pm at the St. Marys Moose. \$100 drawing every 5 min., \$200 drawing every 15 min.! \$2,000 Grand Prize! \$50 ticket admits 2 (food and drinks included). Contact Simon at 814-788-0203.

Save the Date - March 12, 2022 - 7th Annual Women's Conference. www.138women.com for more information.

Cursillo Weekends - The Erie Cursillo Movement is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Men's Cursillo February 11-13, 2022, and a Women's Cursillo April 29 to May 1, 2022. Applications can be found at www.eriecursillo.org or by calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119. If interested, ask someone you know who has completed a Cursillo weekend to serve as your sponsor.

Bethany Retreat Center offers retreats in 2022 - Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville has a variety of retreats planned for 2022. Go to www.bethanyretreatcenter.org to see what retreats are in the works. In addition, Bethany offers private retreats for groups and organizations and personal retreats for individuals wishing to get away for silence and solitude. To inquire, call 814-263-4855.

Family Perspective ~ In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

Marriage Moment ~A new year has begun. Perhaps you've made a New Year's Resolution. Perhaps not. Today, just think about today! What kindness can you offer your beloved today.

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. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

Pre-Cana Class

- Call ahead for reservations
- **Jan. 29** 8 am-5:15 pm Sacred Heart, St. Marys 814-834-7861
- **Feb. 11** 5 pm - 9 pm Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- **Feb. 12** 9 am - 1 pm www.olp.org

Baptismal Training Sessions

- * Call ahead for reservations
- * **Jan. 19** 7:00 pm Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg 814-965-2819
- * **Feb. 1** 7:00 pm St. Joseph, Force 814-787-4151
- * **Feb. 17** 6:30 pm St. Mark, Emporium 814-486-0569

Thank you ~

To all who came to help decorate the church for Christmas this year. A very special thank you to the young men who came to do all of the heavy lifting. We could not have done it without you!

*God Bless -
Bob & Carol
Connacher*

Mass Ministry Schedule Weekend of January 16, 2022

	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers	C Toncich F Messineo	Max & Pat Messineo	T & M Gilmore
Eucharistic Minister	F or K Griech	B Gausman	L Caggese
Lector	WeeJ. Fernan	Neil Hoffman	Beau Grove

Ministry Schedule Week of Jan. 16, 2022

Money Counters
Team 3

Ridgmont Minister
Marsha Skraba

Altar Guild
(1/14)
Group 1, Pew 1



Saturday, January 8 - Vigil -Baptism of the Lord
 5:15 pm **People of St. Leo Parish**

Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord
 8:00 am **Nina Aiello** (Dan & Frances DiIulio)
 10:00 am **Luigi LaValle** (The Chris Klase Family)

Monday, January 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday, January 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **George Bowley** (Family)

Wednesday, January 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **Phil Mitchell** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

Thursday, January 13 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **Carl & Rita Zuchelli** (Felcia Nelson)

Friday, January 14 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **Mary Vallone** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

Saturday, January 15 - Vigil - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:15 pm **James Tettis** (The Ralph Tettis Family)

Sunday, January 16 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am **Jim MacDonald** (Bill & Teddy Urmann)
 10:00 am **Leonard B. Mick, 37th anniv.** (Fr. Justin)

The Wine and hosts for the month of January have been donated in memory of Ruthie Cooney by Annie Schield

CANCEL THE COLD
 †WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

January 9
 Mary Helen Jacobs

January 11
 Edith Fusco

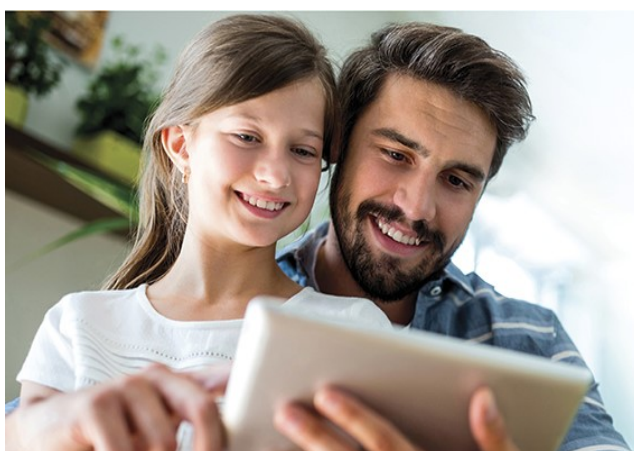
The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the families of :

*Donny Steger, brother of Bonnie Gausman
 Karol Hill, grandmother of Julie Hill
 Christine Pino, grandmother of Fr. Justin Pino
 William Egger, son of Mary Egger
 Stephanie Krise, sister of Sonja Marzella
 Dale Erich, brother of Christopher Erich*

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



OFFICE HOURS
 Monday - Thursday 9 am - noon & 1pm - 4 pm ,
Friday - CLOSED
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