

Saint Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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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***

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SAINT LEO MAGNUS IN RIDGWAY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer:

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSONS

Finance Council Chair	Jim Urmann
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Cursillo Movement	Mark & Kellie Martinez, mam533@pitt.edu
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Knights of Columbus	Bill MacDonald
Food Bank	Sam & Lois Markert, 776-1950
Prayer Chain	Felcia Nelson, 772-5460
Fish Fry	Charlie Richards, 773-7990
That Man is You (TMIY)	John Gangloff
Cancer Care Ministry	Tecla Pontious, 772-1352
Website Manager	Frank Quattrone/Rena Urmann
Prison Ministry	Molly Fernan
Altar Guild	Noel Murphy
Funeral Luncheons	Paul & Rita Reed, 773-7772
Money Counters	Linda Facchine
Eucharistic Ministers	Fran & Kathy Greich, 776-1540
Ushers	Jim Catalano
Lectors	Wee J. Fernan
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R.C.I.A.	Lucy & Dave Bobby

ST. LEO MAGNUS CATHOLIC CHURCH *Membership Form*

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

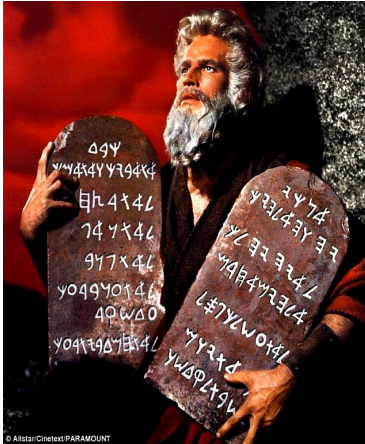
Please drop this form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish Office

- ☐ *New Registration*
- ☐ *Change of Address or Phone*
- ☐ *Moving Out of the Parish*
- ☐ *Need Envelopes*

From the Pastor's Desk

TO TELL THE TRUTH: Living the Eighth Commandment Ten Commandments Reflection Series Part VIII of X

My dear parish family:



The Eighth Commandment, *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor*, proclaims the splendor and the beauty of the truth. It is not often that we hear of the truth described in this way but consider how precious and essential a foundation the truth is for our lives. One of the dangers, when it comes to commandments is that we see them merely as prohibitions. So for example, we might think, “OK, I’m not supposed to lie.” Well, yes, but the Commandment is more than that! It is a necessity for us to love the truth, live the truth, and proclaim the truth.

Is lying always so evil? *The gravity of a lie is measured against the nature of the truth it distorts, the circumstances, the intentions of the one who lies, and the harm suffered by its victims.* (Catechism 2484). Thus, there are big lies and smaller ones. Nevertheless, it is always wrong to intentionally lie. This includes so called “polite lies.” For example, suppose a phone call comes in for someone in the household who has indicated a preference not to be disturbed just now. It is a lie to say, “She is not here.”

Yet you could say, “She is not available now.” Other social situations are less simple! For example, if Mrs. Smith asks you, “Do you like my new hairstyle?” Suppose you do not. It is in fact wrong to say, “Yes, I like it.” Granted, we all feel a bit stuck in such situations! Perhaps we could answer truthfully but discreetly and say, “You look alright.” (Presuming that we do think so).

Are all secrets sacred? – Thus secrecy and discretion are often proper. Here too however, absolutes must be avoided. Sometimes we are asked to keep secrets that we should not keep. For example, suppose someone confides in you that they intend to commit a serious crime, or bring harm to another? It would be wrong to keep such a secret. Other things being equal secrets ought to be kept, *save in exceptional cases where keeping the secret is bound to cause very grave harm to the one who confided it, to the one who received it, or to a third party, and where the very grave harm can be avoided only by divulging the truth.* (Catechism 2491). An exception to this is the seal of confession, which may never be violated for any reason whatsoever: *The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore, it is a crime for a confessor in any way to betray a penitent by word or in any other manner or for any reason.* (Catechism 2490).

On the manner of speaking the truth – That the truth should be celebrated and declared is surely an essential truth. However, one must not sever the declaration of truth from charity. An old Latin Motto says, *veritatem in caritate* (the truth in charity, which happens to be Bishop Persico’s episcopal motto). For the truth without love can bludgeon, or it can be something we use only to win an argument. Further, love without truth, is mere affirmation of others in often destructive tendencies, and really not love at all. Yes, the truth should be spoken, but always in love. *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect* (1 Peter 3:15). Further truth often has a time it is best revealed. Jesus said, *I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.* (John 16:12-13) Where there is time, we often do well to lead people patiently, to the deeper truths in stages.

A final thought - Jesus has taught us that the truth will set us free (Jn 8:32). If this be the case then anything which distorts the truth leads to an imprisonment of sorts. Thus the eighth commandment calls upon us to love the truth and to love one another by proclaiming the truth and witnessing to it in sincerity with mutual respect and love.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
keep me always faithful to your commandments,
and never let me be parted from you.*
(Private Preparation Prayer for the Priest before Communion)

Father Justin

Parish Support

Weekend of September 26, 2021

**Weekly
Contributions**

\$6,320

**Weekly
Budget**

\$10,160

**Contributions
Year to Date**

\$96,241

**Budget
Year to Date**

\$132,080

CSA--

due by January 2022

\$46,962

Received to date: \$27,261

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.



At the recent Saturday vigil mass, Jude Bobnar, a fourth grader at Saint Leo School, served at the altar for the first time - by himself! He did an excellent job serving.

Jude wore one of the new server albums that were purchased by the Rutigliano Family in memory of the late Anthony Rutigliano, Sr. Also given to the parish were a set of cinchures (the rope belts worn by servers) in liturgical colors, in memory of Mary Helen Jacobs by her family.

Please note the new autumn decorations in our sanctuary, that were recently added through the talents of Bob and Carol Connacher. Thanks to both of them for their service of beautifying our sacred space for the seasons.



Have you, or someone you know, thought about becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is here to answer your questions about the Catholic faith.

If you are not baptized, baptized in another Christian tradition or a Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of confirmation, we would love to hear from you!

There is no commitment other than to let us know how we can help.

We ask all our St. Leo parishioners help by letting those who have questions know about RCIA.

Please contact the parish office at secretary@stleomagnus.org or call 814-772-3135.

Redeemer in the Womb

Lord Jesus Christ, You took our human nature upon Yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood.

You also shared our time in the womb. While still God, while worshipped and adored by the angels, while Almighty and filling every part of the universe, You dwelt for nine months in the womb of Mary. You were our Redeemer in the womb, our God who has a preborn child.

Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb.



September 22 - October 31, 2021

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert praying for mankind. Now we can spend 40 days praying to save babies from destruction by abortion. **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.

The tender wording of the beautiful prayers for each day of the 40 Days For Life are available at the entrances of the churches.

The Elk County Right to Life will sponsor **Life Chain, National Pro-Life Campaign, on Sunday, Oct. 3, in downtown St. Marys from 2 - 3 p.m.** Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of Pro-Life individuals standing for 1 hour praying for our nation and the end of Abortion. Participants are invited to gather at 1:45 p.m. at the St. Marys K of C on Washington St. in St. Marys. Prayer signs will be handed out at this time. All Welcome!

Rachael's Vineyard - Support is available for both Women and Men who are struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Don't carry this burden any longer. To learn more call 1-877-467-3463.

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

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

Before birth the LORD called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name.

- ISAIAH 49:1



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

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SAINT LEO MAGNUS IN RIDGWAY, PENNSYLVANIA

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Baptismal Training Sessions

Oct. 9 at Sacred Heart, St. Marys, 814-834-7861

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

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.

Chicken BBQ Drive Thru - Sunday Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. until sold out. ECCHS cafeteria parking lot. Cost: \$10. Dinner includes: Half Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans and Roll.

Benefit ECC Music Boosters.

ECCHS Golden Grads Reunion will be held Sunday, October 10, 2021 with mass in the ECCHS Chapel at 12:30 p.m. and a social and dinner to follow at 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP asap by invitation or calling Sue Jansen at the ECC Advancement Office @ 814-8341480 x232

ECC Athletic Association Virtual Outdoor Bash

Sunday, October 24, 2021 at noon. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Tricia Wasko @ 814-592-6430. Check out all the great prizes at www.eccss.org/outdoorbash/

Queen Esther Bus Trip to Lancaster

Wednesday, October 20th. The bus will depart from St. Mary's Parish Annex at 9:15a.m. And return by midnight. \$165 includes bus, show ticket, supper and all tips. Call St. Mary's parish office to make your reservation @ 814-781-1019.

Helping Hands Gala Auction Now Live!

The Helping Hands Gala's Silent Auction is now open. Visit hhgala21.givesmart.com NOW to check out all the silent auction items. Auction closes at 10:00 pm on October 9th. Many items to choose from, including Peek n' Peek Lift Tickets, Gannon University Basketball Season Tickets and even a private dinner with the Bishop for you and five of your friends. Don't forget to register at hhgala21.givesmart.com and tune in on October 9th at 7:00 pm for the livestream of the event.



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.

Family Perspective - Perhaps Jesus' two-fold message in today's gospel is a reminder to married couples to return to the innocence of the early years of their love—like children, loving each other with abandon. Do you know any couple who have recently married? Their love is contagious, and glowing, right? Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love ... a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

K of C *Super 300 Winners* September 22 - 28, 2021

<u>Day</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Ticket #</u>
22	\$100	Greg Kowalski	26
23	\$100	Brad Vert	276
24	\$100	Brian Fleming	271
25	\$100	John Eckert	
26	\$100	Les Schull	131
27	\$100	Kevin Oknefski	94
28	\$100	Jenna MacDonald	106

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments *Diocesan Code of Conduct*

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The privilege is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The responsibility is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children.

To read the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf>

For more information contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, in the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children at 814-824-1195.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 2 - Vigil - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Nash Aiello** (Joe & Julie Aiello)

Sunday, October 3 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Howard & Betty Gausman** (Bill & Karen Yonker)

10:00 am **Ladies of Love #253** (Cyndi)

Monday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday, October 5 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am **Jerry Shea & Mary Ann Shea** (Kathy Roemer)

Wednesday, October 6 - Votive Mass of St. Joseph

8:30 am **Deceased member of the Ely Family** (Family)

Thursday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 am **Jim Detwiler** (Mary & Children)

Friday, October 8 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am **Neil & Marcella Wonderly** (Family)

Saturday, October 9 - Vigil - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Luigi & Caroline LaValle** (Frank & Caroline Armanini, Jr.)

Sunday, October 10 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Arthur & Susan Cianca** (Art & Mary Therese Cianca)

10:00 am **Joseph J. Pino, 5th anniversary** (Fr. Justin)

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of October 3rd will burn in memory of Harry Wolf from his wife, Rose Wolf.

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

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the family of Justin Buehler may he and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!

Ministry Schedule Weekend and week of October 10, 2021

	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers	Aaron & Nellie MacDonald	J & J Nicklas	Max Messineo Aiden Gardner
Eucharistic Minister	L Caggese	D Richards	J or C Fink
Lector	Noel Murphy	Neil Hoffman	Christine Tutton
Money Counters	Team 2	Altar Guild For 10/8	Group 5 Pew 5
Ridgmont Minister	Marsha Skraba	Hi-Rise Minister	Coming Soon!

CANCEL THE COLD

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

October 3

*Sr. Mary Joan Beauseigneur, S.S.J.
Donovan Clancy*

October 8

Nina 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. 3 11:00am Pet Blessing, St. Leo Parking lot
Oct. 5 9 am - 9 pm ADORATION
Oct. 5 6:30 pm TMIY at the K of C
Oct. 6 4-6 pm Confessions
Oct. 6 6-7:15 pm Religious Education
Oct. 7 9 am - 9 pm ADORATION