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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020



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MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday evening: 5:15 p.m.

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

Radio Mass: 9:00 a.m. (97.5 WDDH)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 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:

Dec. 1-22 Tuesday & Thursday 4-8 p.m.

Or by appointment

ST. LEO MAGNUS ADORATION TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9 AM TO 6 PM

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

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. beginning
November 30th thru December 22nd

BAPTISM

Please call the rectory for scheduling.

MARRIAGE

Please notify the pastor at least 6 months before the marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call anytime for emergencies. Notify the office if someone is hospitalized, seriously ill, or in need of a priest



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSONS

Cursillo Movement.....
Parish Festival
Choir.....
Catholic Daughters of America
Knights of Columbus
Food Bank.....
Prayer Chain
Fish Fry
That Man is You (TMIY)
Cancer Care Ministry
Website Manager
Prison Ministry.....
Altar Guild
Funeral Luncheons
Money Counters
Eucharistic Ministers
Ushers
Lectors
Altar Servers
Baptismal Preparation Classes
Adoration
R.C.I.A.....
Sacristy

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ST. LEO MAGNUS CATHOLIC CHURCH *Membership Form*

Name _____ Phone Number _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

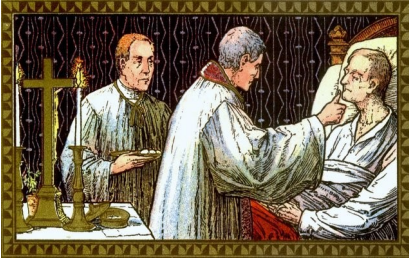
Please drop this form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish Office

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

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

REDISCOVERING THE SACRAMENTS (Part 6 of 7) *Anointing of the Sick: Heal Them in Body, in Soul and in Spirit*



After my ordination I spent the summer at St. George Church in Erie. Inevitably whenever the pastor is away that's when trouble starts – the roof leaks or the sacristy catches on fire. Well one day the pastor was away – so was the assistant. And so it happened – the phone rang and one of our parishioners was near death at his home. I grabbed my oil and spun the wheels of my car. The drive wasn't far, but I was so afraid of not getting there in time. I arrived and immediately apologized while I fumbled with my book. Although I thought I had memorized the prayers the adrenalin was pumping through my system because this was my first anointing. But God's grace came, as it always does, and I anointed Tim Brugger. I hugged his wife and daughters and left them to say goodbye to Tim. The goodbye came 5 minutes later.

The day after Tim's funeral I got another call. Tim's pregnant daughter Michelle was in the hospital. The stress had sent her into premature labor. Once again the Oil of Infirm was in my pocket and I raced to St. Vincent Hospital. This time I couldn't anoint. Baby Addison was premature and in an incubator, unable to be touched. I prayed over God's newest creation, this tiny child, asking God to heal her in body, soul and spirit. And then I realized standing in that Natal ICU, looking at that little baby with all those tubes going into her, that it was the first time I was in the same situation since I (a premature baby too) was born. Now that little baby (she's almost 14 years old) is full of good health and life. How amazing God works! God *does* heal our wounds whether we are just a few hours old or 90 years old. He gives us courage, strength and hope from our first breathe to our last and every one in between!

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be our most misunderstood “outward sign of God's inward grace.” Many times people still refer to it as Last Rites, presupposing that anointing should only be thought of with impending death. Not so. When someone is seriously ill a priest should be called for and the sacrament be celebrated. The hope is that through the anointing with oil the sick person will be healed and recover. Sometimes they do and sometimes they must be ready to meet the Lord. When death is fast approaching another facet of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated. **Viaticum** – Latin for “food for the journey” – is when the dying person receives the Eucharist for the last time, to prepare them and strengthen them to see God face to face. This fulfills the words of John in his Gospel (6:54): “*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.*” But as the Lord reminds us “we do not know the time nor the hour,” so judgments of the situation must always be made. Nonetheless if someone you know is sick or dying, many times we don't know this is happening, so please call the rectory at any time.

Anointing of the Sick, like Penance and Eucharist, may be repeated as many times as necessary. For instance in preparation for surgery, elderly persons who may be weakened but not necessarily sick, children who are ill and even persons who have lost consciousness or the ability to communicate – we must always trust that God's grace is always operative even when our frail human bodies are not.

Like all the Sacred Sacraments, Anointing of the Sick, is best celebrated in communion with others namely, family and friends surrounding the sick person. Part of the rite is to lay hands on the sick individual showing our support and cooperation with God in the healing process. Sometimes the priest is the only one there, but even in that moment the sick or dying person is certainly not alone – the angels and communion of saints, the countless holy ones, are there in that hospital room, nursing home or bedroom, to witness the healing hand of God, the Divine Physician, touching our weak human bodies to either pick us up or welcome us into eternity.

Whatever the outcome the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, like the other six, is a moment of joy – of celebration – of knowing that we are not alone. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!** We must never feel abandoned by God, especially in time of serious or terminal illness. It is not God who abandons us; it is us who so many times let Him slip away. Since God is a part of every moment of our lives from the time of our conception, it is only right that He be part of our birth into eternal life. Anointing of the Sick is anointing for everlasting life and the assurance that Christ gives us everything and takes nothing but our sins away. How lucky we are to be loved by God like that!

May God who is manifested in the Sacraments pour forth His abundant grace upon us!

Father Justin

SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of November 22, 2020

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
\$5,728	\$9,915
<u>Contributions Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>
\$146,562	\$208,215

Weekend of November 29, 2020

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
\$7,243	\$9,915
<u>Contributions Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>
\$153,805	\$218,130

CSA-- \$50,737 is due in 2020

To date 88 Families have pledged \$29,135 and \$28,011 has been collected.

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: \$160,000

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.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY**

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Classes are for first time parents and godparents. They are offered throughout our Deanery. A new schedule is being organized now. These in-person classes are free of charge.

There are online classes available also. Included in this group are:

⇒ **Belonging In the Family of God** - Certificate Course. This class is for both parents and godparents. It can be found at www.AscensionPress.com. The cost is \$9.95.

If you have questions about baptism please call the parish office @ 772-3135.



BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP

139 CHURCH ST, ST. MARYS, PA

HOURS: TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
SATURDAY - 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

A GREAT PLACE TO CHRISTMAS SHOP!

K of C 300 Club Winners

	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18
\$40	C Geyer	D Buhler	R Laughner
\$25	E Shilk	Fr. Justin	T Kilhoffer
\$15	D M-Miller	F Griech	M Morelli
\$10	L Markert	J Shutz	M Detwiler
\$10	A Leithner	E LaVelle	S McMahon
\$10	A Destefano	M Caggese	Barb E.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The Marriage and Family Life Office of the Diocese of Erie is happy to offer a new, completely online, community-focused option for marriage preparation beginning in 2021. The Mentor-Cohort option takes place over four weeks in a small group with one or two mentor couples and engaged couples. It includes private time for couples to discuss and grow, space in a small community to process and wrestle with significant themes, and direct instruction from Dynamic Catholic's Better Together program. For more information, dates and a profile of couples for whom this would be a benefit, please see the attached flier or visit <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/mentor-cohort.html>.

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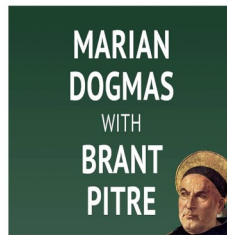
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 6, 2020

LISTEN

MARIAN DOGMAS
WITH MATT FRADD AND BRANT PITRE

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Lighthouse Catholic Media

*Books, CD's & pamphlets are available for purchase in the gathering space.
Stop and shop!*

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments -

Keeping God's Children Protected and Safe: The safe environment training of our children and youth is a key component in the Policy for the Protection of Children. Each year our schools and parishes are mandated to provide this training to all youth in catholic school and parish programs. Since 2003 over 200,000 children have received age-appropriate abuse prevention education. The diocese maintains a working relationship with agencies in each of our 13 counties to provide training for our youth in schools and parishes. In addition, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth maintains a media library containing videos for schools and parishes to provide child abuse prevention education. From 2016-19 over 31,000 parents have also received child abuse prevention education. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

ADORATION

Tuesdays and Thursdays

*9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
During Advent*

*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 Parish offers our prayers
and sympathy to the family of
Leo McCartney. May he, and
all the faithful departed, rest in
eternal peace!*

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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distributor***

**Thank you
to our
ADVERTISERS**



Lucky 13 tickets - If you would like more please call the Parish Office. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 20th. Winning \$7500 would make your Christmas very merry indeed! (Benefit St. Leo Church)

TMIY - That Man Is You will meet Tuesday evening at the K of C

CD of A - Monthly Meeting Tuesday, December 8th at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall Social distancing will be observed, and please don't forget gifts for basket raffle.

CD of A - Advent candles and wreaths for sale in the gathering space. Box of candles - \$5. Wreath with candles - \$20.

CD of A Members - It's time to pay your 2021 dues of \$25. Make checks out to CD of A Court #356. Mail them to Theresa Zameroski, 3071 Elk Drive, Ridgway, PA 15853. Or pay at our next meeting.

CD of A Christmas Basket Raffle - Cost \$5 per ticket and will be available before and after masses. Drawing for the basket will take place with the Lucky 13 drawing on December 20th.

Bah Humbug - Is **cancelled** this year due to Covid

Sacred Heart "Mini" Drive -Thru Christmas Sale - **Cancelled** due to COVID

St. Leo Lucky Lion Lotto Calendar - Want 365 chances to win CASH!? St. Leo School will be selling Lucky Leo Lotto Calendars after every St. Leo mass in December (until sold out - limited quantity available). Calendars are \$25 each. These make great gifts - just make sure you have the address and phone number of the calendar recipient. You can also pick up a calendar at the Ridgway Record, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. or the St. Leo Parish office Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. -noon & 1-4 p.m. (Fridays 9 a.m. - noon).

Pasta with a Purpose - Ridgway Moose will host a Spaghetti Dinner for **Donnie Steger** on December 13th from 11-3 p.m. at the Ridgway Moose. The menu is Spaghetti with Meatballs, Salad, Roll & Dessert. Cost \$9. Take out or Eat in (if COVID rules allow). There will also be a basket raffle and 50/50.

Family Moment -

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

For the **December 13** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on **December 4**.

For the **December 20** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on **December 10**.

SIGN UP FOR THESE GREAT RESOURCES FROM ST. LEO'S

FORMED.ORG

Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier; at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies...there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Visit Formed.org to get started.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Flocknote is an email/text tool used to communicate with parishioners. Sign up to get the latest info on Church happenings. Visit www.StLeoMagnus.org to get started.

ONLINE GIVING

Visit www.StLeoMagnus.org, click the Online Giving link, and begin giving. Your support throughout the year helps sustain our church.



WAYS TO REMEMBER

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

Mass -- \$10

Sanctuary Candle -- \$10/wk

Hosts and Wine -- \$40/month

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

Radio Mass Broadcast -- \$100/week

Memorial Space on the bulletin ads - \$50/wk

Or anything you would like to see in the parish -

statues, artwork, equipment.

Please contact Rena in the office or Father Justin.

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, December 5 Vigil - second Sunday of Advent	5:15 p.m.	Luigi & Caroline LaVelle Vinnie & Lucy LaVelle	Caroline & Frank Armanini
Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Betty Lewis People of St. Leo Parish	Family
Monday, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Ruth Connor Donna Hinton	Jeanne & Dick Allenbaugh Ralph & Margaret Tettis
Tuesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30 a.m. 12:05 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Genevieve Armanini Paul Grieggs Louie Kilhoffer	Family Inez Grieggs & Family Antonette Kilhoffer
Wednesday, December 9 Advent Weekday	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Pearl Peterson Betty "Pete" Aiello	Family Dave & Joey Kepple
Thursday, December 10 Advent Weekday	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Robert Rodich Clara Jane Mago	Jeanne & Dick Allenbaugh CD of A Court #356
Friday, December 11 Advent Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Sr. Ann Loretta, S.S.J	Judith Fusco
Saturday, December 12 Vigil - Third Sunday of Advent	5:15 p.m.	Frank Armanini	Bob & Carol Connicher
Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Veronica DePanfilis, anniv. People of St. Leo Parish	Family

CONFESSIONS

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

4 P.M. - 8 P.M.

DECEMBER 1 - 22.

The wine and hosts for the month of December are in memory of Al Paladino from his wife, Helen Paladino.

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of December 6th will burn in memory of Joseph, Angeline and Eugene Facchine from their family.

Ministry Schedule

Week of December 13, 2020

Money Counters

Team 2

Altar Guild

For 12/11 Group 4, Pew 4

First Friday calls have been postponed due to the increased number of Covid-19 cases in the area. Please call the parish office @ 772-3135 anytime to be added to the list.

Marriage Moment - "Comfort, give comfort to my people." (Is 40:1) Elections are over, *mostly*. This is a comfort to many in the USA. But Dec. 7 is also the commemoration of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Life is often a mixture of comfort, pain, and waiting. Comfort each other when necessary.

CANCEL THE COLD

† WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS †

DECEMBER 8

MARY HELEN JACOBS

DECEMBER 12

MARY HELEN JACOBS

Breaking Bread Mass Books
Are available for purchase in the parish office
Cost \$5.00
Limited quantity available.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - noon & 1pm - 4 pm
Friday: 9 am - noon

We are unable to put books in the pews due to COVID restrictions.