

# Saint Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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**JANUARY 23, 2022**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**  
**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAY FROM 9AM + 7 PM**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Weekend Masses**

*Saturday Vigil:* 5:15 p.m.

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

### **Daily Mass**

Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m.

### **Holy Day Masses**

*Evening before:* 6:00 p.m.

*On the day:* 8:30 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

*Wednesdays:* 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Sacristy)

*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.*

## Yearly Contributions

To get your 2021 contributions statement please call Rena at the parish office @ 814-772-3135

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSONS

Finance Council Chair .....	Jim Urmann
Parish Council Chair .....	Andy Messineo
Cursillo Movement .....	Mark & Kellie Martinez, mam533@pitt.edu
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Catholic Daughters of America .....	Linda Facchine
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).....	Deacon Larry Caggese
Prison Ministry .....	Molly Fernan
Altar Guild .....	Debby Richards
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
Altar Servers.....	Joey Kepple, jomariehelen@yahoo.com
Adoration.....	Dolly MacDonald, 776-6662
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*

### THE SILENT PRAYERS ARE HEARD! Part 2 of 4: Prayers of Acceptance

My dear parish family:

Once an altar server and I were talking about incense. He loved to be the one to light the incense at mass. I explained to him that in the old Latin mass the priest prayed a silent prayer (well, all the prayers were silent then) as he placed the incense on the hot coals. Then there was a prayer as he swung nine times the incense over the gifts. Finally there was a 29 word prayer when each word was whispers with a specific swing of the incense toward the high altar. The server was amazed at the amount of words! Those prayers were designed as prayers for acceptance – that the gifts being offered would be accepted by God, just as our prayers to be accepted upward like the rising smoke.

Today there are no more incense prayers and precision swinging, but the quiet acceptance prayers are still present at the liturgy. If the music isn't playing all of you hear the priest pray this over the bread and wine: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread and wine we offer you...." We ask God to accept these humble earthly gifts, so that they may be transformed into the body and blood of His Son. These gifts are brought forward by us, his holy people, to be offered for all. We are grateful that He accepts simple things like bread, wine and us and makes them extraordinary blessings.

After the gifts are offered for God's acceptance, you see the priest bow and silently pray. This is what we say: "*With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.*" The old translation was a bit simpler, minus the explicit use of the word accepted: "Lord, God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts."

Here again here are one of those silent prayers I firmly believe should be prayed out loud. Notice the language, the priest asks God that "we be accepted" – we, all of us present at the mass. So why is it that the priest and God the only ones that hear these words? Don't all of us want to be accepted by God? Are we not, every day of our lives, seeking to offer all we humanly can to the Lord, so He will increase the blessings of our lives?

"A humble spirit and a contrite heart" – both of which we need to cultivate in an abundance. A spirit that is humble and not selfish is indeed a daily exercise for us all. A heart that is capable and open to forgiveness and mercy is possible for every human being, but do we allow those amazing virtues to grow and become parts of our lives. Every day of our Christian lives we must strive to please God – not in seemingly impossible way, like ending world hunger, that is not possible for one of us; but helping ONE person who is hungry, showing ONE person love, expressing concern over ONE family today is possible and doable and will certainly make God pleased. Many small acts of humility and contriteness will multiply exponentially in God's sight. We must leave ourselves behind and think of others first.



The other silent prayer during the preparation of gifts is the washing of the hands. When incense is used this action becomes quite practical to cleanse the priest's hands of soot, but even deeper the words internalize to the priest that great acts that God is allowing him to share through his ordination. Every day at mass I pray: "*Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*" The old words were just as powerful: "*Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.*" All of us need to be cleansed of sin and be properly prepared for the holy acts that we are drawn into at each mass. At that moment the priest is asking God to accept him where he is and in all that he has done. No priest is sinless nor perfect, just like any human being; but by washing his hands and truly integrating those words into himself, the priest acknowledges that with God, so much can be accomplished and the imperfections and human limitations we share can indeed be wiped away. Every one of us – Catholic Christians – must ask the Lord to accept us where we are, as frail and afraid as we become. God can heal us – cleanse – forgive us – and lift us up again. The waters that cleansed us from sin at baptism still flow, my friends. The blood of Christ poured out in the holy cup at mass will indeed wash us and make us one with Him in heaven.

**\*Next week's episode: Prayers of Reception**  
God bless and have a happy Sunday!

*Father Justin*



**Weekend of January 16, 2022**

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
\$5,608	\$10,160
<u>Contributions Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>
\$228,343	\$294,640

**CSA--**

**due by January 2022  
\$46,962**

We are most grateful for the \$28, 595 received in CSA contributions. The remainder, \$18,367, must be paid to the diocese from other sources.

**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.

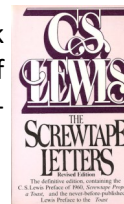
Balance due: \$122,000

***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.

**CD of A Members** - Please remit your annual dues to Financial Secretary Theresa Zamoski. Make your check payable for \$25.00 to CD of A Court St. Leo #356 and mail to 3071 Elk Drive, Ridgway, PA 15853, or bring to our next meeting on February 8 at 6:30.

**CD of A Members** - The book selected for the "Lenten Book Club" is *The Screwtape Letters* by S.S. Lewis. A limited supply of books are available to borrow by contacting Lisa Martin at 814-772-2261 or by purchasing from an online vendor.



**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!  
JANUARY 19 - 27, 2022**

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Visit the **9DaysForLife** website to download the novena and reflections.  
[www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life](http://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life)

Or, call Rena in the parish office at 814-772-3135. She will print the full novena for you free of charge.



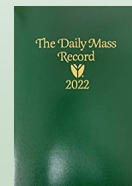
**WAYS TO REMEMBER**

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.

**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.

The parish office is open Monday thru Thursday 9am - noon and 1 - 4pm. (Closed holidays and holy days)



**JOIN THE ST. LEO SCHOOL FAMILY!**



**Preschool/Kindergarten/Transfer Student Registration for the 2022-23 School Year** will be held on Monday, February 7th from 5:30-7:30pm in the church Social Hall or by calling the school to request an enrollment packet be sent home. School tours for interested families can be scheduled by calling 772-9775. Our goal is for every child to have the opportunity to seek their whole formation--spiritually, academically, physically, and emotionally. Don't forget that the birthdate cutoff for preschool and kindergarten at SLS is August 15th. Children who are 5 before August 15, 2022 are eligible for Kindergarten. Students who turn 3 before August 15, 2022 are eligible for pre 3, and students who are 4 before August 15, 2022 are eligible for Pre-K!

*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF RUTHIE COONEY BY ANNIE SCHIELD.*

THE WINE AND HOSTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY HAVE BEEN DONATED IN MEMORY OF RUTHIE COONEY BY ANNIE SCHIELD.

THE PARISH OFFERS OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY OF SOPHIE BERRY, SISTER OF AL LARNDER. MAY SHE, AND ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, REST IN ETERNAL PEACE

*Prayer Chain*

CALL OUR PRAYER CHAIN COORDINATOR  
**FELCIA NELSON AT 814-772-5460**  
IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW,  
ARE IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9 am - noon & 1pm - 4 pm ,  
**Friday - CLOSED**  
CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

**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:

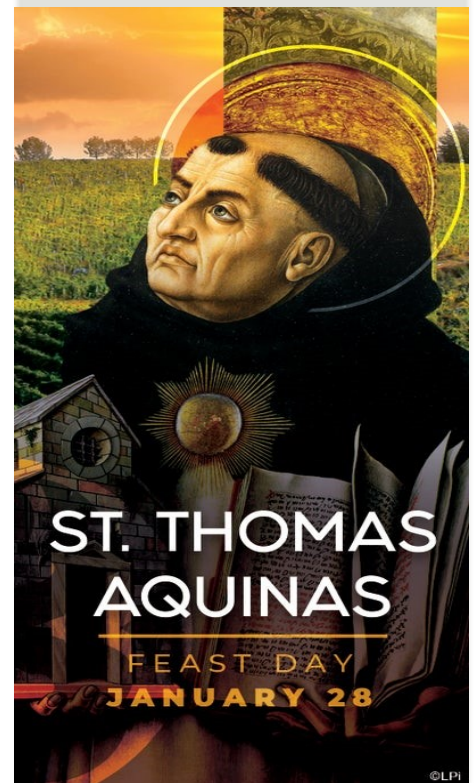
**Keystone Pipe**

**St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28**

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

**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.ericursillo.org](http://www.ericursillo.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.

**Say Yes! To the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference.** The conference will be held from 8:30 - 12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year's conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) for more information and to register.

**That Man is You** - A program for Catholic men meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 at the Ridgway K of C. Contact Deacon Larry Caggese with questions 814-442-4111 or [LarryCaggese@gmail.com](mailto:LarryCaggese@gmail.com).

**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.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

### Pre-Cana Class

- Call ahead for reservations
- **Feb. 11** 5 pm - 9 pm & Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- **Feb. 12** 9 am - 1 pm [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org)

### Baptismal Training Sessions

- \* Call ahead for reservations
- \* **Feb. 1** 7:00 pm St. Joseph, Force 814-787-4151
- \* **Feb. 17** 6:30 pm St. Mark, Emporium  
814-486-0569
- \* Mar. 1 7:00 pm St. Boniface, Kersey  
814-885-8941
- Mar. 19 10:00 am Sacred Heart, St. Marys  
814-834-7861

## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 23, 2022

WATCH

### THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures and portrays this great missionary saint!



To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

Mass Ministry Schedule Weekend of January 30, 2022			
	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers	Leo & Mary MacDonald	Percy & Moe MacDonald	K Matha M Toncich
Eucharistic Minister	N Petrosky	D Richards	L Caggese
Lector	WeeJ. Fernan	Jeanne Allenbaugh	Chris Lawrie

Ministry Schedule Week of Jan. 30, 2022
<b>Money Counters</b> Team 1
<b>Ridgmont Minister</b> Christine Tutton
<b>Altar Guild</b> (1/28) Group 3, Pew 3

# Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 22, 2022 + Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 5:15 pm **Phil Mitchell** (Gerry & Gerogia Stenta)

Sunday, January 23, 2022 + The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 8:00 am **Linda Gier** (Sisters of St. Joseph Associates)  
 10:00 am **John Addeo [\*20th Anniversary]** (Family)

Monday, January 24, 2022 + Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales  
 8:30 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 + Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul  
 8:30 am **Eve Meltelski [\*10th Anniversary]** (Family)

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 + Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus  
 8:30 am **Erma Kronenwetter** (Dave & Joey Kepple)

Thursday, January 27, 2022 + Weekday in Ordinary Time  
 8:30 am **Robert Fernan** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

Friday, January 28, 2022 + Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas  
 8:30 am **People of St. Leo Parish**

Saturday, January 29, 2022 + Vigil Mass for The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 5:15 pm **Jim DiIulio** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

Sunday, January 30, 2022 + The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 8:00 am **Dolores Dean** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)  
 10:00 am **People of St. Leo Parish**

*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.*



In the Tuesday, January 17, 1922 evening edition of The Kane Republican, there was a grocery advertisement stating that a box of Corn Flakes cost 10 cents - yes, one dime! Times have certainly changed in the past century!

Saint Leo Parish is proud to congratulate our parishioner, *Genevieve Gardner*, who this past week celebrated her 100th birthday (January 17th).

May Almighty God continue to bless Genevieve and all our parishioners who he has gifted with long lives.