

Saint Leo Magnus Parish

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 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)

MAY 22, 2022



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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TUESDAYS 9AM + 6 PM THURSDAYS 9 AM + 7 PM

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

ADORATION

Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays 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.

Prayer Chain Call Felcia @ 814-772-5460 if you, or someone you know, are in need of prayers

> ST. LEO PARISH OFFICE HOURS MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 AM - NOON 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM PHONE: 814-772-3135

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS



St. Leo Parish is excited to announce that starting at the 10am mass on June 5th, we will be bringing back the Children's Liturgy! Children's Liturgy will take place weekly at the 10am Sunday mass. The targeted age group will be from preschool through 2nd grade. Children who wish to participate will be called up to the front of the church to talk with Father Justin before going downstairs to hear the Gospel in a way that they can understand. Children will also do a small hands-on project during this time.

We are looking for volunteers to help! Need service hours? Love working with children? This is for you! Please reach out to Amanda Straub (814-590-8115) to find out how you can help.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSONS

Finance Council Chair
Parish Council Chair
Children's Liturgy
Cursillo Movement
Parish Festival
Choir
Catholic Daughters of America
Knights of Columbus
Food Bank
Prayer Chain
Fish Fry
That Man is You (TMIY)
Prison Ministry
Altar Guild
Money Counters
Eucharistic Ministers
Ushers
Lectors
Altar Servers
Adoration
R.C.I.A

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ST. LEO MAGNUS CA	New Registration			
Name	Phone Number	Change of Address or Phone Moving Out of the Parish		
Address	CityZip	$ \square Need Envelopes$		
Please drop this form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish Office				

From the Pastor's Desk

EASTER REFLECTION SERIES ON THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES (IV) The Fourth Mystery of Glory: The Ascension of the Lord

My dear parish family:

We have a Holy Day of Obligation this week, the great solemnity of Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. Masses will be celebrated on <u>Wednesday evening</u>, May 24th at 6 p.m. and on Thursday, May 25th at 8:30 am and 12:05 p.m. Please be sure to set time aside to attend the Eucharist. Remember holy days are just like Sunday - not just another day of options, but our privilege and Christian duty to come together as a community of faith to share the Lord's Body! Every time we receive Him at communion is one-step closer to His Risen glory in heaven. See you at mass.

It makes sense therefore that on this fourth week of reflecting on these glorious mysteries we turn our prayer to the Ascension. Luke 24:50-53 records the awesome moment in these scriptural words: "Then He [Jesus] led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God." After spending 40 days with His disciples, Jesus ascended body and soul into heaven. The Risen Lord did *exactly* what He said He would do. He always did – always fulfilled then and fulfills now His promises to us even though we might yet see them or Him clearly. Since Jesus was and is and forever shall be a man of His word - God of His word, then why is it that we so often ignore and doubt His words to us? He said he would return one day. Do you ever think about it? Imagine if He came today. Are we ready? Would we recognize him? Do we, as did the Apostles two millennia ago, return to our parish, our homes, our families, our schools, our workplaces and continually bless God and rejoice? Sometimes, yes, but we need that energy to evangelize – to share Jesus and His message – to imitate Him – all the time.

The Risen Jesus remains on earth for forty days. He must finish His work here so that we might understand. He must prove to us that He has truly risen because the Apostles then and sometimes us today - faith is weak - doubts and wounds make our path unclear. Jesus tells us - promises us - that by His ascending to the Father we will not be left orphans. No, we will not be left alone. In a two weeks, another of Jesus' promises - to send the Holy Spirit to enlighten and strengthen us at Pentecost – will also come true.

This Thursday we will join the Apostles as witnesses to this glorious miracle. They are given the hope and belief that they will follow Him into heaven - so too must we. After all, we were created by God in Heaven to be back with Him forever. The faith we share directs us to the final leg of our journey every day, namely Jesus loves us and wants us to follow Him. Therefore we must rise above – ascend if you would – and with joy, do His work here.

Do we use Jesus's ascension into heaven to strengthen our faith and hope each day? Do we allow the Holy Spirit to come to us to guide and direct our lives? Let us pray that we find faith and hope in Christ's ascension, as did the Apostles so we too might follow Him to the Father!



Almighty God, make our hearts dance with joy and thanksgiving; for in the Ascension of Christ. Your Son. our human nature is raised above the heavens, and where Christ, the head, has gone before in glory we, His body, are called in hope. By the mystery of the Ascension, sustain our hope as we bear witness to our baptism. By the perpetual outpouring of your Spirit, confirm your Church in its mission of salvation. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives and reigns with You now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. AMEN.

We hope to enjoy the fullness of His glory! Father Justin



Weekend of May 15, 2022

<u>Weekly</u> Contributions \$6,749 Weekly Budget \$10,160

Contributions Year to Date \$368,880 <u>Budget</u> <u>Year to Date</u> \$467,360

CSA-due by January 2023 \$49,429

To Date -\$29,087 **pledged** By 77 families

Remember, anything collected over the \$49,429 will stay in our parish for our projects.

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: \$110,000

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.

Diocesan Anniversary Celebration

Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary in St. Marys and Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Holy Cross in Fairview. To register, please go online to **www.eriercd.org**/ **familylifeoffice/anniv.html** or contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1210. You can also call the parish office at 814-772-3135.



Gannon University offers an endowed scholarship to female students from our parish with the following criteria:

- 1. Financially needy
- 2. Academic Merit
- 3. Involvement in the activities of St. Leo Parish, including but not limited to its Religious Education program.

If you meet the qualifications and would like to be considered, please call the parish office as soon as possible. We'll pass your name along to the financial aid office at Gannon.





Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.



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.

Prayer for Peace-Pope Francis

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.



CD of A News

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Each year the Catholic Daughters of the Americas celebrate Clergy Appreciation Day. Saturday, June 11, after 5:15 Mass, Father Justin and Deacon Larry will be honored in St. Leo's Social Hall with a supper of plentiful hors d'ouvres, liquid refreshments and desserts.

All parishioners are invited.

Reservations will be take until, Monday June 6th by calling Valerie Kelly (814-772-8205) or Maxine Piccirillo (814-776-6915).

Supper cost is \$12 which may be paid at the door.

Summer Raffle Basket to be chanced off July 3rd. Bring a summer item in at the June 11th Appreciation Dinner or drop off in box in gathering space marked CD of A Summer Raffle

CD of A Members – We are planning a bus trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster to see 'David' on Wednesday, August 10th. \$167 per person which includes bus, show ticket, and meal at Hershey Farm Restaurant. Contact Linda Facchine at 814-594-4567 for more information and to reserve your spot. Last day to make a reservation is June 17.







Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



Pope's Prayer Intention for May

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to serve.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Religious and Pro Life Lending Library & Reading Room -Featuring Religious and Pro Life books, videos and CD's. Located at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Open during parish office hours - 9 am to 4 pm Monday - Friday.

ECC Music Boosters - Chicken BBQ

Sunday, May 22nd, 11 am until sold out. ECCHS Cafeteria Parking Lot. \$10 includes half chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad and roll.

St. Francis Xavier Parish, McKean, is excited to be hosting Relics of St. Padre Pio, May 26 - 29, 2022! The complete schedule can be found on their website: <u>www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org</u> or contact Irene Schneider, Director of Evangelization, 814-476-7657 x7.

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center will

sponsor its 12th annual Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2mile Walk on Saturday, June 4th, 2022 at 9 a.m. at Villa Maria Community Center in Villa Maria, PA. The event includes activities for the entire family! Go to www.vmesc.org for registration and additional information. All proceeds from this event benefit the Center's youth and adult programs.

The Maternity Closet ~OPEN

The 1st three weeks of each month on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Babies and children up to 3rd birthday in need are welcome. Wednesdays 2 -3 p.m. and Thursdays 1-2:30 p.m. The Maternity Closet is located at 139 Church St., next to the Benedictine Gift Shop.

World Youth Day information session for young people and/or parents interest in attending the 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, are invited to a WYD Sneak Peek Zoom session on May 22 at 3 p.m. John Paul, founder and CEO of Verso Ministries, will host the meeting with Jillian Zaczyk, director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Erie. Register for this Zoom session at <u>https://bit.ly/38PKiV8</u>.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

<u>Pre-Cana Class for Engaged Couples</u> Call ahead for reservations

 July 10 8:30am - 6pm St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie, www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/precana.html

<u>Baptismal Training Sessions</u> Call ahead for reservations

- June 7 7:00 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 814-772-3135
- July 5 7:00 pm St. Joseph, Force 814-787-4151



†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER**†**

<u>May 22</u> Art Aiello

<u>MAY 28</u> Stella Maddalena Greg Maddalena

thursday, may 26" is a Holy Day of Obligation st. leo offers mass at 6pm on may 25" and 8:30 & 12:05 on may 26"

Ministry Schedule Week of May 29, 2022		
Money Counters	Team #2	
Ridgmont Minister	Kathy Roemer	
Altar Guild	Group 2, Pew 2	

Mass Ministry Schedule Weekend of May 29, 2022			
	5:15 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am
Altar Servers	D & J Williams	Messineos	K Matha, S Zameroski
Eucharistic Minister	L Caggeso	M Martinez	S or L Fink
Lector	M Tettis	J DeVittorio	B Grove

MAY 22, 2022



Saturday, May 21, 2022+ Vigil for The Sixth Sunday of Easter5:15 pmJoseph, Angeline & Eugene Facchine (Family)

Sunday, May 22, 2022+The Sixth Sunday of Easter8:00 amGeorge Newell (Jan Wonderly & Family)10:00 amMichael Thompson (The Thompson Family)

Monday, May 23, 2022 + Easter Weekday 8:30 am Communion Service

Tuesday, May 24, 2022+ Votive Mass for Peace6:00 pmThe People of St. Leo Parish

Wednesday, May 25, 2022Vigil for The Ascension of the Lord6:00 pmMargaret Ticossi & Inez Oldani (Linda Johnson)

Thursday, May 26, 2022+The Ascension of the Lord8:30 amBetty Crawford (Retired Fox Twp. Teachers)12:05 pmMarion Drathman (Friends)

Friday, May 27, 2022+Easter Weekday8:30 amClara Jane Mago (George & Karen Kutcher)

Saturday, May 28, 2022 + Vigil for The Seventh Sunday of Easter5:15 pmFlorence Caggiano (Paul & Rita Reed)

Sunday, May 29, 2022	+ The Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00 am	Chester & Grace Viola (Family)
10:00 am	The 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.



The wine and hosts for the month of May have been donated in memory of **Arthur and Susan Cianca** by Mary Ann Cianca. The Sanctuary Candle for the week of May 22nd will burn in memory of **Lucy LaValle** by Frank L Caroline Armanini.



