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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021



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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:

Wednesdays in the sacristy from 4-6 p.m.
Please wear mask.

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

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



BAPTISM

Please call the parish office to schedule.

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.....
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Lectors.....
Altar Servers
Baptismal Preparation Classes
Adoration
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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:

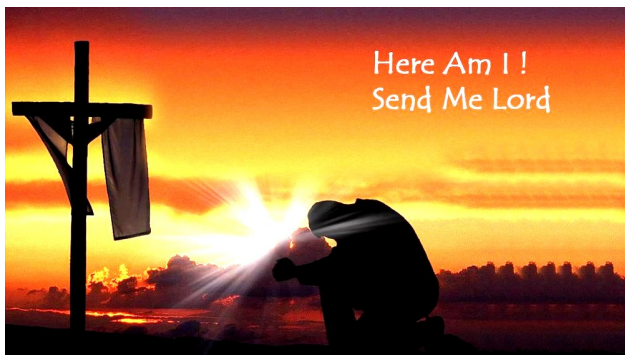
There was an oath of allegiance – a promise of faith – a contract of intent that every soldier – every general who took up arms to win our freedom from Great Britain in the American Revolution took, including one general who besides George Washington is that one general from that war that all of us know his name even after more than 200 years – Benedict Arnold. He signed that oath of allegiance in 1787 but just 18 months later he would go down in history by another name – traitor. He would be added to that same list that included Marcus Brutus, who conspired to kill Julius Caesar and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed the Son of God for thirty pieces of silver. In fact on this oath the person promising his allegiance had to write in their own hand the word “swear.” It was that important to write out that single word of promise – fidelity – that I am going to fight for my country.

What happened to Benedict Arnold – to Brutus – to Judas – to those countless (now nameless) people throughout history who acted in the same way? They've been branded as traitors, but I think it goes beyond treason. The answer lies under the surface of their selfishness. General Arnold must not have listened to the 40th psalm – the same words we just prayed: ***“Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.”***

Who's will? How often we gloss over that very important fact; how often society and the world replace that essential truth – that it's not the *world's* will, or *society's* will, or our *friend's* will, or our *own personal* will, but **God's will** – God's promises – God's plan – His plan always rooted in love for every human person.

For Brutus – Judas – Arnold, that was their mistake – that was their sin, not so much treason and betrayal, both of which are not good and I suggest strongly that none of us ever dip our toes in either of those waters; but the root of their treason, the start of their betrayal was that they were drowning in their own will and ignored everything else. Brutus ignored the will of the Roman people and just wanted to be more powerful in the Senate – killing Caesar would get him there. Benedict Arnold threw away the will of a nation that deserved freedom – switching sides was his solution. And then there's Judas – once Jesus' friend – once a committed follower of the Messiah – but greed for a measly thirty scraps of silver polluted his soul to give away and erase God's will from his life – literally “kissing off” Jesus.

See the pattern – the thread? All of them chose the follow THEIR will – their misguided and wrong decisions. They shut themselves off from God's will – His voice – His direction – His love. I would imagine that all three of them realized their awful mistake soon after their betrayal, but the damage had already been done. Even in our language today their names are synonymous with abandoning those closest to them: “You Judas! Don't be a Benedict Arnold!” None of us want to be on the receiving end of those statements.



“Here I am Lord, here I am, I come to do your will.”

Here I am with all my flaws – all my scars – all the sins – all my humanness, yet here I am! For You God!! It's the perfect prayer we can begin every morning – to totally abandon ourselves to God – to surrender, not like the British in the Revolution, but surrender all we have, our soul, our gifts, our love to the will of God – to Him who first breathed life in us, who first loved us, who first taught us to live in His light. So shouldn't God be the first person we think of in the morning? Shouldn't God be the first person we want to talk to in the morning? Shouldn't God be first one we love? Then why is it

“me – me – me” “my – my – my” “I want – I need – I must?” Do we need to change our focus – our attitude – our direction? Yes! Can we change our will to be more like God's will? Is it possible to let God increase more and more every day? Again, the answer is Yes! Yes, we can do it. We can do it together. **WHEN GOD CALLS – ANSWER, “YES!” – SAY, “HERE I AM, SEND ME!!”**

Have a blessed week and God love you!

Father Justin

SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 3, 2020

Weekly
Contributions
\$9,835

Weekly
Budget
\$9,915

Contributions
Year to Date
\$209,955

Budget
Year to Date
\$281,436

Weekend of January 10, 2020

Weekly
Contributions
\$6,518

Weekly
Budget
\$9,915

Contributions
Year to Date
\$216,473

Budget
Year to Date
\$291,351

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

To date 89 Families have
pledged \$29,315
and \$29,126 has been collected.

PARISH LOAN

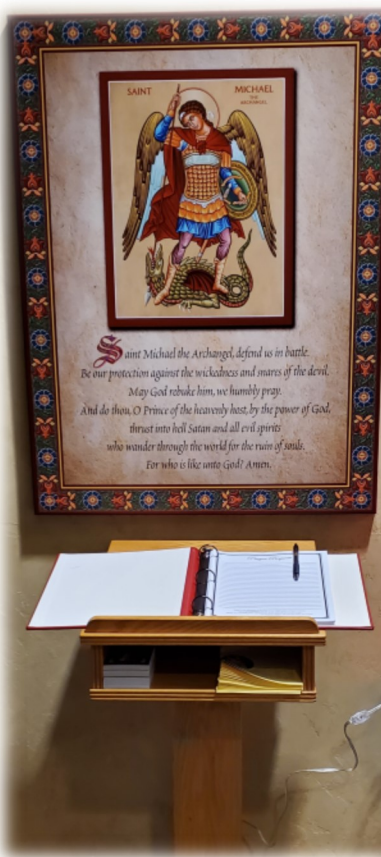
St. Leo requested a loan from the
Diocese of Erie to pay our school
subsidy December, 2019 in the
amount of \$185,000.

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 your
or the charity will have to pay income
taxes.



OUR NEW ST. MICHAEL SHRINE

Donated in memory of Ann Hargrave.

Ann was a very dedicated and caring nurse in our community.

Fr. Justin will begin to hear weekly confessions on Wednesdays in
the sacristy from 4-6 p.m. beginning this Wednesday, January 13th.
Masks and all proper protocols will be followed.

BAPTISMAL TRAINING SESSIONS

Jan. 20	7 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg	965-2819
Feb. 2	7 pm	St. Joseph, Force	787-4151
Feb. 18	7 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569
Mar. 2	7 pm	St. Boniface, Kersey	885-8941

*Be sure to call ahead for reservations

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

For the **January 24, 2021** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish
office by 4 pm on January 18.

For the **January 31, 2021** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish
office by 4 pm on **January 25**.

GOSPEL MEDITATION**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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**Readings for the week of January 17, 2021**

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

ADORATION**Tuesdays and Thursdays****9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

*Nothing can compare to the
intimate presence of the Lord
Jesus in the Eucharist.*

Come be with Him.

Prayers are answered

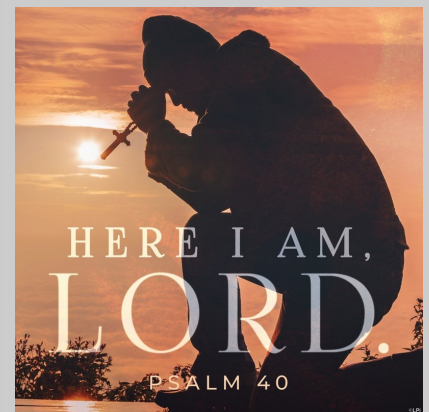
PRAYER CHAIN

CALL OUR PRAYER CHAIN
COORDINATOR

FELCIA NELSON AT

814-772-5460

IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW,
ARE IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

**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:

The Royal Inn



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 Zamerowski, 3071 Elk Drive, Ridgway, PA 15853. Or pay at our next meeting.

Pre Cana - Sacred Heart Church January 23, 2021. Call for reservation 814-781-7861

March for Life bus trip information

People for Life in Erie is offering transportation to the annual March for Life event in Washington, D.C. on January 29, 2021. Bus(es) will leave Erie at 11 p.m. on January 28 and return about 1:30 a.m. on January 30. Seats are \$55. Inquiries about financial sponsorship are welcome. For complete information on the trip and updates on COVID-19 safety precautions, visit www.peopleforlife.life/january2021, e-mail office@peopleforlife.org, or call 814-882-1333.

A Family Perspective 1-17-2021

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

Marriage Moment 1-17-2021

Not all injustices are black or white. Often there's a lot of gray when trying to figure out who is right in an argument. Before digging in your heels and insisting on having your way, try to get in your spouse's skin and see how the problem looks through his/her eyes.

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

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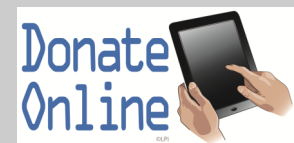
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PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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.

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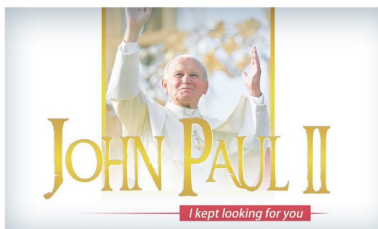
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 17, 2021

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



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

Lighthouse Catholic Media

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

Breaking Bread Mass Books

The new 2021 books are available for purchase in the parish office

Cost \$5.00

Limited quantity available.

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, January 16 Vigil - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:15 p.m.	Leonard B. Mick, 38 th anniversary	Fr. Justin Pino
Sunday, January 17 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Dec. mbrs of Gahr & Dinsmore families People of St. Leo Parish	Kevin & Marilyn Gahr
Monday, January 18 Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Marshall Armanini	Family
Tuesday, January 19 Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Dan Caggese	Lisa Renyolds & Scott Shrefler
Wednesday, January 20 Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Joe DePrator	Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello
Thursday, January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	8:30 a.m.	Bertha Verbeck	Family
Friday, January 22 Day of Prayer for legal protection of unborn children	8:30 a.m.	Barbara Lott	Linda Johnson
Saturday, January 23 Vigil - THIRD SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME	5:15 p.m.	Facchine family	Family
Sunday, January 24 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Joseph Casolo People of St. Leo Parish	Family

Ministry Schedule
Week of January 24, 2021
Money Counters
 Team 4
Altar Guild
 For 1/22: Group 4, Team 4

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of January 17th will burn in memory of Clara Jane Mago from George Kutcher.

The wine and hosts for the month of January are in memory of Frank Quattrone, Sr. from his family.

Parish Office Hours

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

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the families of Berniece Geitner, Bob Matha and Tom Fitch. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!

CANCEL THE COLD

† WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS †

JANUARY 16
 SPECIAL INTENTION - TAMI SENIOR

JANUARY 17
 MARY MURPHY

*Call the parish office if you
 would like a copy of your
 2020 donations.*



**"The time is always right
 to do what is right."**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.