



# St. Leo Magnus

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses

*Sat. Vigil: 5:15 pm + Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am*

#### Daily Mass

Tuesdays: 6 pm + Wednesdays ~ Saturdays: 8:30 am

Saturdays: Rosary is recited at 8:00 am

#### Holy Day Masses

*Evening before: 6:00 pm*

*On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm*

#### Confession

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

#### Adoration

Tuesdays 9 am ~ 6 pm

Thursdays 9 am ~ 7 pm



*150th Anniversary: 52 Weeks - 52 Photos*

#16: The Most Reverend Michael Joseph Murphy, Eighth Bishop of Erie, celebrates the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 10, 1983..

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 17, 2024**

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16, 2024 + Lenten Weekday  
NO MASS, ROSARY OR CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 16, 2024 + Anticipated for Fifth Sunday of Lent  
5:15 pm **Frank & Dorothy Armanini** (Family)

Sunday, March 17, 2024 + Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am **John Viola** (Frank Viola)

10:00 am **Veronica DePanfilis** (Family)



Monday, March 18, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

6:00 pm **Penance Service**

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 + Saint Joseph

9 am - 6 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

6:00 pm **Joseph & Lavina Tettis** (Family)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

8:30 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

4-6 pm **Confession**

6:00 pm **Lent Devotions - Rosary and Stations of the Cross**

Thursday, March 21, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

8:30 am **Genevieve Stanley** (Family)

9 am - 6 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Friday, March 22, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

8:30 am **Patricia Bobnar** (Matt Yarovich)

Saturday, March 23, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

8:00 am **Rosary**

8:30 am **Donnie Aiello** (Daughters)

9:00 am **Confessions**

Saturday, March 23, 2024 + Anticipated for Palm Sunday

5:15 pm **Livio Morelli** (Mark & Mary Ann Rezmerski)

Sunday, March 24, 2024 + Palm Sunday

8:00 am **Jane Williams** (Bob Bomba)

10:00 am **Dominic & Elvira Judice** (Art & Mary  
Therese Cianca)



## Altar Candles

*WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF:*

**Sanctuary** - Ruthie Cooney from Annie Schield

**Saint Leo** - Deceased members of Saint Leo Parish

*During the somber time of Lent, the Holy Mary and Blessed Joseph candles will not burn.*

Please contact the parish office  
if you would like to reserve a special candle  
in memory or in honor of a loved one.

## Cancel the Cold

*†We remember in our prayers†*

**March 19**

Joseph Casolo

Mary Helen Jacobs

## Area Penance Services

Mar 18	6 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway
Mar 17&18	8pm	St. Boniface, Kersey
Mar 22	6:30pm	St. Marys Church, St. Marys

## Saint Leo Lent Devotions

**Wednesdays during Lent:**

March 13 + March 20

**4-6 pm** Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

**Beginning at 6 pm**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Pray the Stations of the Cross (written by Fr. Justin)

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

## Liturgical Ministries March 23 & 24, 2024

	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Lector
<b>Wednesday March 20</b>	6 pm - Altar Server for Stations of the Cross D LaBenne		
<b>Sat. 5:15 pm</b>	J Tettis A MacDonald	F or K Griech	A Anderson
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	M MacDonald K Matha	D Richards	L Caggese
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	A Stenta O Buck	K Gerber	D Paige



**Ministry Schedule**  
**Week of**  
**March 24, 2024**

**Money Counters**  
Team 4

**Altar Guild** (3/22)  
Group 1 Pew 1

The wine and hosts for March have been  
provided by Virginia Manno in loving  
memory of her husband, **Jimmy Manno**



## Prayer Chain

Call Felcia @ 814.772.5460

If you, or someone you know are in  
need of prayers.

## Parish Support

March 10, 2024

Contributions..... \$10,225  
 Weekly Budget.....\$9,246

### Fiscal Year-to-Date

Contributions.....\$298,885  
 Budget.....\$342,102

## Ways to Remember

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

Mass - \$10

Candles: Sanctuary, Saint Leo, Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph - \$20/week

Hosts and Wine - \$100/month

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

Radio Mass Broadcast - \$100/week

Contact the parish office for details.

## Have an IRA? Would you 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. Call the parish office for more details.

## Online Giving

Our online offertory program is called Vanco. This offertory site can be accessed by visiting our church website at **www.stleomagnus.org** and click the **Vanco** button at the top of the page. Simply follow the directions to set up an account. You have total control of your donation. Your donation to St. Leo will be received and placed into the fund you chose.

If you have questions, please call the parish office for information.

### Bulletin Deadlines-

Submit by Mar. 18 at noon for the March 24 bulletin

Submit by March 22 at noon for the Easter Bulletin

### St. Leo Parish

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www.stleomagnus.org Ph: 814-772-3135

email: secretary@stleomagnus.org

Office hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 am - noon + 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Call the parish office for your cemetery needs**

## The Living Stations

St. Leo Confirmation Class will be acting out  
 The Stations of the Cross in the body of the church.  
 Sunday, March 17th @ 7:00 p.m. Please join us. This is a very  
 moving way to participate in Jesus' passion and death.

## Faith Formation Corner

(formerly Religious Education)

2023-2024

### Class Schedule for this week:

March 17 8-9:30 am Grades 6, 7, 8 K of C Classroom  
 March 17 11-12:30 pm Grades 1, 2, 4, 5 K of C Classroom  
 March 20 6-7:00 pm Grade 3 Social Hall

**Mother-Daughter Tea** - A special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, prepare for puberty together. April 21, 2024 at St. Marys Church 1-4 pm. RSVP by 4/14. Cost \$35 per family includes: afternoon tea, light lunch, activities, unforgettable memories. For more information and to sign up visit <http://ereereriercd.org/chastity/tea.html>.

## CD of A News

The Christmas Raffle tote was a huge success. Thank you all for your generosity of donating, selling and buying raffle tickets. A special Thank You to Pat Fleming for his donation of the roaster and egg cooker in memory of his mother Mary Lou Fleming who was a long time member of CD of A. God bless you all.

The CD of A ladies would like to thank everyone who baked and supported our annual bake sale. It was a huge success! We were able to raise \$1,000 which will be used to help the Parish and Community. Thanks again!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm in the social hall.

## K of C 300 Club Winners

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
\$40	F Papa	H Petrosky	Barb E
\$30	B Fleming	J Marzella	B MacDonald
\$30	M Commerford	L Harrison	W Allegretto

## Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Mar. 23, 2024 10:00am Sacred Heart, St. Marys 834-7861

\*Be sure to call ahead to reserve your spot



### K of C Pierogi Sale

The K of C will be selling homemade pierogis after all Masses this weekend, March 16 & 17. Cost \$12/dozen. Take them home and prepare how you like!

### 40 Days For Life

From Feb. 14 until March 24 we will participate in this International Campaign of Fasting, Prayer and Community Outreach to end Abortion. There will be a 40 Day Rosary after 8:30 am Mass on Tuesdays at St. Marys Church and after 6:15 am Mass on Fridays at Sacred Heart Church. Look for 40Days Prayer sheets in the gathering space at St. Leo. If you would like more information contact Mary Ross @ 814-781-6867.

### Benedictine Gift Shop

St. in St. Marys, is fully stocked with Easter and Sacraments. Open Tue - Fri 9:30 am - 5 pm & Sat 10 am- 1 pm.

### Walnut Roll Sale

Call Queen of the World Church 814-834-4701 by March 19<sup>th</sup> to order your walnut rolls for Easter. They will be ready for pick up on March 23 & 24 after masses. Cost: full roll \$12, 1/2 roll \$7.

### Spring Food Fest

Hosted by Sacred Heart Parish. Saturday, March 23 from 9 am until 1 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Baked goods and sweet goodies for sale. Cinnamon Rolls, Babka Bread, Cream Puffs, Coconut Eggs and Peanut Butter Eggs to name a few. Also available will be Pickled Eggs, Pigs in the Blanket, Spaetzle and Sandwiches.

### St. Boniface Lenten Mission

Begins Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and concludes Tuesday, March 19. Presented by Sr. Kathryn Hermes, FSP and Sr. Emily Beata, FSP Daughters of St. Paul - Guiding us in meditations on the Eucharist. Fr. Kevin Holland will have confessions following the presentation each evening. For more information contact St. Boniface at 814-885-4488.

### Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners

St. Joseph Church Force. Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our annual Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners! Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. Noon - 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Good Friday 2 - 6:30 pm. All Dinner \$15. Menu includes: Baked or Fried Haddock, Fantail Shrimp; and side dishes. Dine in or take out (call 814-787-4151 #6).

### St. Boniface Lenten Fish Fries

From Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent from 4 - 6:30 pm. St. Boniface Social Hall. Fish Dinner \$15, Chicken Dinner \$10, Children under 10 \$8. Menu includes: Baked, Fried or Beer Battered Fish, Breaded Shrimp or Shrimp Scampi or Chicken Tenders; and side dishes. Dine in or take out.

### A Tisket, A Tasket, A 50-50 Ticket For Everyone's Easter Basket!!

Looking for something to add to your Easter Basket? How about a chance to win our 50-50 drawing at the end of December? Remember last year's winner won \$11,000!!! Tickets are available in the Gathering Space and Rectory. Happy Easter!



## SAINT LEO HISTORY

*Search your basements, attics, and closets for hidden treasures.*

Throughout this coming anniversary year, Father Justin will be writing a new history of our parish. So please look for anything dealing with these past 150 years. Bring anything to the office and we will take photos, copy or scan whatever you have. Anything will help us enrich our parish archive.

**Photos ~ Bulletins before 1995 ~ Old Yearbooks ~ Newspaper Articles ~ Mass Program ~ Historic Objects ~ Anything and Everything!**

### 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 "PHANTOMS OF THE PASSION" LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES (PART 5 OF 5)

#### JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA: A Secret Disciple No Longer

My dear parish family:

We read in Sacred Scripture: "After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by." (John 19:38-42)

Moreover, the stone was rolled in front of the tomb and all departed, but those who believed had just to wait – wait a few days for Easter. That is where we are now. It will not be much longer now, when the Church throughout the world – when all of humanity will experience the blinding light of the Open Tomb. We encounter now, after Jesus has breathed his last, our last "phantom" – Joseph of Arimathea. Joseph was, as recorded in John's gospel narrative, "a secret disciple of Jesus." However, as we have seen before those who met Jesus on the road of His Passion were changed. Joseph hid in the shadows. Because of his high position within the Sanhedrin, he could allow himself to go public about his discipleship – his belief – his faith in Jesus Christ. Now things have changed – Joseph has changed and the world has changed. In a way, Joseph of Arimathea was one of the first funeral directors (and he is their patron saint today). He prepared his own tomb for Jesus – asked Pilate to take the body in the first place – and then gave the lifeless corpse of the Savior of the World the dignity it so justly deserved.



I offer this excerpt from the late Pope Benedict XVI's best-selling book, "Jesus of Nazareth-Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection." The pope gives us this insight on not only Joseph, but Nicodemus: "Up to this point in the Gospels, we have encountered such people mainly among simply folk: Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, Simeon and Anna, and also the disciples, none of whom, while they came from a variety of cultural backgrounds and movements in Israel, actually belonged to the leading circles. Now – after Jesus' death – we meet two highly regarded representatives of the educated class of Israel who had not yet dared to profess their discipleship, but who nevertheless were blessed with kind of simple heart that makes man capable of the truth." (p. 227)

Now that people have seen the horrific and painful Passion the Son of God has gone through – now that the Lamb of God's blood has spilled for the sin of all humanity – now that the darkness of death has shrouded all creation, do people truly believe. Just as it is true in the examples within the Gospels, when Jesus heals the blind, people now began to see. To the faithless, the unbeliever, the cynic, Jesus' death and burial was the end – no more. However, to the true disciple – the new PUBLIC disciple like Joseph of Arimathea, the story was just beginning. Easter is almost here for Joseph. Yes, Easter is nearly here again for all of us!

Joseph of Arimathea, I am sure, was frightened about going public about his love for Jesus. Now his love for God and faith in his Resurrection dispelled the fear and he was now a public – official – and proud friend of Jesus. So too must we in today's Godless society and selfish secular culture! We cannot be secret disciples any longer. We must be courageous and public in our expression of our faith. We must show to the world by what we say, what we pray and what we do, that we are like Joseph of Arimathea – that we are friends of Jesus Christ always! **Let us walk to the Tomb with Joseph and be changed this Lent!**

*Father Justin*