



Saint Leo Magnus

Roman Catholic Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in Elk County since 1874

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Pastor

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil - 5:15 pm,

Sunday - 8 & 10 am

Tuesdays - 6:00 pm

Wednesday - Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Wednesdays 4-6 pm

Saturdays 9 am

Adoration

Tuesday 9am - 6 pm

Thursday 9am - 7 pm

St. Leo School

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Mr. Sam MacDonald

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“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?”
- Mt 16:24b-26



Have a Blessed Labor Day

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 2, 2023 + Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Lino Morelli (Betty Rutigliano)

****Confessions after Mass****

Saturday, September 2, 2023 + Anticipated for the Twenty-second Sunday

5:15 pm Phil Mitchell (Family)

Sunday, September 3, 2023 + Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Thomas Drabant (Angie & Pat Eckert)

10:00 am Florendo Facetti (Linda Johnson)

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 + Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm Joan Papa (Gerry & Georgia Stenta)

****Adoration: 9am - 6pm****

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 + Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Irvin Serafini (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

****Confessions: 4-6 pm****

Thursday, September 7, 2023 + Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am The People of Saint Leo Parish

****Adoration: 9am - 7pm****

Friday, September 8, 2023 + The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Billy Egger, Catherine & Rita Vinski (Family)

Saturday, September 9, 2023 + Saint Peter Claver

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Vincent Foley (Family)

****Confessions after Mass****

Saturday, September 9, 2023 + Anticipated for the Twenty-third Sunday

5:15 pm M/M Ray & Emma Cenni (Dave & Linda Giovanini)

Sunday, September 10, 2023 + The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Deceased members of the Dellaquila Family (Family)

10:00 am The People of Saint Leo Parish

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the family of Leon Piurkoski, husband of Christine Piurkoski.

May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace.



This Week At St. Leo

Mon Sept. 4 Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

Thur Sept. 7 Parish Council Meeting, 6 pm

Wine and Hosts for the month of September have been donated in memory of Mark Stolburg and Liz Mitchell by Nina Stolburg.

Prayer Chain

Call Felcia @ 814.772.5460

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



A Prayer for Workers

God our Creator,
Your Word worked wonders to create
the heavens and the earth and all they contain.
Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother,
You labored alongside your foster father Joseph,
living the life of an ordinary worker.
Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your life.
You live and move and have your being in us
as we go about our daily tasks.
On this Employee Appreciation Day,
may all who work recognize their intrinsic value.
Show them that their worth depends not
on any task, responsibility, or skill.
Remind them that their dignity lies in You, oh Lord.
In all of our labors,
may we remember that we imitate You.
Amen.

Beat the Heat

†We remember in our prayers†

September 3

*Deceased members of the
Caggiano & Trainer Families
Theresa Bullers
Lucille Malin*

September 8

Florendo Facetti

Pope's Prayer Intention For September

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Mass Ministry Schedule Weekend of September 9 & 10, 2023

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
5:15 pm	P Messineo A Toncich	C Armanini	J Challingsworth
8:00 am	T & H Bish	M Detwiler	M Stager
10:00 am	S Tettis D Lineberger	J Fink	M Tettis

Ministry Schedule Week of September 10, 2023

Money Counters	Team #2
Ridgmont Minister	C Tutton
Altar Guild (9/8)	Group 5, Pew 3

Parish Support

August 19 & 20, 2023

,Contributions.....\$5,934
Weekly Budget.....\$9,246

Fiscal Year-to-Date (7/1/2023-6/30/2024)

Contributions.....\$60,488
Budget.....\$83,214

CSA

Our contribution.....\$52,838
Gifts to date.....\$23,681

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.

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.

Ways to Remember

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

Mass - \$10

Sanctuary Candle - \$20

Hosts and Wine - \$100/month

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

Radio Mass Broadcast - \$100/week

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

Contact the parish office for details.

St. Leo Parish Office Hours

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

Ph: 814-772-3135

email: secretary@stleomagnus.org

Call the parish office for your cemetery needs



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Jesus Christ has founded the Catholic Church in order to pass on His teachings to a world so desperately in need of truth and in order to lead all men to heaven.

Are you a non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you know a non-Catholic or a lapsed Catholic who has questions about the Catholic faith? Are you a Catholic who would like to learn more about our faith?

If you would like to learn more about the claims and teachings of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office by phone or e-mail to learn more about the classes that are forming now. There is nothing to lose, and eternity to gain!

FIRST ANNUAL ST. LEO PARISH YEAR-LONG 50/50

Pay out as of September 1, 2023



We'll report prize amount in the bulletin every month.
Watch the winnings climb!

Drawing will be held Sunday, December 17th.

You could win a huge prize just in time for Christmas!

Need tickets? Call 814-772-3135

St. Leo Summer Raffle Winners

Drawing August 27, 2023

\$5,000	John Quatroche, Punxsutawney
\$1,000	Norm & Val, Haight, Johnsonburg
\$500	Terry & Kathryn Fitch, Johnsonburg
\$500	Theresa Mitchell, Ridgway
\$250	Gary & Rose Anne Leithner, Ridgway
\$150	William Smith, St. Marys
\$100	Shawn & Laura Lynch, Johnsonburg

Bulletin Deadline -

Submit by noon on September 12th for the September 17th bulletin

Engagement Encounter

The next EE will be held **January 19-21, 2024** in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email familylife@eriercd.org. Visit www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ for more details and to register. Remember, "A wedding is only one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

Benedictine Gift Shop

Located at 139 Church St., St. Marys, PA is fully stocked for Back to School and Fall. Stop in and have a look around. And while you're in the area, please take time to stop by our renovated 1886 Chapel at 315 Church St. (Right beside the St. Mary's Catholic Church). It's really quite remarkable. Feel free to call Bonnie for a guided tour, 623-556-3160.

CD of A Members - The September Meeting/Tureen Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to accompany the main entrée. We look forward to seeing you!

ECC Music Booster Mum Sale!

Purchase tickets now, pick up at Morning Glory Greenhouse from September 1st - 21st. 9" pot - \$12
Call ECC at 814-834-7800 or Cathy at 814-512-0818
Must present ticket to receive mum!

Sunday Evening Mass

St. Tobias Church in Brockway will offer a Sunday evening Mass monthly. The next Mass will take place on **Sunday, September 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.

Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist,
come and suffer in me.

Jesus rising in the Eucharist,
come and rise to new life in me.

Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist,
Pray for us

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**Each ticket stays in all 35
drawings. Great Odds! Prizes
from \$100 to \$500. Only 300
Tickets!**

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Diocesan Child Protection Policies:

The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to:

<https://eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>

For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814.824.1195.

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:

Our Lord Jesus Christ truly, really, and actually makes God, His Father and our Father, known. We know this, right? God became human – He was made manifest – real – so that we could look at Him and touch Him. We profess this every Sunday when we join our voices with the Church throughout the world by praying the Nicene Creed after the homily. Yes, we say that “I believe!” We are not voicing a belief in “something,” but we are praying, “I believe in You.” Yes, I believe in the God who is with us.

When we pray we are closer to God than any other creature on earth. When we are present at the Mass, that which we thought was untouchable becomes touchable in the Eucharist. He who we think is to distant, He is so near to us. The face of Jesus looks at our faces when we approach Communion. Every time we come here to celebrate Mass with our faith community or in any Catholic church – we find Jesus Christ. True, God is indeed everywhere – out there in the world – but no where else is He more intimately present to us than in a Catholic Church resting in the tabernacle. Next time you walk into this church or another – look at the tabernacle and with trust, faith, and love: look at Jesus – embrace Jesus – encounter Jesus – and say it out, “I believe in You!”

As Christians we confess – publicly announce – admit the truth and profess with love – that Jesus, a charismatic human from Nazareth who was executed around the year 33, was simultaneously the Christ – the anointed and chosen one of God and His only begotten Son – is the central point of all human and cosmic history. Without Him, nothing has meaning. Without Jesus nothing would be possible. Hundreds upon thousands of historical figures have faded into the haze of history, Jesus Christ has not! And as long as there are two or three gathered in His name – as we do here – than He will never disappear. Can you, can I, can humanity base our entire existence – all of history – on just one person within the vast expanse of time and space? The answer: absolutely! That is why we pray. That is why we are Christian. That is why we believe in God. Sadly, so many (even members of our own families) do not know Him. Therefore, they do not believe or love Him. We must help transform this momentary loneliness of those we love into an encounter with the God who is with us – who became one of us – who has never left us alone. We must remind others of this absolute fact. Perhaps we need to remind ourselves.



Our goal as followers of Jesus Christ – His witnesses – His disciples – His friends is not have a selfish horde of happiness that is never shared, but our goal is to have complete and eternal happiness that is shared with God in heaven. If we believe in God and in Jesus Christ, we must believe also that it's not just about our private relationship with Him – but an encounter to be shared with the rest of the world, starting with the circle of family and friends that are nearby.

Often our culture, society and even the Church cause our hope, faith, and trust in God to become depleted – fearful that our souls might be running on empty, but we mustn't be discouraged or give up. Yes, we must advance – go forward to meet the face of Jesus Christ and be transformed. Every moment of every day, we are on the road toward salvation, even when it seems so painful, difficult or bleak. The late Pope Benedict XVI once wrote this: “*A salvation of the world does exist – that is the confidence which supports the Christian and which still makes it rewarding even today to be a Christian.*” The pope wrote these words in the Summer of 1968. All of us know that we (and the rest of humanity) still have a lot of work and prayer to do. That is a good thing! Let's continue to work together. Let's continue to pray together. Let's find Jesus Christ and take another step with Him into salvation. And they all said? AMEN – Yes, let it be done!

As always, God bless you! *Father Justin*