

# Saint Leo Magnus

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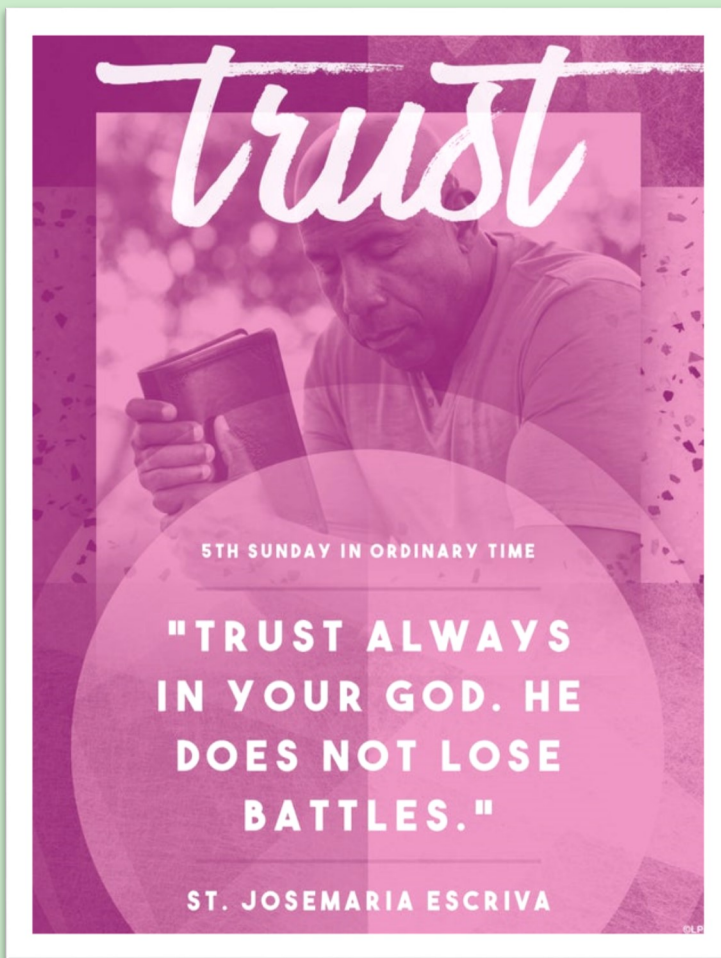
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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 7, 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 .....  
R.C.I.A .....  
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:

If you have ever seen the classic thriller by Alfred Hitchcock called *Psycho*, you will recall how horribly unlucky the character of Marion Crane ends up. Played by mega-movie star at the time Janet Leigh, she's dead before the film's first 30 minutes. If you don't know the plot here's a quick recap: Marion is having an affair with a guy named Sam – and they're not married – which in 1960 was quite taboo; then Marion steals \$30,000 from her employer and runs off to meet her lover; then she makes the big mistake of stopping at an out of the way motel with your favorite inn keeper and mine, Norman Bates! Unfortunately, her bad luck gets worse as she steps into the shower – queue the creepy music – and no more Marion Crane.

For poor Marion Crane, it was a bad day and it just kept getting worse and worse, with seemingly no relief or hope in sight. Have you ever felt this way? Has a series of unplanned and unfortunate events descended upon you? Maybe some of us here are living that old adage: when it rains it pours or it can only get worse? Whether we are in a bad place right now or not, all of us can find companionship with the elusive man who shows up all too infrequently in the cycle of Sunday readings – the guy who seems to have so much bad luck heaped on top of him – and his name is Job.

Here's what the Book of Job tells us. The prologue provides the setting for Job's testing. When challenged by Satan's questioning of Job's sincerity, the Lord gives leave for a series of catastrophes to afflict Job. Three friends come to console him. Job breaks out in complaint, and a cycle of speeches begins. Job's friends insist that his plight can only be a punishment for personal wrongdoing and an invitation from God to repent. Job rejects their inadequate explanation and challenges God to respond. A young bystander, Elihu, now delivers four speeches in support of the views of the three friends. In response to Job's plea that he be allowed to see God and hear directly the reason for his suffering, the Lord answers, not by explaining divine justice, but by cataloguing the wonders of creation. Job is apparently content with this, and, in an epilogue, the Lord restores Job's fortune.

In this weekend's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ. His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin. Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.



Nevertheless, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars, promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him. We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel. Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself. But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand, Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for raising up. The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise. It's used again to describe His own resurrection.

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity - raised all of us who lay dead through our sins. Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ. We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence.

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel. Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Second Reading. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come - that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

Have a blessed week and God love you!

*Father Justin*

## SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 31, 2020

Weekly Contributions

\$7,793

Weekly Budget

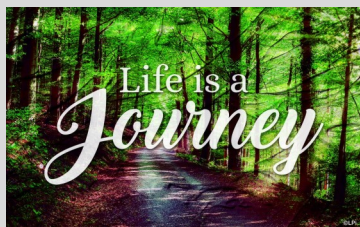
\$9,915

Contributions Year to Date

\$236,427

Budget Year to Date

\$321,096



### 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: \$157,000

**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.



## 2232 MEN'S CONFERENCE 2021

**Date: Saturday, February 27, 2021**

The Eighth Annual 22:32 Men's Conference is taking place on Saturday morning, February 27th and it is being live streamed to our parish via ZOOM! You will hear talks by our bishop, Lawrence T. Persico, Father Larry Richards, founder of The Reason For Our Hope Foundation, and two nationally known speakers: Jon Leonetti and John Edwards. Please go to [www.2232men.com/event-registration](http://www.2232men.com/event-registration). Use the **promo code: GROUP8**. The name of the St. Leo group is "St Leo Ridgway". Fr. Justin will celebrate Mass at 8 a.m. before the conference and offer Confessions after the

### *Lighthouse Catholic Media*

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

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PICK OF THE WEEK

February 7, 2021

WATCH

#### BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



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

### BAPTISMAL TRAINING SESSIONS

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

Online programs are available for baptism preparation.  
Contact the parish office for a list of approved classes.

### DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

For the **February 14, 2021** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on February 8.

For the **February 21, 2021** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on **February 15**.



**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**

**February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month:** Over one quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year say they'd been the victim of **digital dating abuse** according to Psychology Today. Digital dating abuse is physical, sexual or psychological/emotional violence that occurs between romantic partners through the use of texting, social media and related online mediums. 81% of youth who had been the target of digital dating abuse had also been the target of off-line dating abuse. So what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their kids about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask kids what they are doing online and then really **listen** to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great parenting and online dating tips can be found at [www.cyberwise.org](http://www.cyberwise.org). To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/)

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS****The Audacity of Holiness**

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**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**

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COORDINATOR

**FELCIA NELSON AT****814-772-5460**

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

**CONFESSIONS**

**WEDNESDAYS  
4P.M. TO 6 P.M.**

**IN THE SACRISTY  
PLEASE WEAR A  
MASK**

**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:

**JORDAN'S  
BAR & GRILL**



**St. Leo School Registration** -February 8th for the 2021-2022 school year will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. We will be registering Preschool and Kindergarten students as well as transfer students in grades 1 through 8. More information can be found at [www.eccss.org/slcs](http://www.eccss.org/slcs)

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

**Maternity Closet is open** the first three weeks on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each month. Babies and children up to age 3rd birthday in need are welcome. The Maternity Closet is open Wednesdays from 2-3 pm and Thursdays from 1-2:30 pm. Please call Theresa @781-1137 for questions.

**Lenten Evening Prayer at St. Catherine of Siena, DuBois** will hold Lenten Evening Prayer beginning Sunday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. and continuing through Sunday, March 21. The evening will offer meditation, scripture, reflection by a guest speaker and music. Guest speakers include Pastor Harold Jacobson, Bishop Lawrence Persico, Jean Cole, Dr. Lisa Witherite-Rieg and Fr. James Gutting.

**Lenten Fish Fries** - St. Joseph in Force, PA will offer Fish/Shrimp dinner Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent from noon to 6:30 p.m. Take-out only. For \$12, the dinner includes: Haddock or Fantail Shrimp, Baked Potato or French Fries,

#### **Family Perspective:**

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are often confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon

**WE ARE IN NEED OF A COUPLE OF VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN COUNTING COLLECTION. WE COUNT ON MONDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00. WE ARE ALMOST ALWAYS DONE BY 10:30. YOU WOULD BE ON A TEAM THAT WOULD COUNT ONLY ONE WEEK A MONTH.**

**IF INTERESTED OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL  
LINDA FACCHINE AT 776-6789.  
THANK YOU**

#### **THE ETHICAL RECEPTION OF THE COVID 19 VACCINES**

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops, in union with the Vatican, has made a statement regarding the ethical reception of the vaccines that are circulating and those still in production. None used aborted fetal tissue in design or production. But, all three available currently have used some aborted fetal tissue in lab testing. The serious nature of the pandemic, combined with the lack of choice we currently have to fight it, for ourselves as well as for the care of others, make the decision to take the vaccine morally acceptable. A more complete statement can be found on the diocesan website at [www.eriecd.org/news/News-releases.html](http://www.eriecd.org/news/News-releases.html)

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

#### **FORMED.ORG**

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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](http://www.StLeoMagnus.org) to get started.

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

Visit [www.StLeoMagnus.org](http://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.*

| Date   | Time                    | Intention   | Requested by         |
|--|-------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Saturday, February 6<br>Vigil - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  | 5:15 p.m.               | Bill MacDonald                                    | Dolly MacDonald      |
| Sunday, February 7<br>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME            | 8:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m. | Edna & Jeanne Gausman<br>People of St. Leo Parish | Kevin & Marilyn Gahr |
| Monday, February 8<br>Weekday                                  | 8:30 a.m.               | Communion Service                                 |                      |
| Tuesday, February 9<br>Weekday                                 | 8:30 a.m.               | Communion Service                                 |                      |
| Wednesday, February 10<br>St. Scholastica, Virgin              | 8:30 a.m.               | Communion Service                                 |                      |
| Thursday, February 11<br>Our Lady of Lourdes                   | 8:30 a.m.               | Communion Service                                 |                      |
| Friday, February 12<br>Weekday                                 | 8:30 a.m.               | Communion Service                                 |                      |
| Saturday, February 13<br>Vigil - SIXTH SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME | 5:15 p.m.               | People of St. Leo Parish                          |                      |
| Sunday, February 14<br>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME           | 8:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m. | Susan DeStefano<br>Mr. & Mrs. Tron Valentine      | Family<br>Family     |

*The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the families of Albina (Viola) Creighton and Margaret "Midge" Gustitus. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!*

*The wine and hosts for the month of February are in memory of Mary Helen Jacobs from her family.*

*The Sanctuary Candle for the week of February 7th will burn in memory of Frank Quattrone, Sr. from his family.*

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

## CANCEL THE COLD

† WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS †

**FEBRUARY 12**

LYNDA PONTZER

**FEBRUARY 13**

WALTER & EMILY KALINOSKI A Morn-

### Ministry Schedule

**Week of February 14, 2021**

**Money Counters**

**Team 2**

**Altar Guild**

For 2/12: Group 1, Pew 1

### Parish Office Hours

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

### A Morning Offering to Saint Joseph

Receive me, dear and chosen Father, and the offering of every movement of my body and soul, which I desire to present through thee to my blessed Lord.

Purify all! Make all a perfect holocaust! May every pulsation of my heart be a Spiritual Communion, every look and thought an act of love, every action a sweet sacrifice, every word an arrow of Divine love, every step an advance toward Jesus, every visit to Our Lord as pleasing to God as the errands of Angels, every thought of thee, dear Saint, an act to remind thee that I am thy child.

I recommend to thee the occasions in which I usually fail, particularly . . . [Mention these].

Accept each little devotion of the day, though replete with imperfection, and offer it to Jesus, Whose mercy will overlook all, since He regards not so much the gift as the love of the giver.

Amen.