

# Saint Leo Magnus

## Roman Catholic Church

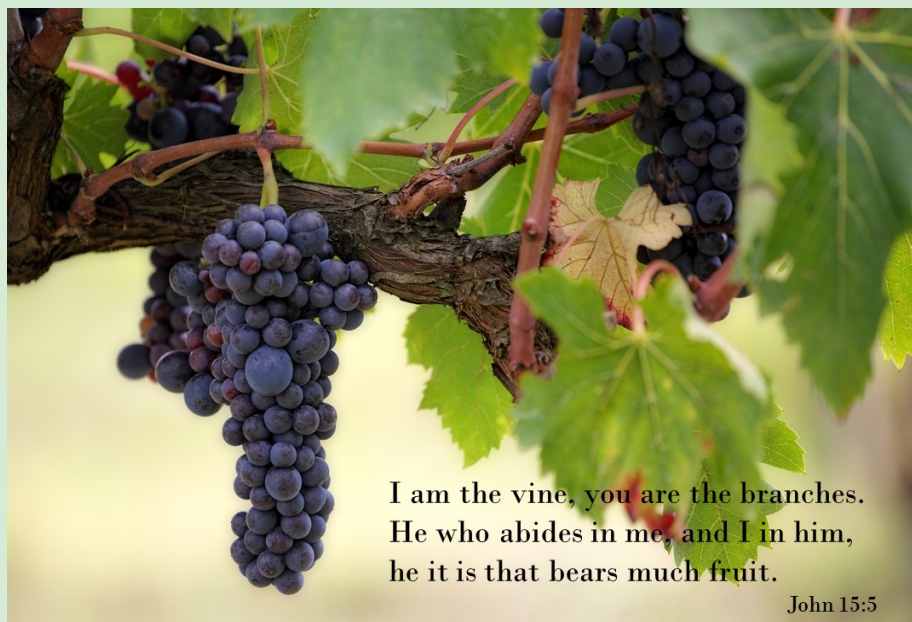
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021



I am the vine, you are the branches.  
He who abides in me, and I in him,  
he it is that bears much fruit.

John 15:5

*Please be advised that spring clean up will begin this month at St. Leo Cemetery. Please remove all old decorations and arrangements by April 30<sup>th</sup> in order to prepare for summer maintenance. Thank you*

### 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:

Tuesday 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 4-6 p.m.

Confessions are held in the sacristy

### CLERGY

Rev. Justin Pino, Pastor

fjjustin@comcast.net

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### PARISH STAFF

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President

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Caretakers

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**ST. LEO MAGNUS ADORATION TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9 AM TO 9 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.

**ANOIDTING 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.....	Mark & Kellie Martinez, mam533@pitt.edu
Parish Festival .....	Chris & Susie Klase, Klase4@windstream.net
Choir .....	Joey Kepple, jomariehelen@yahoo.com
Catholic Daughters of America .....	Linda Facchine
Knights of Columbus .....	Gary Leithner
Food Bank.....	Sam & Lois Markert, 776-1950
Prayer Chain .....	Felcia Nelson, 772-5460
Fish Fry .....	Charlie Richards, 773-7990
That Man is You (TMIY) .....	John Gangloff
Cancer Care Ministry.....	Tecla Pontious, 772-1352
Website Manager .....	Frank Quattrone/Rena Urmann
Prison Ministry.....	Molly Fernan
Altar Guild .....	Noel Murphy
Funeral Luncheons .....	Paul & Rita Reed, 773-7772
Money Counters .....	Linda Facchine
Eucharistic Ministers .....	Fran & Kathy Greich, 776-1540
Ushers .....	Jim Catalano
Lectors .....	Wee J. Fernan
Altar Servers .....	Joey Kepple, jomariehelen@yahoo.com
Baptismal Preparation Classes .....	Deacon Larry Caggese, 772-3135
Adoration .....	Dolly MacDonald, 776-6662
R.C.I.A.....	Lucy & Dave Bobby
Sacristy .....	Deacon Larry Caggese, 772-3135

**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

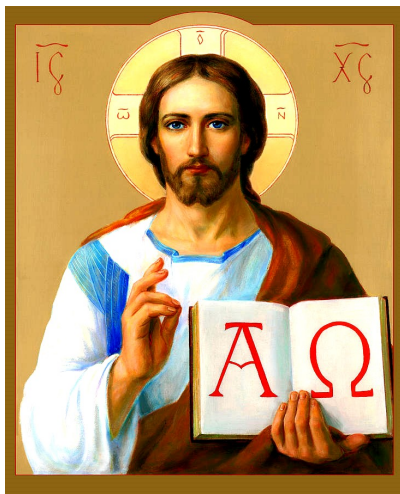
## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### *IV – Easter Reflection Series on the Paschal Candle: The Alpha & The Omega*

My dear parish family:

The exact use of the Paschal candle has changed over the centuries. Initially it was broken up after the Easter Vigil and fragments were given to the faithful. Beginning in the 10th Century it was kept in a place of honor near the ambo (where the Gospel was proclaimed) until the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus, 40 days after Easter. By the time of the 12th Century, the candle began to be inscribed with the current year (which will be the subject of next week's reflection). Over time, the Paschal Candle grew in size to merit the description of "pillar," as sung in the Easter Proclamation at the Vigil. By 1550, some Paschal candles weighed as much as three hundred pounds, and, after they had been used, were melted into smaller candles to use at the funerals of the poor.

At the Easter Vigil, following the blessing of the new fire, I prepared the Paschal Candle for service. I used a small knife to cut into the wax – first into the Cross (that we meditated upon last week), then into the Alpha and Omega, and finally into the numerals of the year. Here is the prayer: ***Christ yesterday and today*** (cuts a vertical line in the Cross); ***the Beginning and the End*** (cuts a horizontal line in the Cross); ***the Alpha*** (cuts the Greek letter Alpha above the vertical line); ***and the Omega*** (cuts the letter Omega below the vertical line). ***All time belongs to Him*** (cuts the first numeral of the current year in the upper left corner of the Cross); ***and all the ages*** (cuts the second numeral of the current year in the upper right corner of the Cross). ***To him be glory and power*** (cuts the third numeral of the current year in the lower left corner of the Cross); ***through every age and for ever. Amen*** (cuts the fourth numeral of the current year in the lower right corner of the cross).



In the last book of the Bible – the Book of Revelation – Jesus speaks to us in the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter with these words: “BEHOLD!” He says. Behold – in Latin, ECCE! – in the original Greek – IDOU! – it means SEE! LOOK! HERE! 160 times in the New Testament, it’s used – 25 times alone in the Book of Revelation. The Lord says: ***“Behold! I make all things new! I am the Alpha and the Omega – the Beginning and the End.”*** Easter, at the same time, is an end and at the same time a beginning. We see an end to the darkness of death strangling humanity and casting us into the depths of the Netherworld; and because of the Resurrection, we experience the new life of Christ, as the doors of the heavenly kingdom are thrown open again to the faithful. Yes, the Alpha and the Omega – the Beginning and the End – Jesus Christ comes to create the world and us anew!

Some years ago in 2005, Pope Benedict XVI reminded us of the power of love and hope of the Risen Christ to overcome evil, just as eternal life conquers death. He said: ***“History is not in the hands of dark forces, of chance, or of merely human choices. The Lord, supreme arbiter of historical events, rises above the discharge of evil energies, the vehement onslaught of Satan, the emergence of plagues and wickedness. He knowingly guides history to the dawn of the new heaven and the new earth.”***

Jesus is making us new! Moreover, Jesus doesn’t force us to do anything, does He? He doesn’t force us to be His witness – we choose Him to be new. He doesn’t force us to be the best we humanly can be – we choose Him to be new. He doesn’t force us to be Christian Catholics, with all that entails – we choose Him to be new. We allow ourselves to be touched by the Alpha and the Omega – Him who makes all things – all people new.....because we believe! We believe – you believe and I believe – in Jesus’ power – in Jesus’ love – in Jesus’ wonderful way of making things new. He will make our world – our lives – our families – our road on this Easter journey new. And what we’ve all experienced in these past 14 months – newness is exactly what we need!

May these 50 days of Easter light bring us hope and joy! *Father Justin*



## SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 25, 2021

<b>Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>Weekly Budget</b>
\$6,563	\$9,915
<b>Contributions Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget Year to Date</b>
\$332,012	\$426,345

### CSA--

is due by January 2022  
\$46,962

Pledged to date: \$18,625  
Received to date: \$16,740  
Families have pledged: 57

### 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: \$151,000

### 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.



## C D of A celebrates Clergy Appreciation May 22

Each year the Catholic Daughters of the Americas celebrate Clergy Appreciation Day. **Saturday, May 22, 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'oeuvres, liquid refreshments and desserts.

Social distancing will be observed.

Parishioners are invited.

Reservations will be taken until, Monday, May 17 by calling Valerie Kelly (814-772-8205) or Betty Manno (814-776-1304).

Supper cost is \$10.00 which may be paid at the door.

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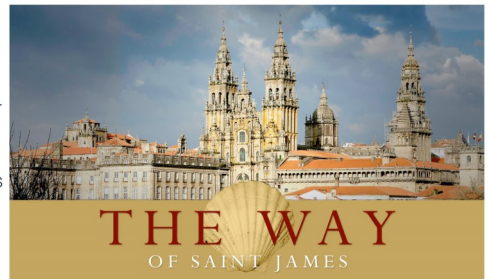
PICK OF THE WEEK

May 2, 2021

WATCH

### THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



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

**VIOLA FUND** – The late Chester and Grace Viola and their family have always embraced the value of Catholic education. Several years ago, the Chester and Grace Viola Tuition Assistance Fund was established for Saint Leo School. These funds have remained largely untouched. However, the family would like to begin to use this fund to help students and their families attend their parish school. It is our goal that each child baptized at St. Leo Church will receive the gift of a \$100 voucher to be used towards kindergarten tuition. In order to reach more students both now and in the future, we would like to see this fund grow. If you value Catholic education as Chet and Grace did, the family humbly asks that you consider making a donation in their memory. The funds raised will be administered by the Elk County Community Foundation and used solely for students at Saint Leo School. If you would like to contribute to this tuition assistance fund, please send donations to:

Elk County Community Foundation  
32 S St. Marys Street  
St. Marys, PA 15857

On the memo line, simply put Chester and Grace Viola Fund

Or, you can go to the Elk County Community Foundation website and choose DONATE NOW and mention the Chester and Grace Viola Fund when asked on the form.

The children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Chet and Grace thank you for your steadfast support of Catholic education here at St. Leo School.

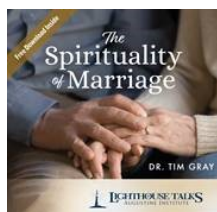
# FIRST RECONCILIATION, 2021



From left (first row): Alex Toncich, Chace Puncheon, Hank Gerber, Sophia Kuleck, Abbigail Bellotti, Gianna Copello. (second row): Zarina Addeo, Mia Amacher, Adalynn Straub, Ashlynn Corl. (third row): Julia Gilmore, Jacob Tettis, Samuel Tettis, Nicholas Tutton. (top): Mrs. Leuschel, Fr. Justin Pino, Mrs. Groeger. (missing- Luca Aiello)

## Lighthouse Catholic Media Pick of the Week

### The Spirituality of Marriage



Throughout the Church's history, there has been crisis and confusion over Church teaching. Today, there is crisis and confusion surrounding the Sacrament of Marriage. As Augustine Institute President and Professor Dr. Tim Gray explains, this crisis presents an immense opportunity, as it encourages us to explore and discover the depth of this mystery, described by

Pope Benedict XVI as "a Gospel in itself". When lived faithfully and well, marriage serves as a bold witness to the love and saving power of God.

## ADORATION

**Tuesday and Thursday**  
**9 a.m. to 9 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,



**CONFESSIONS**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**FROM**  
**4-6 PM**  
**IN THE SACRISTY**

## 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:

**Cliffe's & The  
Prescription  
Center**





**CD of A Meeting - Tuesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m.**

We'll announce our summer book selection at this meeting. If you would like to become a member of this dynamic group of women contact Linda Facchine @ 814.594.4567.

**Baptismal Training Sessions - May 20 at St. Mary's Church, St. Marys.**

Please call 814-781-1019 to reserve your spot. Online programs are available for baptism preparation. Contact the parish office for a list of approved classes.

**St. Leo School Fishing Derby - May 8 & 9.** Ridgway Fireman's Grounds.

Register now at [www.stleosfishingderby.com](http://www.stleosfishingderby.com) Catch Lucky Leo and win \$1500. Three others are tagged for \$1000 and hundreds are tagged for \$500-\$10. This is a great family friendly outdoor activity.

**ECCHS Music Boosters - Chicken BBQ Drive Thru! - Sunday, May 2nd -**

ECCHS parking lot - 11a.m. until sold out. Cost \$10. Meal includes 1/2 chicken, mac salad, baked beans & roll.

**St. Leo School - Walmart Truckload Sale - Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.** Former Motion Control Building, Gillis Ave. Ridgway, PA

**Diocese will recognized wedding anniversaries - The 2021 Diocesan**

Anniversary Celebration liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese; Aug. 1 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion, and Aug. 8 at St. Jude Parish in Erie. For more information and to register, go to [www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html](http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html) or contact your parish or the Faith Formation Office at 814-824-1210.

**Mothers Day Retreat for Women Experiencing Infertility and Loss - As a**

Catholic ministry for women and couples experiencing infertility and loss, **Springs in the Desert** knows how difficult Mother's Day can be. It often surfaces negative emotions, creating a sense of dread to the point that some couples even stay away from Mass on that Sunday because it is simply too hard. They feel as if they don't belong.

The Springs in the Desert Team invites couples to transform this day from isolation to one of community and solidarity by joining us on retreat. The Springs of Hope Mother's Day Retreat: "Belonging." will take place virtually from May 7-9, 2021. This retreat is for all who long for motherhood; whether you are experiencing primary or secondary infertility, miscarriage or loss, a diagnosis or unexplained, and if you are menopausal or passed child-bearing years.

Registration is FREE at our website [www.SpringsInTheDesert.org](http://www.SpringsInTheDesert.org). For more information email us: [info@springsinthedesert.org](mailto:info@springsinthedesert.org).

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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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker VIGIL-FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m.	Sr. Mary Joan Beauseigneur, SSJ Mr. & Mrs. Fred Tagliaferi	Dave & Joey Kepple Helen Paladino
Sunday, May 2 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Iva Case Deceased members of the Quigley & Pistner Families	Family Kevin & Marilyn Gahr
Monday, May 3 Sts. Philip & James, Apostles	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	
Tuesday, May 4 Easter Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Susan DeStefano	Family
Wednesday, May 5 Votive Mass of St. Joseph	8:30 a.m.	Joe MacDonald	Dolly MacDonald
Thursday, May 6 Easter Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Mary Jacobs	Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello
Friday, May 7 Easter Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Helen Martinez	Martinez Family
Saturday, May 8 VIGIL - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5:15 p.m.	Dutch DePanfilis, 32 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary	Family
Sunday, May 9 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Joseph Casolo People of St. Leo Parish	Family

*The Sanctuary Candle for the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> will burn in memory of Clara Jane Mago from George Kutcher*

*The wine and hosts for the month of May are in memory of Jacqueline Renaud from her family.*

**CANCEL THE COLD**  
†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

**MAY 8**  
EDITH FUSCO

**MAY 9**  
EDITH FEDUS  
MARY HELEN JACOBS  
ELIZABETH VERBECK  
PEARL PETERSON  
BERTA VERBECK  
GERALDINE RAUBENSTRAUCH  
THERESA BULLERS



Please call the parish office, 772-3135, if you or someone you know cannot get out and would like to receive Holy Eucharist at home.

*The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the family of Richard Facetti, brother of Linda Johnson. May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!*

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Week of May 9, 2021**

**Money Counters**

Team 2

**Altar Guild**

For 5/7 - Group 1, Pew 1

**Parish Office Hours**

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

Friday: 9 am - noon

CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

