

Saint Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 2021

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us
with the irresistible power of a baby,
requiring both our hands
and captivating our whole hearts.
Help us to cast aside the sin
and brokenness that we cling to,
so we might be ready to hold you
when you come again.
Amen.



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday evening: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Radio Mass: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
(97.5 WDDH)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday thru Friday:

8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. during Advent

Holy Day Masses:

Evening before: 6:00 p.m.

On the Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. &
12:05 p.m.

Confessions:

Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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***Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays & Thursdays
9 am - 7 pm ~ Please sign up for an hour !***



Saint Leo Church Advent Festival

Saint Leo families kicked off Advent with a festival that included: making an Advent wreath, I Spy Advent craft, Saint Leo Church scavenger hunt and of course goodies. What a great way to begin Advent!



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSONS

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Choir.....	Joey Kepple, jomariehelen@yahoo.com
Catholic Daughters of America.....	Linda Facchine
Knights of Columbus.....	Bill MacDonald
Food Bank	Sam & Lois Markert, 776-1950
Prayer Chain.....	Felcia Nelson, 772-5460
Fish Fry.....	Charlie Richards, 773-7990
That Man is You (TMIY)	Deacon Larry Caggese
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
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R.C.I.A.....	Lucy & Dave Bobby

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

II: VISITING THE LORD!

Advent Reflection Series on The Five Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

My dear parish family:

Last week we reflected in the bulletin and in the weekend homily the first mystery of joy – announcing the Lord – how we can become more consistent, constant, and authentic sharers of the Good News of Jesus Christ and His message to those around us. On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we light the second purple candle on our wreaths, we look at The Visitation, when a pregnant Mary traveled to be with her pregnant cousin Elizabeth.

We read from Sacred Scripture: Luke 1:42-44 – “*Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice: ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb...The moment your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe in my womb leapt for joy.’*”

Let us reflect now: More often than not, we meet people by chance, or so we think it is by chance, yet these relationships are connections instituted by God. He guides us in our lives to meet other – to visit them – and we make connections that last a lifetime. These meetings, visits, and connections, occur so that they help each other on their journey. As cousins, Mary and Elizabeth share a bond of family. However, they also share a spiritual relationship because of how the Holy Spirit is acting in their lives, fashioning the Messiah (Jesus) and His prophet (John the Baptist) deep inside their wombs. During those months, Mary and Elizabeth don’t just sit around waiting. They are working, preparing for Elizabeth’s baby, quietly conversing, and praying. Together, they are like a little parish community, like us. In our lives, God gives us spiritual friendships that help us grow closer to Him, both with our family and friends. Sometimes He links our lives together for a larger purpose that will reveal itself with time, or eventually in heaven. This week, let us ask Mary to help us and our spiritual friends to listen carefully for God’s gentle whisper, so that we can walk with him and with each other.

Each week I will end my meditation with the words of Saint John XXIII. They come from a retreat he offered on the joyful mysteries around 1961: *What tenderness and gentleness there was in that three-month visit of Mary to her beloved cousin. Both are custodians of an imminent maternity, but for Mary, it is to be the most sacred maternity imaginable. What sweetness of harmony in those two intertwining hymns. From one, "Blessed are you among women" (Luke 1:42), and from the other, "He has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed" (1:48). This vision at Ain-Karim, a few miles west of Jerusalem, illuminates with a heavenly light (at the same time very human!) the relations of good families brought up in the ancient school of the Rosary recited each evening in the home among the members of the family. This is done in all parts of the world where people are called by the lofty inspiration of the priesthood or where one is called by missionary charity or the apostolate or even by lawful motives of different natures, such as work, military service, study, teaching, and the like. What a beautiful coming together this is in which, during the recitation of the ten Hail Mary's of this mystery, so many souls are united by the bond of blood, by domestic bonds, by all those things which sanctify and strengthen the sentiments of love among those closest to one another—parents and children, brothers, sisters, relatives, neighbors, citizens—united in an act which supports and illuminates universal charity, the practice of which is the joy and honor of life.*

This Advent may we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus!



Father Justin



Parish Support

Weekend of November 21, 2021

<u>Weekly</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Budget</u>
\$8,631	\$10,160
<u>Contributions</u> <u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Year to Date</u>
\$160,658	\$213,360

Weekend of November 28, 2021

<u>Weekly</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Budget</u>
\$6,867	\$10,160
<u>Contributions</u> <u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Year to Date</u>
\$167,525	\$223,520

CSA--

due by January 2022
\$46,962

Received to date: \$28,277

79 Families have contributed

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: \$125,000

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 you or the charity will have to pay income taxes.

St. Leo's Lucky 13

Get your tickets in!

Drawing Dec. 19th

Top prize \$7,500

If you would like more tickets, call the parish office @ 814-772-3135.



St. Leo Parish Angel

Be sure to return unwrapped gifts by December 12!

Call Jeanne Hall with any questions (814-772-2569). Thank you.

K of C 300 Club Winners

	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17
\$40	Sandy Johnson	Frank Rutigliano	Al Larnder
\$25	Joe & Sandy	Brice Bowers	Jamie Cobaugh
\$15	Ed LaValle	Peg & Patti	Tony Viglione
\$10	Dwayne Lewis	Lois Markert	Duane Duffey
\$10	John Bullers	Dave Bobby	Al Leithner
\$10	Michael Caggese	Allan Gausman	Cara Lee Moore

Thanksgiving Day Mass At St. Leo

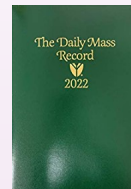


The Gilmore & Tettis families brought small loaves of bread to share with everyone on Thanksgiving Day. Here, we see Fr. Justin blessing them.

Masses, sanctuary candles and Host & Wine are now being scheduled for 2022

Call or visit the rectory to schedule. Our number is 814-772-3135.

The parish office is open Monday thru Thursday 9am - noon and 1 - 4pm.
(Closed holidays and holy days)



CD of A News

The CD of A Christmas Party will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, -December 11, 2021 in the St. Leo Social Hall. **Please make reservations by Sunday, December 5th.** Call Debby @ 814-773-7990 or Linda @ 814-776-6758

Court St. Leo #356 Annual Bake Sale and Basket Raffle will be held December 18 & 19. Tickets can be bought from any CD of A member at \$5.00 a ticket, also Advent candles are on sale in the Gathering Space for \$5.00 for candles and \$20 for complete set ring and candles.

Synod: Key Term #2

What is synodality?

The Church has been holding synods since ancient times. While the concept of synodality is old, the word "synodality" is very new. It means the entire People of God assembling together, journeying together, and actively participating in the evangelizing mission of the Church. Pope Francis is calling us to recognize synodality as the way the entire Church operates. Everyone is involved, everyone contributes. In particular, it means listening to each other and not remaining oblivious in our own bubbles. Synodality is not only for internal affairs, but also manifests the Church's universal and missionary nature to the world. Hopefully this Synod on Synodality will help us to better understand and live out this emerging concept.

What is the Synod on Synodality?

Pope Francis has asked the entire world to participate in a synod on the topic "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission." The central question he asks of everyone is:

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together." How is this "journeying together" happening today in our diocese? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

You may be invited to participate in listening sessions at your local parish, or you may wish to give your input online. Participation in a synod should always involve prayer, listening, discussion, and above all, discerning the way that the Holy Spirit is guiding us. Hopefully these questions and answers can help you as you prepare your input.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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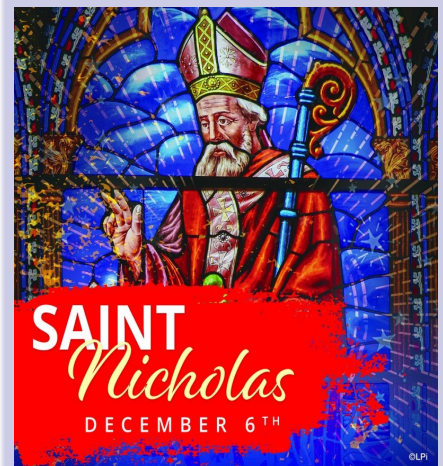
**Tuesday and Thursday
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

*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:

Elco Electric

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

Sacred Heart Bah-Humbug Festival - Saturday, December 11 from 9am - 3pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Enjoy craft tables, raffles, sweet treats, walnut rolls and other breads, soups by the quart and lunch items to eat in or take out. Enjoy a day of shopping for gifts, baked goods and fellowship!

Save the Date - March 12, 2022 - 7th Annual Women's Conference. www.138women.com for more information.

Thank you

for your generous donations to the
Good Samaritan Food Bank in November.

Your gifts will greatly help those in need.

Additional monetary donations can be sent to

Good Samaritan Food Bank
PO Box 61
Ridgway, PA 15853



Spaghetti Dinner

at the Ridgway K of C building

Sunday, December 19th, 2021

11 am until sold out

\$10



Benefits St. Leo's School
Sports Association

Eat in or take out

Kitchen/Bar opens at 11 am

Stay and watch some football



Preorders and Raffle Tickets to be sold before and after all
masses

December 4th/5th and December 11th/12th

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- The Digital World: The digital world is constantly evolving with new social media platforms, apps, and devices, and children and teens are often the first to use them. Sometimes with negative impacts such as cyberbullying, sexting, or the posting hateful messages or content. Parents need to become aware and stay up-to-date on the latest apps, social media platforms and digital slang used by children and teens. Parents should monitor their child's social media sites, apps and browsing history regularly. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

Please note the dates below for Bulletin Submissions. It's important to keep these dates in mind if you plan on submitting a Cancel the Cold or would like to advertise your club's events.

Submit by Dec. 5 for the Dec. 12 bulletin
Submit by Dec. 9 for the Dec. 19 bulletin
Submit by Dec. 15 for the Dec. 26 bulletin
Submit by Dec. 21 for the Jan. 2 bulletin

Ministry Schedule Weekend and week of December 12, 2021

	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers	Jack & Thad Gardner	S Zamoski K Matha	A Eagen M Toncich
Eucharistic Minister	L Caggese	M Detwiler	J or C Fink
Lector	WeeJ Fernan	Jeanne Allenbaugh	Mary Tettis
Money Counters	Team 2	Altar Guild, For 12/10	Group 2, Pew 2
Ridgemont Minister	Christine Tutton	Hi-Rise Minister	Coming Soon!



Saturday, December 4 - Vigil - Second Sunday of Advent

5:15 pm **Frank & Dorothy Armanini** (Bob & Carol Connacher)

Sunday, December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Veronica DePanfilis** (Family)

10:00 am **People of St. Leo Parish**

Monday, December 6 - Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday, December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am **Cosmo Quattrone** (Family)

Tuesday, December 7 - Vigil - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 pm **Roland Weiser** (Carol Bomba & Family)

Wednesday, December 8- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

12:05 pm **Paul Grieggs** (Family)

Thursday, December 9- Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Pearl Peterson** (Family)

6:00 pm **Bob Kraus** (Dave & Joey Kepple)

Friday, December 10 - Advent Weekday

8:30 am **Patricia Rizzo** (Raymond Rizzo)

6:00 pm **Ed MacDonald** (Dolly MacDonald)

Saturday, December 11- Vigil - Third Sunday of Advent

5:15 pm **Anthony Rutigliano, Sr.** (Betty Rutigliano)

Sunday, December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Janet Yonker** (Lewis Family)

10:00 am **Frank Steudler** (Chris & Susie Klase)



*The Wine and hosts for the month of December have been donated in memory of
Albert Paladino from Helen Paladino*

CANCEL THE COLD

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

December 8

Mary Helen Jacobs

Helen Goetz



We are very grateful to Ron and Bernardine Myers, who recently gifted St. Leo Parish with this beautiful gold vestment. The Myers' are pictured here with Father Justin on the Solemnity of Christ the King. Gold vestments are worn at Mass for solemn feast days, especially Christmas and Easter. The vestment was donated in memory of Frank L. Clark, to whom our St. Francis statue in the Gathering Space was also given in his memory.

OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday - CLOSED

CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS