

Saint Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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JANUARY 16, 2022

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 p.m.

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

Daily Mass

Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Evening before: 6:00 p.m.

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

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays: 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Sacristy)

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAY FROM 9AM + 7 PM

*Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in an area of Parish Ministry. Please reflect on the ways you are called to **SHARE YOUR GIFTS** to help our community grow. Contact the parish office for more information about all of our ministries.*

Yearly Contributions

To get your 2021 contributions statement please call Rena at the parish office @ 814-772-3135

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Fish Fry	Charlie Richards, 773-7990
That Man is You (TMIY)	Deacon Larry Caggese
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Altar Guild	Noel Murphy
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Money Counters.....	Linda Facchine
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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

THE SILENT PRAYERS ARE HEARD!

Part 1 of 4: Prayers of Cleansing

My dear parish family:

Every day at Mass, the priest offers a number of prayers that are silent. The people in the church never hear these prayers, unless one of the altar servers overhears. They are beautiful and rich moments of spiritual communion with God. Therefore, for the next four weeks, during this “green” interlude of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent, I want to share with you all the “silent” prayers of the mass, beginning with the “prayers of cleansing” softly spoken before and after the Gospel.

As the priest approaches the ambo to proclaim the Gospel he pauses, bows to the altar and prays: **“Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.”** The old translation is very similar: **“Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your gospel.”** This action is closely related to the action that all of you join when you say “Glory to you O Lord” at the beginning of the Gospel and trace the cross on your forehead, lips and heart – asking God to enter into our minds, lips and hearts in the sacred word about to share with us again. For the priest or deacon whose honor it is to proclaim the very words – the very acts of the Lord as recorded in the Gospels, we prepare ourselves ahead of time with the above prayer. As human, imperfect, weak and sinful as we ordained clergy are we must ask for God’s guidance in proclaiming his beautiful Word. The Gospel or any page of scripture for that matter is not some novel or newspaper account that quickly fades away from memory. The Scriptures are the revealed thoughts, acts, prayers and desires of Almighty God. These words given to the prophets, psalmists, evangelists and through our hearing to us are God’s plan for humanity. His love letter to the world from the very moment when He created everything out of nothing and all things came to be because He desired and created it, is available to us every Sunday – everyday. A message so important is not to be taken lightly or to be undertaken without serious reflection. If you give a public speech, you ought to be prepared and practice the sentences, right? So too with the Bible – there is a cadence and rhythm and you can’t just barrel through it. Prepare your lips and your heart – that’s why the priest prays this prayer – to cleanse us from all the distractions and superfluous stuff on the periphery. It helps us concentrate on and focus clearly on God’s Word and how to properly bring that word to you in the pews. Practice makes perfect; and there is no perfect priest, deacon, parish or homily, a prayer like this gets us on the way.



Immediately after the Gospel when the priest or deacon kisses the Book of the Gospel out of respect, he prays this silently: **“Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away.”** The old translation was: **“May the words of the Gospel wipe away our sins.”** Notice the use of tense here, I am not praying just for myself as before the Gospel, now I am praying for all of us, “our” sins, together. All of us sin – human nature cannot avoid it. Some sins are not as serious as others, for instance being deliberately rude to a co-worker is sinful, no true good can come from it; but taken the Lord’s name in vain out of hatred is certainly more serious. At this moment in the mass the priest or deacon is asking God that these holy words – the loving acts – these divine promises may infect our souls. Because we have hopefully listened attentively to these lessons that we might go out into the world better people, more faithful Christians, better equipped friends to Christ – so to avoid sin and do good. All of us need to be cleansed from our sins – a genuine good act of kindness/contrition can wipe away small (or venial) sins; and more intense moments of weakness are wiped away by taking advantage of the beautiful sacrament of Penance. The words that are implored by this prayer are life-changing words. They chronicle for us that God changes us because of our faith, hope and love into His eternal companions. The Gospel can change us still. Its message is timeless, never to be stamped “out of date.” Sin too sadly transcends the fabric of time and is still as dangerous and destructive as it was in the Book of Genesis when the serpent tricked Adam and Eve with his EMPTY promises. At every mass we celebrate together – every time we lift our hearts in prayer, the necessity for cleansing is present. You can pray these words too!

**Join me next week for the “Prayers of Acceptance.”
Have a happy Sunday and a blessed week...God love you!*

Father Justin



Weekend of January 9, 2022

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
\$6,695	\$10,160
<u>Contributions Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>
\$222,735	\$284,480

CSA--

**due by January 2022
\$46,962**

We are most grateful for the \$28, 595 received in CSA contributions. The remainder, \$18,367, must be paid to the diocese from other sources.

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: \$122,000

**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.

CD of A Members – Thank you for participating in our Advent Book Club. To those who attended the group discussion and meal the conversation was lively and the overall critique of Dr. Scott Hahn’s book *Hope to Die* was positive. A special thank you to Fr. Justin for his insights and “hope” as we journey to our eternal life. Our next selection for Lent will be *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis.

If you would like to become a member of this dynamic group of women contact Linda Facchine 594-4567 for more information. The CD of A motto is “Unity and Charity”. We provide a unique opportunity, through charitable acts, for women to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways. Jesus Christ is the heart of our organization.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

**PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!
JANUARY 19 - 27, 2022**

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Visit the **9DaysForLife** website to download the novena and reflections.
www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life

Or, call Rena in the parish office at 814-772-3135. She will print the full novena for you free of charge.



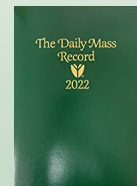
WAYS TO REMEMBER

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:
Mass -- \$10
Sanctuary Candle -- \$10/week
Hosts and Wine -- \$40/month
Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold -- \$10/date
Radio Mass Broadcast -- \$100/week
Memorial Space on the bulletin ads - \$50/week
Or anything you would like to see in the parish - statues, artwork, equipment.
Please contact Rena in the office or Father Justin.

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)



JOIN THE ST. LEO SCHOOL FAMILY!



Preschool/Kindergarten/Transfer Student Registration for the 2022-23 School Year will be held on Monday, February 7th from 5:30-7:30pm in the church Social Hall or by calling the school to request an enrollment packet be sent home. School tours for interested families can be scheduled by calling 772-9775. Our goal is for every child to have the opportunity to seek their whole formation--spiritually, academically, physically, and emotionally. Don't forget that the birthdate cutoff for preschool and kindergarten at SLS is August 15th. Children who are 5 before August 15, 2022 are eligible for Kindergarten. Students who turn 3 before August 15, 2022 are eligible for pre 3, and students who are 4 before August 15, 2022 are eligible for Pre-K!

ADORATION

**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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16TH WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY ARMANINI, 1ST ANNIVERSARY

THE WINE AND HOSTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY HAVE BEEN DONATED IN MEMORY OF RUTHIE COONEY BY ANNIE SCHIELD.

CANCEL THE COLD

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

January 15
Ethel Facetti

January 16
Stephanie Krise
Ron McDonson

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

*Harry Hinton,
brother of Ken Hinton*

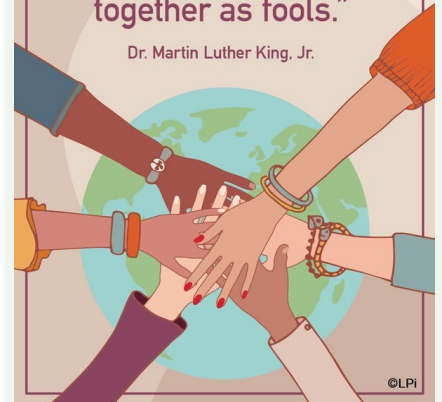
*James D. Martin,
grandfather of Christa Buck*

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



"We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools."

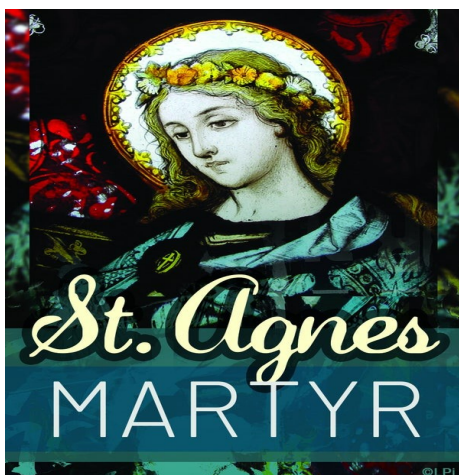
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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:

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Elk County Right to Life - will sponsor a Prolife Prayer Service and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Tom Curry officiating, on **Thursday, January 20, 2022** at Noon at the Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys and will conclude with Benediction at 4:00 p.m. Will also be saying the Rosary and Divine Mercy. Signup sheets will be at both entrances of Sacred Heart Church for Adoration. The Prolife service is in support for the March for Life event taking place in Washington, DC on January 21, 2022. Come join us in prayer for our Pre Born Babies.

Cursillo Weekends - The Erie Cursillo Movement is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Men's Cursillo February 11-13, 2022, and a Women's Cursillo April 29 to May 1, 2022. Applications can be found at www.ericursillo.org or by calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119. If interested, ask someone you know who has completed a Cursillo weekend to serve as your sponsor.

Say Yes! To the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30 - 12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This years conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register.

A Family Perspective -

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

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!

Pre-Cana Class

- Call ahead for reservations
- **Feb. 11** 5 pm - 9 pm & Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- **Feb. 12** 9 am - 1 pm www.olp.org

Baptismal Training Sessions

- * Call ahead for reservations
- * **Jan. 19** 7:00 pm Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg
814-965-2819
- * **Feb. 1** 7:00 pm St. Joseph, Force 814-787-4151
- * **Feb. 17** 6:30 pm St. Mark, Emporium
814-486-0569



Marriage Moment -

Martin Luther King talked a lot about racial equality. What about equality in Marriage? Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day, just for fun.

Mass Ministry Schedule Weekend of January 23, 2022

	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers	D Tutton J Bobnar	Jos Toncich T Bish	A Corl A Eagen
Eucharistic Minister	L Caggese	M Martinez	R or D Foringer
Lector	Jen Challingsworth	Pat Gilmore	Christine Tutton

Ministry Schedule Week of Jan. 23, 2022

Money Counters
Team 4

Ridgmont Minister
Jan Wonderly

Altar Guild
(1/21)
Group 2, Pew 2

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 15, 2022 + Vigil for the Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:15 pm **James Tettis** (The Ralph Tettis Family)

Sunday, January 16, 2022 + The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am **Jim MacDonald** (Bill & Teddy Urmann)
 10:00 am **Leonard B. Mick [*39th Anniversary]** (Fr. Justin)

Monday, January 17, 2022 + Memorial of Saint Anthony
 8:30 am **Communion Service**
**At his private mass, Fr. Justin will remember: People of St. Leo Parish*

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 + Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **The People of St. Leo Parish**

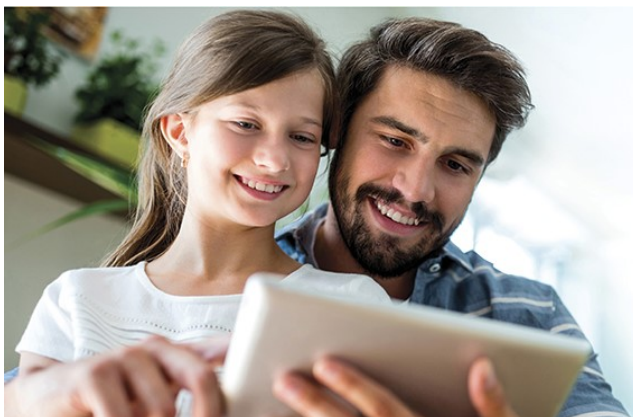
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 + Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **Tony Viglione** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

Thursday, January 20, 2022 + Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am **Inez Grieggs** (The Catalano Family)

Friday, January 21, 2022 + Memorial of Saint Agnes
 8:30 am **Anne Kennedy** (Dolly MacDonald)
**At mass with the St. Leo School students, Fr. Justin will remember: People of St. Leo Parish*

Saturday, January 22, 2022 + Vigil Mass for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:15 pm **Phil Mitchell** (Gerry & Georgia Stenta)

Sunday, January 23, 2022 + The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am **Linda Gier** (Sisters of St. Joseph Associates)
 10:00 am **John Addeo [*20th Anniversary]** (Family)



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