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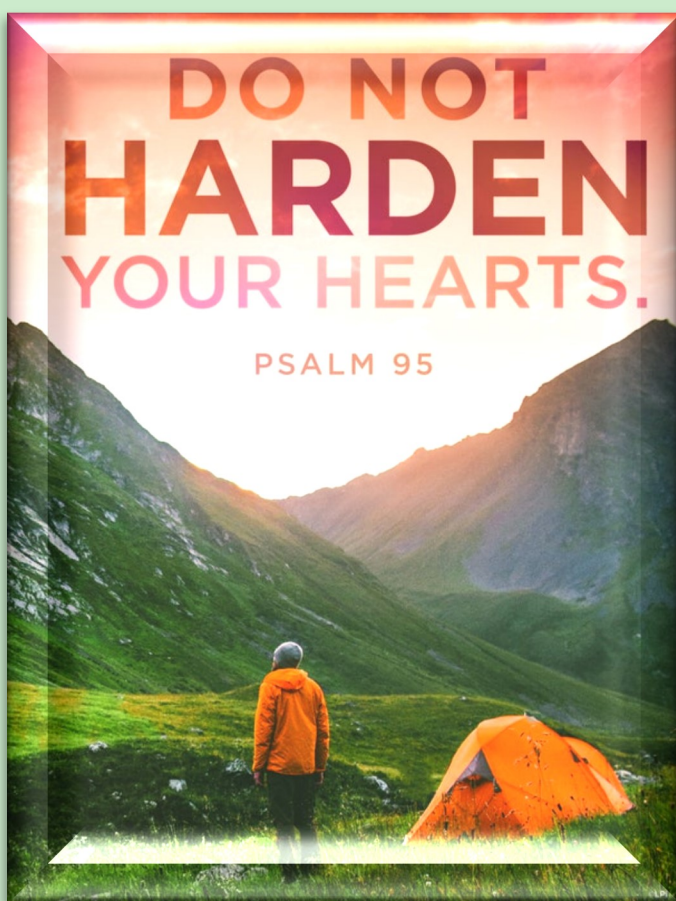
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 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.

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
Parish Festival.....
Choir.....
Catholic Daughters of America
Knights of Columbus
Food Bank.....
Prayer Chain
Fish Fry
That Man is You (TMIY).....
Cancer Care Ministry.....
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Adoration
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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:

On February 2nd, the Vatican will take down their Christmas decorations. Most of us, I am sure, have already done this, maybe even as fast as December 26! February 2 – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – deserves more attention than just being the absolute final day for the Christmas decorations, as most Europeans adhere. The Church celebrates the blessing of the candles for the year – Candlemas – on February 2, as well as the “High Holy Day of the Blessed Groundhog,” just over the county line in my old assignment of Punxsutawney. Although as you’ve assuredly heard Groundhog Day, like so much of our gatherings today thanks to the pandemic, is virtual this year. This winter – the past year – has been especially trying and chaotic for the whole world. The darkness of winter, that Punxsutawney Phil hopefully will dispel with his annual prognostication, seems to hanging on in our lives. Therefore we need the light of February 2nd even more so in 2021.

After celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, with its splendor in both the Church and the popular culture, it would be easy for one’s mind to drift and overlook the significance of the fortieth day after the Lord’s birth. Nevertheless, we should look beyond our hustling to banish the decorations to the attic, the obsessive anxiety over the coronavirus, and endless uncertainty. Because the events set in motion with the Annunciation and Christmas continue with the significant presentation of our Lord in the Temple.



Joseph and Mary’s presentation of the baby was no “going through the motions” event or doing it because their parents wanted it, yet sadly, this is the motivation of so many people’s attitude towards the sacraments of our Church. The words of the prophet Malachi are fulfilled in these two poor parents presenting their firstborn son along with their humble sacrifice of two turtledoves. The Old Testament prophet reiterates God’s voice: **“Now I am sending my messenger— he will prepare the way before me; And the lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple; The messenger of the covenant whom you desire—see, he is coming! says the LORD of hosts.”** (3:1) The mother of God – the ever-Virgin Mary of Nazareth, the vessel of God in His human form – in no need of ritual purification – and her husband did not set

themselves above the Law.

In their adherence and love to the Law is Jesus’ entrance into his Temple. Simeon and Anna, the original “Church Guy and Church Lady,” having spent their lives in prayer and waiting in the Temple for the Messiah, have their moment and they see the Light of all Lights!

With Candlemas, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World. However, a shadow also passes; a shadow forecasting the suffering that will occur before the victory of the Light over darkness. Simeon not only proclaimed that he had seen his salvation, but also told the Mother of our Lord that her share would include a sorrow pierced heart. In *Redemptoris Mater*, Saint Pope John Paul II wrote that Mary heard in Simeon’s words something like a second Annunciation, “for they tell her of the actual historical situation in which the Son is to accomplish his mission, namely, in misunderstanding and sorrow. While this announcement on the one hand confirms her faith in the accomplishment of the divine promises of salvation, on the other hand it also reveals to her that she will have to live her obedience of faith in suffering, at the side of the suffering Savior, and that her motherhood will be mysterious and sorrowful.”

This is where life – our spiritual lives get “real,” as they say. We move past the decorations, disease, and darkness. The tiny child with cherubic rosy cheeks and outstretched arms to the human race in the manger a few weeks ago is now revealed to be a sign of contradiction – someone new – a light that pierces the darkness of our sin – the darkness of the world so long ago and the world we are a part of now. His gentle obedient mother faces a future of sorrow – sorrow that creeps into our humanity nowadays, yet Simeon asked to depart in peace. The light of Christ has given him hope beyond imagination. That light and that hope is as alive and real today, for us. The darkness will be chased away. As President (then Senator) John F. Kennedy said in 1960 at the Democratic National Convention when he accepted his party’s nomination for President (which we know he won and was snatched away from him on a dark November day in Dallas three years later), he said this: **“We have come NOT to curse the darkness, but to light a candle!”** May we do the same on this Candlemas Day on February 2. What shall we ask of the Lord – how much of His light do we need – as we celebrate his Presentation this year?

Have a blessed week and God love you! *Father Justin*

SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 24, 2020

Weekly Contributions

\$5,689

Weekly Budget

\$9,915

Contributions Year to Date

\$228,634

Budget Year to Date

\$311,181

CSA-- \$50,737 is due in 2020

89 Families have contributed
\$29,346

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

Virtual conference will be held at parishes throughout the Diocese of Erie
St. Leo Parish will be a host site.

This half-day virtual conference will ignite and strengthen your faith, through powerful speakers, and Fr. Larry Richards will be Master of Ceremonies alongside speakers: Jon Leonetti, John Edwards, and Deacon Jeff Drzysimski. You will build a foundation that will change your life forever. Grow strong and meet the challenges of the modern world with the power and tools you will take from this conference!

To register: Contact St. Leo Parish office, John Gangloff or visit www.2232men.com

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 31, 2021

WATCH

AN ORDINARY MARTYR: THE LIFE & DEATH OF BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

As we celebrate the martyrdom of Paul Miki and his companions this week, we invite you to learn more about a modern martyr from the United States: Blessed Stanley Rother. Join us as we consider this ordinary man who loved extraordinarily.

AN
ORDINARY
MARTYR

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

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

BAPTISMAL TRAINING SESSIONS

Feb. 2	7 pm	St. Joseph, Force	787-4151
Feb. 18	7 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	486-0569
Mar. 2	7 pm	St. Boniface, Kersey	885-8941
Mar. 20	10 am	Sacred Heart, St. Marys	834-7861

*Be sure to call ahead for reservations

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

For the **February 7, 2021** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on February 1.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION**January 31, 2021****4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed. ©LPi

**Distraction During Prayer**

Question: I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

Answer:

The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds. ©LPi

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

CALL OUR PRAYER CHAIN

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:

The Royal Inn



St. Leo School Registration - February 8th for the 2021-2022 school year will be held from 5:30-7:30 pm in the church hall. We will be registering Preschool and Kindergarten students as well as transfer students in grades 1 through 8. More infor-

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.

Elk County Catholic High School will be offering school tours for new families to ECCHS and those interested in transferring to ECC. Make an appointment for February 2-4 by calling 814-834-7800.

ECCHS Athletice Association Virtual Diamond Dazzle - February 6th at 7 pm.
<https://ecc.betterworld.org/events/diamond-dazzle-2021>. Live stream event:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/ECCTVCHANNEL>

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.

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



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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 to get started.

ONLINE GIVING

Visit 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, January 30 Vigil - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5:15 p.m.	People of St. Leo Parish	
Sunday, January 31 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Dominic & Elvera Judice Victor & Vittoria Aiello	Art & Mary Therese Cianca Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello
Monday, February 1 Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Cynthia Herzing	Peg & Patty
Tuesday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord	8:30 a.m.	Robert Aiello	Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello
Wednesday, February 3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr	8:30 a.m.	Bernice & Max Bauer	Family
Thursday, February 4 Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Denise Hribik	Dave & Lucy Bobby
Friday, February 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	8:30 a.m.	Mark Stolburg	Nina & Family
Saturday, February 6 Vigil - FIFTH SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME	5:15 p.m.	Bill MacDonald	Dolly MacDonald
Sunday, February 7 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Edna & Jeanne Gausman People of St. Leo Parish	Kevin & Marilyn Gahr

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the families of Dorothy Armanini and Andrew Santaniello. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!

The wine and hosts for the month of January are in memory of Frank Quattrone, Sr. from his family.

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of January 31th will burn in memory of Mark Stolburg from Nina and family.

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

CANCEL THE COLD

† WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS †

JANUARY 31

LYNDA PONTZER

FEBRUARY 7

ONY STILWELL

Ministry Schedule
Week of February 7, 2021

Money Counters

Team 1

Altar Guild

For 2/5: Group 6, Team 6

Parish Office Hours

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



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Witness of
Faith**