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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 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:

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

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.

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.....	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

II – Easter Reflection Series on the Paschal Candle: The Fire & The Light

My dear parish family:

The Paschal candle is a rich symbol of our faith. It is most prominent at Easter. Each year during the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday night, a new fire is blessed in churches all around the world. This new fire serves as an image of the Resurrection. In case you weren't able to be at the Easter Vigil or hear the prayer I said over the fire, here it is again: ***"Let us pray. O God, who through your Son bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, sanctify + this new fire, we pray, and grant that, by these paschal celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with minds made pure we may attain festivities of unending splendor. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."***

After the fire was blessed the Paschal Candle was prepared and then lit by this new fire. I said the following then at the Vigil: ***"May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."*** The warmth of Christ's love in the new fire then lit our way, literally, as His light began to fill our darkened church, world, and lives.

This ritual every night on Holy Saturday has been reenacted each year for centuries. Yes, the "holy darkness" gives way to the Light of Christ. In a time without streetlamps and electric lights, the darkness was surely quite significant. The Church is empty and dark. The Church is indeed decorated for the great feast of Easter, the holy water fonts remain empty and the candles are extinguished. Then comes the fire – the light – the presence of the Risen Jesus!



As the fire that will eventually light the wick of the Paschal Candle in order to shed its light on the darkness and emptiness, we, the People of God, wait to meet Christ. He is still within the tomb; His soul remains in the Underworld with the faithful souls of the dead who are awaiting the moment when they be free and rise through the doors to heaven that had been locked since Adam and Eve's downfall. Then suddenly unlit candles are blazing bright and realization that it is Easter, that Jesus is no longer a cold inanimate corpse in the tomb, that the Resurrection promised has once again come true! The fire lighting the Paschal Candle let's us see. Yes, that pillar of wax made by the melting wax of bees, fed by mother bees (remember last week), leads the way.

Every Easter vigil that I can remember from when I sang in the choir in elementary school in my home parish to when I was an altar server there next to my pastor at the fire. Each night of Holy Saturday of my nearly 15 years of ordained ministry, when that Paschal Candle is finally placed in the gold candlestick, there out in the dark, is a sea of tiny lights flickering together. The glow every year is awe-inspiring! Just think if the light of Christ is that spectacular in just one church on that night, then what would the entire Christian world look like at that moment? It must be pretty close to heaven-like! As one of the popular songs from my childhood in the 1980s sang, the Easter Vigil – that candle on fire: "heaven is a place on earth!" (The photo this week is courtesy of my mother's camera!)

As I said in my homily on Easter Sunday, quoting John F. Kennedy, who quotes the famous line: ***"It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness."*** In addition, as the late former president George H.W. Bush oft-quoted line reverberates: ***"a thousand points of light."*** The world, the Church, the human family, we individually need – require – absolutely must keep within us – the light of Christ. Each time we look at the Paschal Candle in our church, whether it's at a baptism or funeral, prominently displayed as it is right now in the sanctuary for Easter – or just passing by it in Gathering Space, as it waits patiently for the fire again; let us pray for the warmth of the fire of Christ's love to be kindled and rekindles over and over again in our hearts. Yes, let us pray for the light of the Risen Jesus to dispel the darkness and show us the way home, where we will be with Him in an Easter morning that will never end! Amen!

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

Father Justin

SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 11, 2021

<u>Weekly</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Budget</u>
\$9,880	\$9,915
<u>Contributions</u> <u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Year to Date</u>
\$311,575	\$406,515

CSA--

is due by January 2022

\$46,962

Pledged to date: \$15,775

Received to date: \$13,340

Families have pledged: 51

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.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month: The “Creating a Safe Environment” training program is an integral component to the prevention effort in our diocese. The mandated program trains employees and volunteers in the warning signs of abuse and how to report suspected abuse of a minor. Since 2003 over 60,000 adults in the diocese have received the training to recognize and report child abuse. With the help of the safe environment training program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility to keep God’s children protected and safe. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to take the training program or learn what is required for employees and volunteers to work with children in diocesan parishes/schools/agencies.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP --How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi

Adoration is a very special time to spend with our Lord in prayer.

St. Leo offers Adoration hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We ask that you sign up for a time so that we’re sure someone will be there. Better yet, claim the same hour on the same day each week. Make it your special prayer time.

Please consider signing up for just one hour a week. It seems so little to ask for someone who gave so much for us.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 18, 2021

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN**

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life and the proper character of a Christian. We hope you enjoy these conversations on an incredible Counter-Reformation saint whose work has instructed generations of believers.

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Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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

Ask Him -

To constantly remind you that life is not about what you have.

(Jane Trufant Harvey, *Ask Him*)

Lighthouse Catholic Media
Pick of the Week

Hope After Suicide

Death by suicide is sadly at pandemic proportions, killing more people every year than war and homicide combined. While many people know that the Church condemns suicide as a grave sin, few people know that the Church does not teach that a person who commits suicide is automatically condemned to hell. As Fr. Chris Alar, MIC shares in this insightful talk (based upon his book, *After Suicide*, given an imprimatur), while suicide remains grave and tragic, we must never despair of God's mercy, and we must know that our prayers can powerfully help those who have taken their own lives, and those who have been left behind.

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:

Elk County
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Rosary for Seminarians - is held every Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys. The rosary begins at 7 pm. Pray for our local seminarians. The last evening for Rosary for Seminarians is April 28.

Baptismal Training Sessions - April 20 at St. Leo. Please call 772-3135 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. St. Leo Church Grounds. Register now at 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.

St. Leo School Sunday Supper - Sunday, April 18, 3 p.m. until sold out. Drive thru St. Leo parking lot. Menus for April: **Handmade Haluski Perogies and Homemade Sausage**

St. Andrew Dinner - All young men who are striving to follow Jesus' call in their lives and who are open to the possibility of the seminary and priesthood are welcome to join Bishop Lawrence Persico; Fr. Michael Polinek, vocations director; and other priests for a light dinner, sharing of vocation stories, and prayer on April 22 at St. Jude School, Erie. Contact Fr. Polinek with questions at mpolinek@ErieRCD.org.

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.

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

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Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier; at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies...there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Visit Formed.org to get started.

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 -

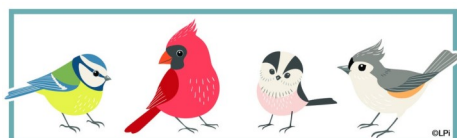
statues, artwork, equipment.

*Please contact Rena in the office or
Father Justin.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday, April 17 VIGIL-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	5:15 p.m.	Tron Valentine, Jr.	Julie & Joe Aiello
Sunday, April 18 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of Viola & Dellaquila Families People of St. Leo Parish	Family
Monday, April 19 Easter Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	
Tuesday, April 20 Easter Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Mark Stolburg	Nina & Family
Wednesday, April 21 Votive Mass of St. Joseph	8:30 a.m.	Joseph Pino	Fr. Justin
Thursday, April 22 Easter Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Mary Helen Jacobs	Bill Jacobs & Family
Friday, April 23 Easter Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Robert Magrini	Dolly MacDonald
Saturday, April 24 VIGIL - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5:15 p.m.	Larry Johnson	Linda Johnson
Sunday, April 25 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Arthur & Susan Cianca People of St. Leo Parish	Art & Mary Therese Cianca

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of April 18th will burn in memory of Dad & Michael Quattrone from Jo and family.

The wine and hosts for the month of April are in memory of the deceased members of the Holtzhausen Family from Bert & Paula Carr



The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the family of Margaret "Peggy" Clement, sister of Betty Manno. May she, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!

CANCEL THE COLD

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

APRIL 17
MARTHA LAUGHNER

APRIL 20
BOBBY AIELLO

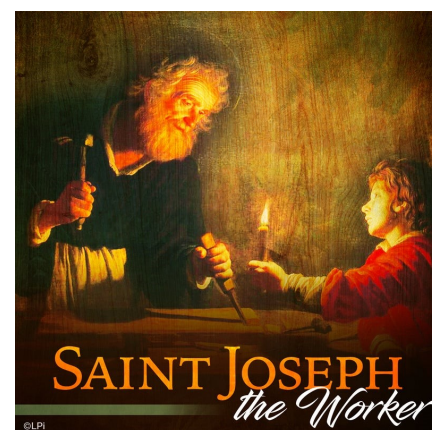
Ministry Schedule Week of April 25, 2021

Money Counters

Team 4

Altar Guild

For 4/23 - Group 5, Pew 5



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.

Parish Office Hours

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

Friday: 9 am - noon

CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

