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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Sat. Vigil: 5:15 pm + Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesdays: 6 pm + Wednesdays - Saturdays: 8:30 am

Saturdays: Rosary is recited at 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Evening before: 6:00 pm

On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

Confession

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

Adoration

Tuesdays 9 am - 6 pm

Thursdays 9 am - 7 pm



150th Anniversary: 52 Weeks - 52 Photos

Read Father Justin's column inside this week to reveal who the three young people are in the above photograph. One clue: it's Easter morning, 1960 in Clearfield County.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 6, 2024 + Anticipated for Second Sunday of Easter

5:15 pm **JoAnne Estes** (Betty Manno)

Sunday, April 7, 2024 + Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am **Phil Mitchell** (Peggy Mitchell and Family)

10:00 am **John and Mary Lee Urmann** (Family)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 + Easter Weekday

9 am - 6 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

6:00 pm **Barbara Gasbarre Newell** (Gail [Paige] Knodel)

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 + Easter Weekday

8:30 am **Mary Costanzo** (The DeStefano Family)

4-6 pm **Confession**

Thursday, April 11, 2024 + St. Stanislaus

8:30 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

9 am - 7 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Friday, April 12, 2024 + Easter Weekday

8:30 am **Janice Casolo** (Family)

Saturday, April 13, 2024 + Easter Weekday

8:00 am **Rosary**

8:30 am **Nanette Caggiano** (Daughter)

9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, April 13, 2024 + Anticipated for the Third Sunday of Easter

5:15 pm **Fred Wonderly, 21st anniv.** (Jan & Family)

Sunday, April 14, 2024 + Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am **Darrell & Bob Yonker** (Family)

10:00 am **Johnny Urmann** (Maribeth Urmann)

Ministry Schedule
Week of
April 14, 2024

Money Counter
Team 2

Altar Guild (4/5)
Group 3, Pew 3

Happening This Week

Sun	4/7	Religious Education (consult schedule)
Tue	4/9	Prison Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm, social hall
Wed	4/10	Church will close from 9 am until 4 pm so we can clean the carpets Religious Education, gr 3, 6 pm, social hall
Thu	4/11	Finance Council Meeting, 6 pm
Fri	4/12	Game Night, 6 pm, social hall. Check the flyer for details!

Altar Candles

WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Sanctuary - Walter and Kathy Clark
from Mary Jo & Barry Caggiano

Saint Leo - Deceased members of Saint Leo Parish

Blessed Mary - Rita Gausman
from Kevin & Marilyn Gahr & Family

Saint Joseph - Poor Souls in Purgatory

Please contact the parish office if you would like to reserve a special candle in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Cancel the Cold

†We remember in our prayers†

April 7

Frank & Lucy Viola
Enrico & Mary Dellaquila

April 8

Mary Helen Jacobs

Liturgical Ministries

April 13, 14, 2024

	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Lector
Saturday 5:15 pm	D Tutton A Stenta	J Wonderly	WJ Fernan
Sunday 8:00 am	M MacDonald A MacDonald	S Geci	L Caggese
Sunday 10:00 am	J Tettis S Tettis	R Joiner	D Paige

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The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray

Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



Parish Support

March 31, 2024

Contributions..... \$10,689
 Weekly Budget.....\$9,246

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Contributions.....\$323,008
 Budget.....\$369,840

Ways to Remember

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:

Mass - \$10

Candles: Sanctuary, Saint Leo, Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph - \$20/week

Hosts and Wine - \$100/month

Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold - \$10/date

Radio Mass Broadcast - \$100/week

Contact the parish office for details.

Have an IRA? Would you 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. Call the parish office for more details.

Online Giving

Our online offertory program is called Vanco. This offertory site can be accessed by visiting our church website at www.stleomagnus.org and click the **Vanco** button at the top of the page. Simply follow the directions to set up an account. You have total control of your donation. Your donation to St. Leo will be received and placed into the fund you chose.

If you have questions, please call the parish office for information.

Bulletin Deadlines-

Submit by April 9 at noon for the April 14 bulletin
 Submit by April 16 at noon for the April 21 bulletin

St. Leo Parish

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email: secretary@stleomagnus.org

Office hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 am - noon + 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call the parish office for your cemetery needs

ST. LEO

YEAR-LONG 50/50 DRAWING

THE PRIZE IS UP TO

\$4,385

FOR ONE LUCKY WINNER

THE DRAWING IS DECEMBER 29, 2024

1:38 Women's Conference

Join women from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the 9th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference.

This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to women of all faiths, will feature national speaker and author **Lisa Cotter**.

The 9th Annual 1:38 Women's conference will be held on Saturday, April 20th from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

Attend live in-person at St. Jude Church in Erie or live-streamed from a local site or your home.

Cost \$20 if you pre-register and \$25 at the door.

To register, visit www.138women.com or call 814-455-7364

Faith Formation Corner

(formerly Religious Education)

2023-2024

Class Schedule for this week:

April 10	Grade 3	6 - 7 pm	Social Hall
April 14	Grades 6-8	8-9:30 am	K of C Classroom
April 14	Grades 1-2, 4-5	11-12:30 pm	K of C Classroom

Mother-Daughter Tea - A special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, prepare for puberty together. April 21, 2024 at St. Marys Church 1-4 pm. RSVP by 4/14. Cost \$35 per family includes: afternoon tea, light lunch, activities, unforgettable memories. For more information and to sign up visit <http://ereereriercd.org/chastity/tea.html>.

Sponsor a Child on a Mission - Help support area youth for an unforgettable journey as they deepen their faith and experience the power of God's love through service. Three students from our parish will be traveling to New Castle, PA for a Catholic Heart Workcamp. If you would like to support them, you can mail a donation to the Faith Formation Office at 325 Church St., St. Marys, PA 15857. Please make checks payable to St. Marys Inter Parish Faith Formation noting "mission trip" in the memo line.

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Apr 16, 2024 7:00 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 814-772-3135

May 23, 2024 7:00 pm St. Marys, St. Marys 814-781-1019

***Be sure to call ahead to reserve your spot**

Cinch Tournament

To benefit Relay for Life. Sunday, April 21 at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Dinner served at 12:15 pm. Play to begin promptly at 1 pm. Cost \$10/person. Preregister by calling Sharon Streich @ 814-594-5594 or Sacred Heart Parish @ 814-834-7861.

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group

For caregivers. Meetings in the area are as follow: The first Monday of the month from noon - 2pm at St. Marys Library; The third Thursday of the month from 3-5 pm at the Fox Township (Kersey) Senior Center; The first Tuesday of the month from 5-6 pm at DuBois Christ the King Manor. For more information please call 814-772-5461 or 814-245-6474.

Elk County Right to Life

Join us for a compelling presentation by Nikki Bruni as she shares her story of the journey from her own abortion testimony to devoting every day of her life to helping the unborn. Nikki is Directory of 40 Days for Life, Pittsburgh and Executive Director of People Concerned for Unborn Citizens. This presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 10 at 7:00 pm** at the Sister's Chapel near St. Marys church.

Office of Human Services

Area Agency on Aging has a variety of in-home programs available to Older Adults and Caregivers. Call the office for Elk, McKean and Cameron Counties at 800-672-7145. Their website - www.ohsaging.com



SAINT LEO HISTORY

Search your basements, attics, and closets for hidden treasures.

Throughout this coming anniversary year, Father Justin will be writing a new history of our parish. So please look for anything dealing with these past 150 years. Bring anything to the office and we will take photos, copy or scan whatever you have. Anything will help us enrich our parish archive.

Photos - Bulletins before 1995 - Old Yearbooks - Newspaper Articles - Mass Program - Historic Objects - Anything and Everything!

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*

St. Leo School Trout Derby

April 27 & 28, 2024

Come enjoy a fun weekend at the Trout Derby - register now for only \$20 to fish a beautiful 7 mile stretch of Elk Creek for Lucy Leo and win \$2,000.

All fish will be tagged with CASH from \$20 to \$2,000!

Kids Derby on **Saturday April 27 starting at 2 pm** is a great time to teach little ones to fish and win prizes, all kids will receive a prize!

You don't have to fish to join in the FUN!

- ⇒ Chicken BBQ Saturday April 27 11 am until sold out.
- ⇒ Kids crafts, games, bake sale, basket raffle and MORE!!
- ⇒ Mass Saturday April 27 at 7 pm at the Firemen's Grounds by Father Justin

For more information and to register go to www.stleosfishingderby.com or email trout_derby@hotmail.com

See you at the Derby!

Fish donations and sponsorships still accepted!



Pope's Prayer Intention For April, 2024

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

Last weekend in my Easter homily, I mentioned that the new Paschal Candle that currently adorned our beautifully decorated sanctuary is my personal gift to you – my parish family – in memory of my beloved mother, Kathleen. I hope you'll forgive me, but I placed an old photo of my mother on the front cover of the bulletin this week in tribute to her and the Paschal Candle. The photo was taken in my great-grandparent's (my mom's paternal grandparents) back yard on Easter Sunday in 1960. My mother is the little one in the middle – her sister, my aunt, Judy is on the right, and their cousin and next door neighbor, Billy is on the left. They always dressed in their Easter finery! I did explain briefly in my Easter homily the symbolism of this year's Paschal Candle – which was handcrafted in the United Kingdom – but I wanted to expand with you the various imagery in the Easter candle as you see on the left of this column.



THE TREE OF LIFE + The Tree of life inside the Christian sphere is Christ's cross. It is indeed thanks to the Cross that Jesus established our salvation, deliberately choosing to offer himself in order to bring life where there was only death. In this vision, quoted in many passages of the sacred texts, the Cross is compared to a tree. For example, in the Liturgy of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14), we can read: "For you placed the salvation of the human race on the wood of the Cross, so that, where death arose, life might again spring forth and the evil one, who conquered on a tree, might likewise on a tree be conquered, through Christ our Lord." (Preface of the Mass)

THE ALPHA & THE OMEGA + In the Book of Revelation the Lord God said, "I am the Alpha and Omega ... the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty" (Rv 1:8). On another occasion God spoke similarly, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end" (Rv 21:6). The Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and it stands for the beginning. Its symbolism cannot be applied strictly because Jesus has no beginning. It represents how Jesus is pre-existent. Like God, his Father, Jesus has always existed. The Omega is the last letter of the Greek alphabet and it stands for the end. Again, its symbolism cannot be applied strictly because Jesus has no end. He exists forever. The Alpha and Omega represent the beginning and the end, how Jesus has always existed and how he will always continue to exist. He is infinite. The scope and length of his existence exceeds our understanding of chronological time in which things have a beginning and an end. Jesus always has been, he continues in being now, and he will always be. He spans the length of human history and beyond. He "is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb 13:8).

THE WHEAT & GRAPES + An emblem of the Eucharist. With the wheat is often represented the Host, of which it is the ingredient, as well as the Chalice of Christ's Blood, to which the substance of the wine from the grapes has been changed. Artistic ingenuity joined with liturgical accuracy finds this symbol used in many forms in ecclesiastical art, going back to early Christian times.

THE ICON OF CHRIST THE TEACHER + The icon depicts Christ fully frontal with a somewhat melancholy and stern aspect, with the right hand raised in blessing or the conventional rhetorical gesture that represents teaching. The left hand holds an open book often representing the Gospels. Christ is bearded, his brown hair centrally parted, and his head is surrounded by a halo. The icon usually has a gold ground comparable to the gilded grounds of Byzantine mosaics. Often, the name of Christ is written on each side of the halo, as IC and XC. Christ's fingers are depicted in a pose that represents the letters IC, X and C, thereby making the Christogram ICXC (for "Jesus Christ"). The IC is composed of the Greek characters iota (I) and lunate sigma (C; instead of Σ, ς)—the first and last letters of 'Jesus' in Greek (Ἰησοῦς); in XC the letters are chi (X) and again the lunate sigma—the first and last letters of 'Christ' in Greek (Χριστός). In many cases, Christ has a cruciform halo inscribed with the letters O Ω N, i.e. ὁ ὢν "He Who Is".

Let's spend some time during these 50 days of Easter and meditate on the richness of this candle. Have a very blessed and happy Second Sunday of Easter!

Father Justin