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Roman Catholic Church

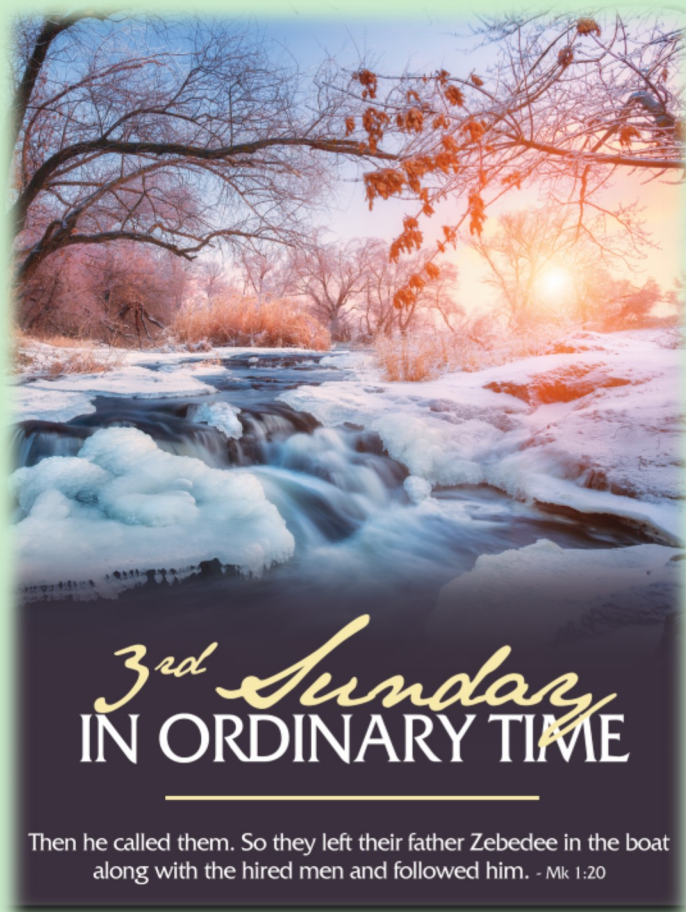
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 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.

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
Parish Festival.....
Choir.....
Catholic Daughters of America
Knights of Columbus
Food Bank.....
Prayer Chain
Fish Fry
That Man is You (TMIY).....
Cancer Care Ministry.....
Website Manager
Prison Ministry
Altar Guild
Funeral Luncheons.....
Money Counters
Eucharistic Ministers.....
Ushers
Lectors.....
Altar Servers
Baptismal Preparation Classes
Adoration
R.C.I.A
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:

I know many of you enjoy reading my reflections, but I've been feeling a bit under the weather and my good old brain just doesn't want to kick in, so I thought I would give you someone else's reflections, as a momentary change of pace. During these continuing to be troublesome times, I think it's beneficial to stop and reflect on new insights and new ways of spiritual growth. Going back to basics and meditating on seemingly simple questions can help our faith journey. ***What is the Church?*** Is one of those questions. Henri de Lubac can offer us some insight. He is one of my favorite theologians – the French priest and later cardinal. Named by Saint John Paul II. Henri de Lubac (1896-1991) is considered to be one of the greatest theologians of the 20th Century and whose writings, thinking and research play a key role in the shaping of the Second Vatican Council. He wrote extensively on the Church – that's Church with a big "C" – meaning all of us – the believers and professors of Christ throughout the world. The Church is not just a parish here and there – the true Church – the mystical Body of Christ – is you and me and billions of other Catholic Christians all over the world. Here is just a sampling of the plethora of beautiful meditations de Lubac offered concerning the Church – our Church – the Church of Christ.

He writes of the Church in terms of a mother – how appropriate during this month of October as we honor the Mother of God – our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. And I personally echo these beautiful words of Father de Lubac:

"Much more, the entire Church, without distinction, that immense flock of Christians, so many of whom are unaware of their royal priesthood and of the fraternal community they constitute, all this is my mother too. In this community I find my support, my strength and my joy."

"It was here that I first met the Church, at the knees of my earthly mother, and ever since it is here I still best recognize her through the mist of mere events and situations that in the long run defy analysis. Her experience, she tells me, has been the means, down the centuries, of increasing her perception of the sacred truth revealed to her. I too can tell her that my experience, modest and restricted though it be, has allowed me -- as it has each of her faithful -- to perceive precisely this, that she is my mother. This word which, as I say, is the first, preeminently the child's word, is also the word that best resumes whatever perception the adult achieves into the nature of man himself."

"The Church is my mother because she brought me forth to a new life. She is my mother because her concern for me never decreases; any more than do her efforts to deepen that life in me, however unenthusiastic my co-operation. And though in me this life may be a fragile and timid growth, I have seen its full flowering in others. I have seen it. I have touched it. I can, and will, vouch categorically for it. I am not deaf to the reproaches directed against my mother (truth to tell there are times when I am deafened by them), nor do I fail to see the justice of some of them. But I assert that before the evidence I have just presented all of them -- and any others you care to add -- are without force and will always remain so. Just as the Church is entirely concentrated in the Eucharist, it may also be said to be entirely concentrated in a saint."

"Happy those who from childhood have learnt to look on the Church as a mother! Happier still those whose experience, in whatever walk of life, has confirmed its truth! Happy those who one day were gripped by (and whose appreciation of it ever grew) the astonishing newness, richness and depth of the life communicated to them by this mother!"

May we ALL hold close to our Mother – the Church! Amen.

Have a blessed week and God love you!

Father Justin

SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 17, 2020

**Weekly
Contributions**

\$6,472

**Contributions
Year to Date**

\$222,945

**Weekly
Budget**

\$9,915

**Budget
Year to Date**

\$301,266

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

To date 89 Families have
pledged \$29,315
and \$29,126 has been collected.

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.



Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen.

The ethical reception of COVID-19 vaccines

As various vaccines for COVID-19 are made available to the public, concerns about safety and efficacy — as well as the ethics of their research and development — challenge all to make informed choices. Bishop Lawrence Persico has issued a statement that provides information about the vaccines and a process of ethical decision-making consistent with Catholic values. The statement, which can be found at www.eriercd.org/news/News-releases.html, also includes links to several helpful Vatican and USCCB documents.

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 **January 31, 2021** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on January 25.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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MARRIAGE MOMENT

"For the world in its present form is passing away." (1 Cor. 7:31) Covid-19 has changed much about how our lives work. Ponder together what you have learned over the past 12 months. What positive changes do you want to continue?

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus as it seemed he had his own plans for his children. We often forget that our children were never ours to begin with. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

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



Elk County Right to Life will hold a Prayer Service, lead by Fr. Michael Gabler, on January 29, 2021 at Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys at noon. The service is in conjunction with the annual March For Life that will be held virtually this year. We will be praying for the end of Abortion and to build a culture where every human life is valued and protected. Adoration will also be taking place throughout Jan. 29 at the Sacred Heart Church.

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 Zamoski, 3071 Elk Drive, Ridgway, PA 15853. Or pay at our next meeting.

St. Leo School Sunday Supper - Sunday, January 31, 2021. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Curbside pickup at St. Leo Church parking lot. Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Winter Chopped Salad with Dijon Maple Vinaigrette and homemade Croutons. \$10. Add Dessert - White Chocolate and Vanilla Cake with Raspberry filling and Cream Cheese Frosting \$4.

Elk County Catholic High and Middle Schools will be offering school tours for new families to ECCHS & ECCMS 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>

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 information can be found at www.eccss.org/slcs

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

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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.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 24, 2021

WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!



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

Breaking Bread Mass Books

The new 2021 books are available for purchase in the parish office

Cost \$5.00

Limited quantity available.

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, January 23 Vigil - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:15 p.m.	Facchine family	Family
Sunday, January 24 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Joseph Casolo People of St. Leo Parish	Family
Monday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle	8:30 a.m. Masses at ECC	Clara Jane Mago Ruth Cooney (Annie Schield) Theresa Zamerowski (CD of A Court 356)	Dave & Joey Kepple Fr. Justin will say these masses at ECC today
Tuesday, January 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	8:30 a.m.	Clyde Piccirillo, anniversary	Family
Wednesday, January 27 Votive Mass of St. Joseph	8:30 a.m.	Anne Kennedy	Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello
Thursday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	8:30 a.m.	Eve Metelski	Felcia Nelso
Friday, January 29 Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Betty Bobby	Family
Saturday, January 30 Vigil - FOURTH SUNDAY ON 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

CANCEL THE COLD

† WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS †

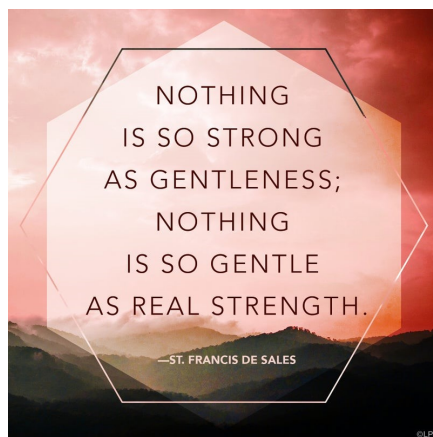
JANUARY 23

SPECIAL INTENTION - TAMI SENIOR

*The Sanctuary Candle for the week of January 24th will burn in
memory of Ruthie Cooney fro Annie Schield.*

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

*The Parish offers our prayers
and sympathy to the families of
Virginia Eckert, Mark Tennant
and Bill Buhite, Jr. May they,
and all the faithful departed, rest
in eternal peace!*



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

Parish Office Hours

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

**Ministry Schedule
Week of January 31, 2021**

Money Counters

Team 1

Altar Guild

For 1/29: Group 5, Team 5

— St. —
**THOMAS
AQUINAS**

**PRIEST
— AND —
DOCTOR
OF THE CHURCH** ©LPI