

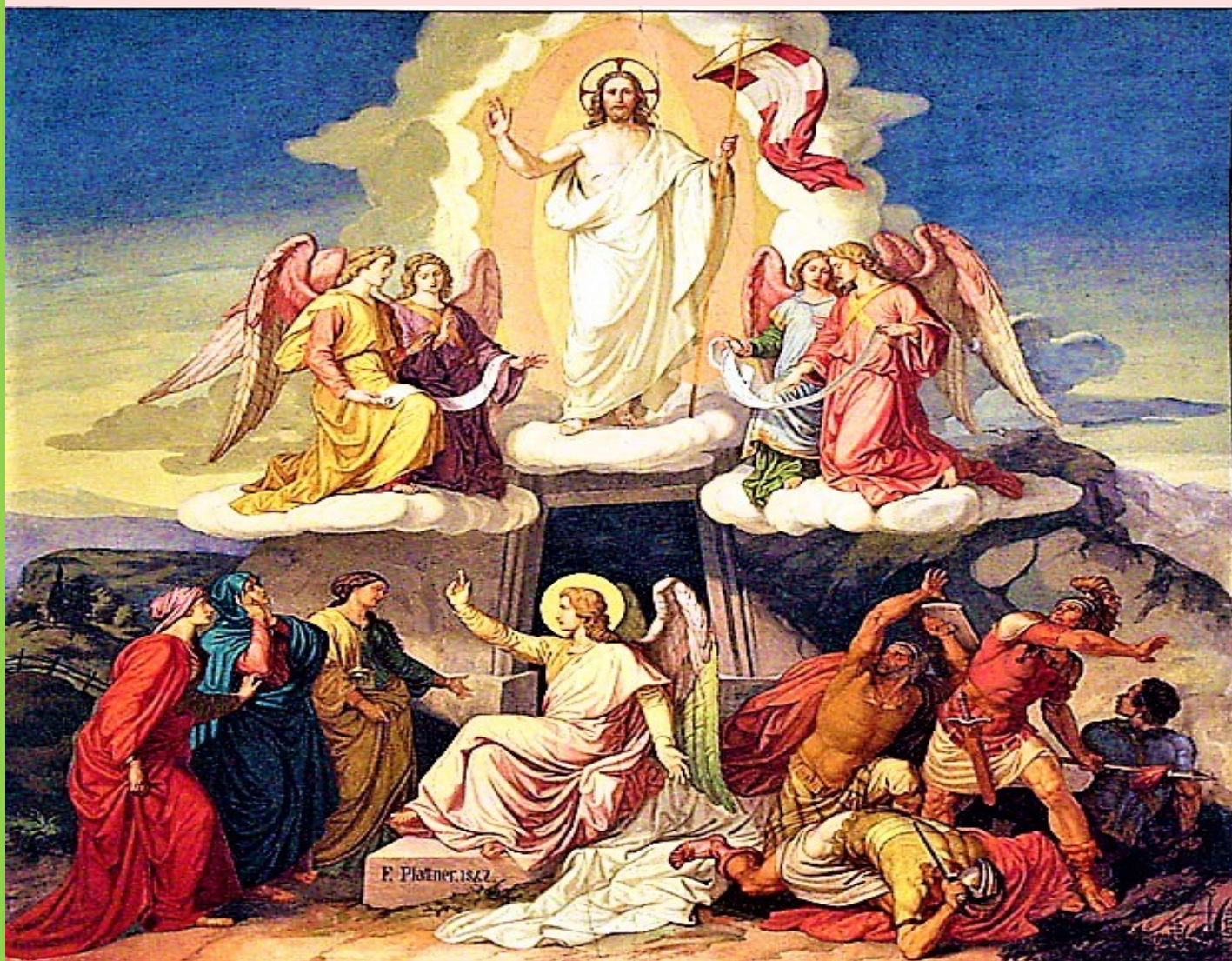
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Roman Catholic Church

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"The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One, not someone else. In his glorious body he bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope. Let us turn our gaze to him that he may heal the wounds of an afflicted humanity."

Pope Francis (Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020)

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

Easter Sunday + April 4, 2021

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.....
Website Manager
Prison Ministry
Altar Guild
Funeral Luncheons.....
Money Counters
Eucharistic Ministers.....
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Lectors.....
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Adoration
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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

Life Beyond Life: 2021 Easter Message

My dear parish family:

For us human beings death is always tragic and full of anguish. Everything in our being cries out for life without end, but this cannot stop the inevitable mechanism of death which approaches each day. St. Paul cries out: *"Who will free me from this mortal body?"* And He answers himself and us in our sorrow: *"Thanks be to God for our Lord Jesus Christ!"*

It's surprising, but the pure essence of Christianity can be found in that phrase: ***"Thanks be to God for our Lord Jesus Christ!"*** It testifies to the great fact that someone freed us from death. In somebody life proved itself stronger than death and introduced a greater beauty than we could ever imagine. This is the primary meaning of the Resurrection, as a kind of life no longer threatened by sickness or death. Therefore the resurrection cannot just be seen as the resuscitation of a corpse — like Lazarus, for example — but as a revolution in our humanness! This affirms that mortal life has been transfigured — changed not ended!

As we celebrate and truly rejoice with every fiber of our being that **JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN** — Present Tense! — **HE HAS TRULY DESTROYED DEATH AGAIN**: May this Easter — these 50 days and nights of the most intense of all divine light and love — overpower all of us and repossess our hearts! May the Risen Lord in all His wonder and awesome beauty be with you, your family and friends — and indeed to every single human person in our world, especially those who are still sufferings in the midst of the pandemic. Nevertheless, as it was at Easter in 1919, after the last global pandemic — as it was at Easter in 1946 following the terrible second worldwide war and atomic bomb detonations — as it was at Easter 2002 following 9/11 — as it was last Easter in 2020, when our churches were empty — so it is this Easter: **The Tomb is empty! Let us rejoice and be glad! ALLELUIA!!!!**

Here is my Easter Prayer for us this year. Pray it at dinner — pray it tonight before bed — pray it every day for these 50 days of joy:

*Let us pray,
on this Easter morning
for the life that never again shall see darkness.
God our Father, creator of all,
today is the day of Easter joy.
This is the morning on which the Lord
appeared to those who had begun to lose hope
and opened their eyes
to what the scriptures foretold:
that first he must die, and then he would rise
and ascend into his Father's glorious presence.
May the risen Lord
breathe on our minds and open our eyes
that we may know him in the breaking of bread,
and follow him in his risen life.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.*



God bless and keep you always. ALLELUIA again!

Father Justin



SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 28, 2021

INFORMATION NOT
AVAILABLE AT PRINTING

CSA--

is due by January 2022

\$46,962

Pledged to date: \$11,725

Received to date: \$10,450

36 Families have pledged

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 you or the charity will have to pay income taxes.



*St. Leo Magnus Church
accepted donations in loving memory of:*

*Thomas "TO" Fitch
Dorothy Armanini
Anthony Santaniello
Martha Laughner
Sally Cotton
Tony Bonghi
Mary Eleanor "Ony" Stilwell
Anne Kennedy
Tony Cerroni
Mario Mascioni*

Thank you to the Fish Fry Crew!! Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. After last year, we all pulled together and put on some great meals, along with fellowship inside and outside the kitchen. To everyone down in the hall to our volunteers up in the Gathering Space, please know, on behalf of the parish and the greater community, of our profound gratitude. In these still strange times, it is heartening to be part of some tangible forms of giving. Get some rest and well get ready for the next adventure!
God bless! Father Justin

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month - Reporting known or suspected child abuse is everyone's responsibility: It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the current Pennsylvania state report there were 5,202 substantiated reports of child abuse in Pennsylvania during 2019. 2,087 or 40% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,448 were physical abuse. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7).* For particular questions on reporting abuse you may call: **Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.**

To those who have contributed to our broadcast of Sunday Mass on WDDH The Hound, we thank you. The radio mass has been comforting for many during COVID.

CD of A Members - The book selected for the "Lenten Book Club" is *I heard God Laugh* by Matthew Kelly. Get your free copy in the box marked CD of A Members - Lenten Book Club in the Gathering Space. If you are unable to pick up your copy contact Lisa Martin @ 772-2261 and one will be delivered to your home. A group discussion will take place prior to the April meeting for those interested.

The next CD of A meeting will be held
Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:30 in the Social Hall.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 4, 2021

LISTEN

**PINTS WITH AQUINAS: WHAT IS GRACE?
WITH MICHAEL GORMLEY**

As Catholics we believe that grace allows us to participate in the life of God. In this episode of Pints with Aquinas, Matt Fradd sits down with Michael Gormley to discuss what this means in our daily lives.

WHAT
IS
GRACE?



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story**

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

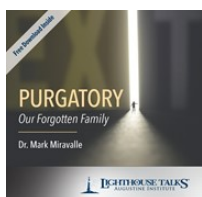
So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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A Family Perspective-

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

Lighthouse Catholic Media Pick of the Week***Purgatory: Our Forgotten Family***

What is Purgatory? Does it exist? Does it matter? As a professor and speaker Dr. Mark Miravalle explains, not only is the doctrine of Purgatory true, and deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, but the practice of offering prayers and sacrifices for the souls of the dead is a critically important responsibility for every member of the Body of Christ—the family of the Church.

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,

**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:

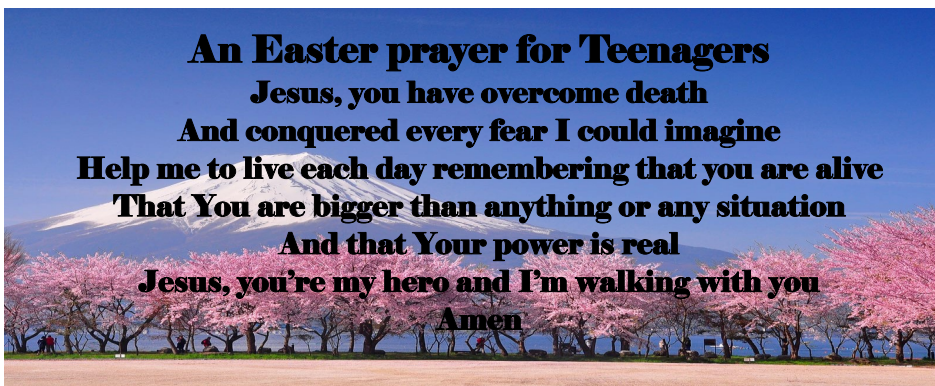
***Elk County
Foods***



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.

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.



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 3 EASTER VIGIL	8:30 p.m.	Donna Hinton	Dave & Joey Kepple
Sunday, April 4 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Gerry Gausman Family Deceased members of the Casolo Family	Kevin and Marilyn Gahr Family
Monday, April 5 Monday within the Octave of Easter	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	
Tuesday, April 6 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	
Wednesday, April 7 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	
Thursday, April 8 Thursday within the Octave of Easter	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	
Friday, April 9 Friday within the Octave of Easter	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	
Saturday, April 10 VIGIL - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	5:15 p.m.	Rudy Johnson	Family
Sunday, April 11 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sue (Fleming) Spiher Kelley Aiello	Pat & Bubba Fleming Family

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of April 4th will burn in memory of Dorothy Armanini from Carol & Bob Connacher

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



The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the families of Joanne Angelo, mother of Dawn Gier; Gerald Zack, father of Kimberly Briggs; Robert Fernan, son of Sue Landis. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!

CANCEL THE COLD

†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

APRIL 4

Jim & Tom Detwiler
Deceased members of the Viola & Sorge Families
Deceased members of the Dellaquila and Vavala Families
Joseph & Edith Fusco
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Verbeck and Family
Don Peterson

Parish Office Hours

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

Friday: 9 am - noon

CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Ministry Schedule Week of April 11, 2021

Money Counters

Team 2

Altar Guild

For 4/9 - Group 3, Pew 3

