



St. Leo Magnus

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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

#15: The American flag is raised for the first time after the new flag pole, installed in memory of Msgr. J.W. Murphy, is blessed by Msgr. J. Leo Anderton, our fourth pastor.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2024

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9, 2024 + Votive Mass for The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **Rosary**

8:30 am **Jim Facchine** (Family)

9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, March 9, 2024 + Anticipated for Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:15 pm **Mary Margaret Facetti, 25th anniv.** (Linda Johnson)

Sunday, March 10, 2024 + Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am **Mario Mascioni** (Don & Marcia Wildnauer)

10:00 am **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

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

6:00 pm **Patricia Field** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

8:30 am **Gildo Torchia** (Dave & Joey Kepple)

4-6 pm **Confession**

6:00 pm **Lent Devotions - Rosary and Stations of the Cross**

Thursday, March 14, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

8:30 am **Pasqualina Butera** (Estate)

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

Friday, March 15, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

8:30 am **Allison Caimi** (Family)

Saturday, March 16, 2024 + Lenten Weekday

No Morning Mass

Saturday, March 16, 2024 + Anticipated for Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:15 pm **Frank & Dorothy Armanini** (Family)

Sunday, March 17, 2024 + Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am **John Viola** (Frank Viola)

10:00 am **Veronica DePanfilis** (Family)

Pope Paul VI called the Mass:

"THE MOST PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER."

Offering Mass for our loved ones is an honored way to unite ourselves in prayer with those we have loved.



Ministry Schedule
Week of
March 17, 2024

Money Counters
Team 3

Altar Guild (3/15)
Group 8 Pew 6

The wine and hosts for March have been provided by Virginia Manno in loving memory of her husband, **Jimmy Manno**



Prayer Chain

Call Felcia @ 814.772.5460

If you, or someone you know are in need of prayers.

Altar Candles

WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING HONOR OF:

Sanctuary -

Saint Leo - Deceased members of Saint Leo Parish

During the somber time of Lent, the Holy Mary and Blessed Joseph candles will not burn.

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†

March 10

Verbeck Family

March 15

Robert & Marie Blose

Area Penance Services

Mar 10	6 pm	St. Mark, Emporium
Mar 13	6:30 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys
Mar 18	6 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway
Mar 17&18	8pm	St. Boniface, Kersey

Saint Leo Lent Devotions

Wednesdays during Lent:

March 13 + March 20

4-6 pm Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Beginning at 6 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Pray the Stations of the Cross (written by Fr. Justin)

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Liturgical Ministries March 16 & 17, 2024

	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Lector
Wednesday March 13	6 pm - Altar Server for Stations of the Cross H Bish		
Sat. 5:15 pm	A Eagen O Buck	JP MacDonald	WJ Fernan
Sun. 8:00 am	J Sorg M Toncich	S Geci	M Stager
Sun. 10:00 am	N Washburn K Petrosky	S or L Fink	N Hoffman

Parish Support

March 3, 2024

Contributions..... \$9,965
 Weekly Budget.....\$9,246

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Contributions.....\$288,660
 Budget.....\$332,856

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 Deadline- Submit by Mar. 12 for the March 17 bulletin

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

Call the parish office for your cemetery needs

Faith Formation Corner

(formerly Religious Education)

2023-2024

Class Schedule for this week:

March 10 8-9:30 am Grades 6, 7, 8 K of C Classroom
 March 10 11-12:30 pm Grades 1, 2, 4, 5 K of C Classroom
 March 10 11-12:30 pm Confirmation Social Hall
 March 13 6-7 pm Grade 3 Social Hall

The Living Stations - St. Leo's Confirmation Class will be acting out The Stations of the Cross in the body of the church Sunday, March 17th @ 7:00 p.m. Please join us. This is a great family night!

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>.



FIRST PENANCE was celebrated on Friday, March 1st. Father Justin heard the first confessions of our second graders from St. Leo School. Our Faith Formation students will be celebrating their first reconciliation in June. Congratulations to: **Austin Corl, Benji Leader, Henry Leuschel, Gabe McCloskey, Marco Marzella, Autumn Straub, Hayden Bowen, Lucy MacDonald, Maria Geci, and Madelyn Fry.**

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Mar. 23, 2024 10:00am Sacred Heart, St. Marys 834-7861

*Be sure to call ahead to reserve your spot

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

Sonia Wright - Mother of Rick Wright
Samuel Delhanty - Son of Lyn and Joe Kemeck

May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace.



K of C Pierogi Sale

The K of C will be selling homemade pierogis after all Masses March 16 & 17. Cost \$12/dozen. Take them home and prepare how you like!

40 Days For Life

From Feb. 14 until March 24 we will participate in this International Campaign of Fasting, Prayer and Community Outreach to end Abortion. There will be a 40 Day Rosary after 8:30 am Mass on Tuesdays at St. Marys Church and after 6:15 am Mass on Fridays at Sacred Heart Church. Look for 40Days Prayer sheets in the gathering space at St. Leo. If you would like more information contact Mary Ross @ 814-781-6867.

Catholic Scouting

The Diocese of Erie is offering Religious Emblems Training on March 16th, 9-11 am via zoom. This training is for Boy Scout Leaders to learn about the Catholic Scouting Emblems. Register at //Forms.office.com/R/E2XZMKIDT8. Class is led by Bill Jenkins, Region 3 Catholic Scouting representative, and Julian Zacky, Director of Youn Adult & Youth Ministry.

Benedictine Gift Shop

St. in St. Marys, is fully stocked with Easter and Sacraments. Open Tue - Fri 9:30 am - 5 pm & Sat 10 am- 1 pm.

Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners

St. Joseph Church Force. Celebrating the 25th anniversary of our annual Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners! Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. Noon - 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Good Friday 2 - 6:30 pm. All Dinner \$15. Menu includes: Baked or Fried Haddock, Fantail Shrimp; and side dishes. Dine in or take out (call 814-787-4151 #6).

St. Boniface Lenten Fish Fries

From Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent from 4 - 6:30 pm. St. Boniface Social Hall. Fish Dinner \$15, Chicken Dinner \$10, Children under 10 \$8. Menu includes: Baked, Fried or Beer Battered Fish, Breaded Shrimp or Shrimp Scampi or Chicken Tenders; and side dishes. Dine in or take out.



Join the Diocese of Erie on a pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

Deadline to register is April 17th

July 17-21, 2024, tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will experience an outpouring of grace on a scale this generation has never seen. This historic moment is called the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Catholics from every corner of the U.S. will be in Indianapolis for this transformative gathering, and YOU are invited to represent our diocese at this pivotal moment!

You'll enjoy world-class teaching from some of the most trusted Catholic voices in the United States. Come encounter and worship Jesus in a new way, and be anointed to share those graces with our community when you return home. More than ever, you will be proud to be Catholic and excited about the future of the Church in America.

Any questions, email eriedeac@gmail.com or call Jo @ 724.699.3340

<p>Adult Pricing \$1,129 Triple/Quad \$1,329 Double \$1,829 Single</p>	<p>The Diocesan pilgrimage includes: ~ NEC Congress Pass (5 Days) ~ 4 nights' accommodations in Indianapolis ~ Continental Breakfast (pending final hotel assignment) ~ Roundtrip transportation from Erie PA/Warren PA/West Middlesex to Indianapolis via deluxe motorcoach ~ Daily transportation to the Congress ~ Gratuities payable to motorcoach driver</p>
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BOOK NOW!

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

From the Pastor's Desk

THE "PHANTOMS OF THE PASSION" LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES (PART 4 OF 5)

VERONICA: Will You Wipe His Bloody Face?

My dear parish family:

We cannot read in Sacred Scripture this week, for our next person we find on the road of the Passion – Veronica – for she is not mentioned in the Gospels. Yet her encounter with Christ – memorialized in the Sixth Station – has become a part of our Tradition. Yes, it is after Simon has helped to carry the Cross and just before the Lord falls to the ground again, does this woman come forward to wipe His face with her veil.

Growing up in my small country home parish, my family and I prayed the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday night during Lent with the rest of the parish. My pastor would use a version called *Everyone's Way of the Cross* by Clarence Enzler. We have used here at Saint Leo in previous years. It is a more contemporary Way of the Cross in which Jesus speaks first, always referring to us as "His other self" then those assembled reply. Since there are no scriptural words for Veronica, I offer the words from those stations for our mediation this week.



Christ speaks: "CAN YOU BE BRAVE ENOUGH, MY OTHER SELF, TO WIPE MY BLOODY FACE? WHERE IS MY FACE, YOU ASK? AT HOME WHENEVER EYES FILL UP WITH TEARS, AT WORK WHEN TENSIONS RISE, ON PLAYGROUNDS, IN THE SLUMS, THE COURTS, THE HOSPITALS, THE JAILS – WHEREVER SUFFERING EXISTS – MY FACE IS THERE. AND THERE I LOOK FOR YOU TO WIPE AWAY MY BLOOD AND TEARS."

We reply: "LORD, WHAT YOU ASK IS HARD. IT CALLS FOR COURAGE AND SELF SACRIFICE, AND I AM WEAK. PLEASE, GIVE ME STRENGTH. DON'T LET ME RUN AWAY BECAUSE OF FEAR. LORD, LIVE IN ME AND ACT IN ME AND LOVE IN ME. AND NOT IN ME ALONE – IN ALL OF US – SO THAT WE MAY REVEAL NO MORE YOUR BLOODY BUT YOUR GLORIOUS FACE OF EARTH."

think we should read Jesus' words again, so please do so. Quite the heart wrenching mediation is it not? Moreover, Lent should be heart wrenching – it needs to pull us into an uncomfortable place so we can reassess our attitudes. Lent, more so than any other time during the liturgical year, is a time to look at the bleeding and beaten face of Christ. We are so used to looking at images of Jesus in churches, books and in art that is pleasing to us. I have always referred to that as the "cosmetic Christ." There is not much blood or wounds – there are not many scars. What Christ's face truly looked like on the road to Calvary was much different from what we paint it. His face was not angelic – not illuminated – not clean. After being beaten and kicked – slapped and spit on – punched and prodded – it would have looked quite grotesque and frightening. Imagine that little baby born in a manger – whose smile and eyes I am sure would light up a room – that face was now black and blue and his eyes filled with blood and tears – beaten, bruised and broken for the sins of the world.

Nevertheless, Veronica was not afraid to approach Jesus. She was not fearful of touching His face. In addition, with the gentlest of actions she wiped away some of the blood – some of the tears – some of the pain. Do we have the confidence – the faith – the love to do the same? God gives us the courage – He gave His Son the courage, but do we take advantage of it? Can we look at the wounds bleeding on His face put there by the sinfulness of the world? Can we touch the forehead pierced by the thorns of hatred and division and pulled them out? Can we look with our imperfect human eyes into the bloodshot eyes of Christ to accept His forgiveness and mercy? I am certain that Veronica asked herself those same questions and she said, "YES!" We must do the same. I reiterate the words of Christ, as written by Clarence Enzler, above: "Can you be brave enough, my other self, to wipe my bloody face?" Well, are we?

Father Justin