

Saint Leo Magnus

Roman Catholic Church

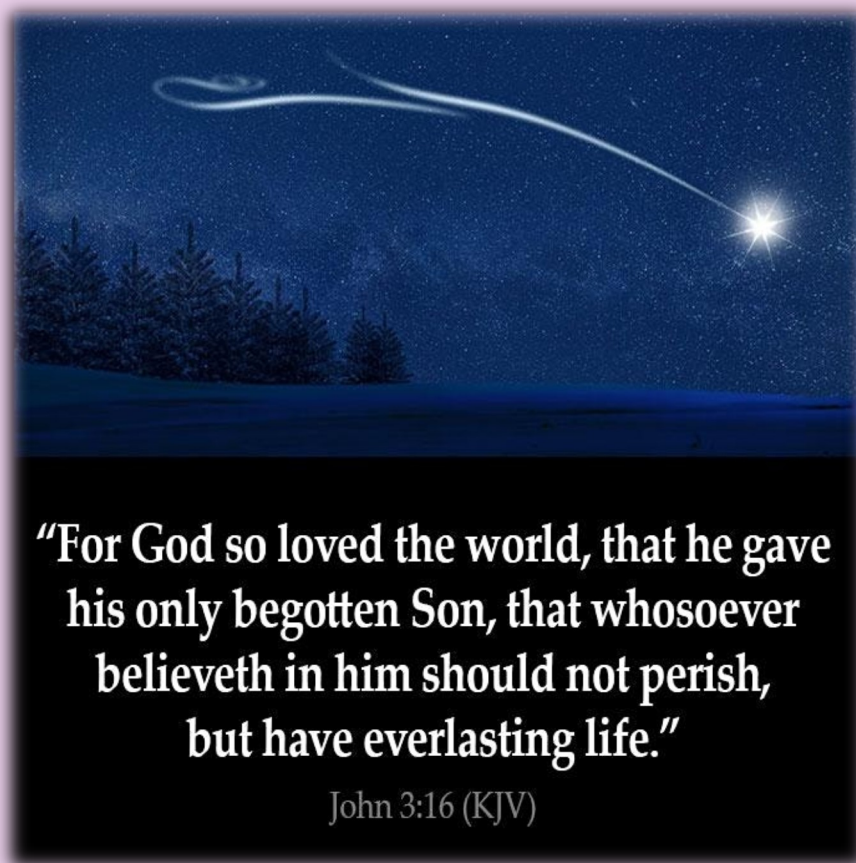
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14, 2021



**"For God so loved the world, that he gave
his only begotten Son, that whosoever
believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life."**

John 3:16 (KJV)

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.
Monday thru Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES:

Evening before: 6:00 p.m.
On the holy day: 8:30 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Each evening from 4-6 pm

Confessions will be celebrated in the Sacristy.

CLERGY

Rev. Justin Pino, Pastor
fjustin@comcast.net

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PARISH STAFF

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Al Larnder - Director of Liturgical Music

Andy Messineo - Parish Council
President

Jim Urmann - Finance Council Chair

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Caretakers

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ST. LEO MAGNUS ADORATION TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9 AM TO 7:30 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.....

Mark & Kellie Martinez, mam533@pitt.edu
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Gary Leithner
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Felcia Nelson, 772-5460
Charlie Richards, 773-7990
John Gangloff
Tecla Pontious, 772-1352
Frank Quattrone/Rena Urmann
Molly Fernan
Noel Murphy
Paul & Rita Reed, 773-7772
Linda Facchine
Fran & Kathy Greich, 776-1540
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ST. LEO MAGNUS CATHOLIC CHURCH *Membership Form*

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

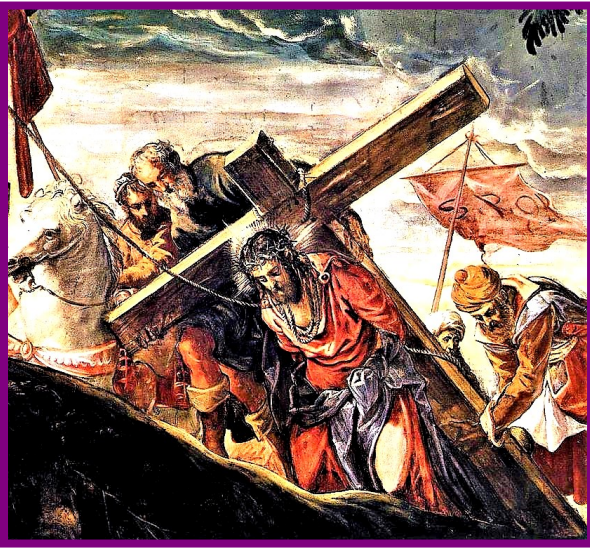
Please drop this form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish Office

- ☐ New Registration
☐ Change of Address or Phone
☐ Moving Out of the Parish
☐ Need Envelopes

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

In my bulletin column throughout Lent, I want to offer you some additional moments to meditate on these sorrowful mysteries introduced in my sermons, with brief articles by Catholic author Michael Heinlein that he crafted especially during this time of pandemic. May these words and images give us some insight and fuel for the Lenten weeks ahead. In addition, each week in this reflection I am going to include a quote by Pope Emeritus Benedict that I recently rediscovered in one of my favorite of his books. Each week, let's read it, reflect on it, and see what new aspect we can pray about from it.



Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus Carries the Cross:

Along the road to Calvary, while carrying the cross burdened with the sins of the world, Jesus encountered the goodness of friends and strangers. These models of charity console Jesus' heart during his final agony and give him an opportunity to rest his weary body. Those who helped Christ or encountered him on the way to Calvary did so knowing they could face harm themselves. But they put their lives on the line to help Jesus carry his cross, wipe his bloodied and sweaty face, or give him a glance or word of love to alleviate his pain.

In the face of the current pandemic, healthcare professionals across the globe are doing the same in service to their sick brothers and sisters. Great are the sacrifices they make. Long is the list of selfless doctors, nurses and medical personnel exhausted from long working hours, often separated from those closest to them for fear of spreading infection, and risking infection themselves. And long is the list of many others making sacrifices to help keep safe the vulnerable in our midst. May the Blessed Mother, St. Simon of Cyrene, St. Veronica and the women of Jerusalem intercede for them.



Let us remember in these 40 days of Lent,
the saving power of God!

Father Justin



"There is a great danger today of our churches becoming museums and suffering the fate of museums: if they are not locked, they are looted. They are no longer alive. The measure of life in the Church, the measure of her inner openness, will be seen in that she will be able to keep her doors open, because she is a praying Church.....The fruit of Lent should be that we become once more a praying church and, thereby an open Church. Only the praying Church is open. Only she is alive and invites people in; she offers them fellowship and at the same time a place of silence."

*Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
(now Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)
quoted from his book God Is Near Us (2001, pgs. 90-91)*

SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

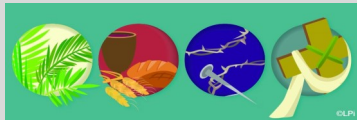
Weekend of March 7, 2021

Weekly Contributions
\$10,572

Weekly Budget
\$9,915

Contributions Year to Date
\$279,047

Budget Year to Date
\$356,940



CSA--

is due by January 2022
\$46,962

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 you or the charity will have to pay income taxes.



Thank you to the Ken Hinton family, who recently donated funds to purchase a new funeral set for the parish, which includes a matching chasuble for the priest and a pall for the casket. These liturgical items are in memory of Ken's late wife and fellow parishioner - Donna. A special thank you to parishioner and benefactor Dave Thompson, who allowed the use his funeral parlor for this photo. Thank you, Ken and may Donna's memory continue to live on in our parish's life of worship.

Lent Devotions at St. Leo This Week

Evening Weekday Masses - Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary - Tuesday before Mass at 5:30 p.m.
Meditation and Praying with the Five Sorrowful Mysteries

Sacrament of Penance - Each evening from 4-6 p.m. this week
Confessions will be celebrated in the Sacristy.

Stations of the Cross - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Way of the Cross celebrated after Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -
Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.



St. Joseph Novena - Begins Thursday, March 11 until Friday, March 19
Each evening we will honor Saint Joseph with:

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Meditations of St. Joseph by Father Justin
Novena Devotions
Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

The novena will conclude at the morning mass on the Feast of Saint Joseph on March 19.

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.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYS FOR A RENEWAL OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Pope Francis goes to confession during a penitential service at St. Peter's Basilica on March 28, 2014. Credit: Vatican Media.

By Hannah Brockhaus

Vatican City, Mar 3, 2021 / 05:00 am MT (CNA).- Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of March is for a renewed experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In his video for the prayer intention, created by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, the pope asked for prayers that the Sacrament of Reconciliation would be experienced "with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God."

Reconciliation, also called the Sacrament of Penance or confession, is the means through which God grants pardon for sins.

In the sacrament, the contrite penitent discloses his sins to a Catholic priest who grants sacramental absolution. The penitent resolves to not sin again and performs an act of satisfaction, usually called a penance.

Through the priest, God grants his pardon and peace, and the penitent is reconciled to God.

Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has frequently encouraged Catholics to receive God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

In his March 2021 prayer intention video, the pope said: "When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul. To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy."

He emphasized that "the center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need."

Jesus, who waits for us, listens to us, and forgives us, is the center of confession, the pope said. "Remember this: in the heart of God, we come before our mistakes."

Francis also encouraged prayers that God would give the Catholic Church "merciful priests and not torturers."

In October 2013, Pope Francis spoke about the importance of confessing one's sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, stressing that it is not the same as "going to a psychiatrist, or to a torture chamber."

In 2016, Francis gave advice to priests about how to be good confessors, saying that even if they cannot give absolution in some cases, "please, do not beat up on the penitent."

Someone who comes to the confessional is seeking "comfort, pardon, peace in his soul," he said. "Let him find a father who embraces him and says, 'God loves you,' and makes the penitent feel that God really does."

Pope Francis has often emphasized the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the life of the Church. In 2014, he instituted a Lenten tradition of "24 Hours for the Lord," during which Catholics can find extra opportunities for Eucharistic adoration and for going to confession.

The day-long period usually begins with a penance service in St. Peter's Basilica. At the 2014 liturgy, Pope Francis surprised a priest by approaching him for the Sacrament of Reconciliation himself before hearing the confessions of others.

The "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative began in Rome and is organized by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, which encourages bishops to organize the event in their own dioceses.

During a general audience in February 2014, Pope Francis urged those present to ask themselves "when was the last time I went to confession?"

"And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day!" he said. "Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus [will be] there, and Jesus is better than the priests -- Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession."

In the same catechesis, he noted that sometimes people felt ashamed at the idea of confessing their sins, but he explained that "even embarrassment is good. It's healthy to have a bit of shame... it does us good, because it makes us more humble."

"Don't be afraid of confession," he stressed. "When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things -- even shame -- but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves [feeling] free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy."



St. Leo Lenten Fish Fry - Fridays during lent. Eat in or Take out. Call 772-4705 to order.

Lenten Evening Prayer at St. Catherine of Siena, DuBois will hold Lenten Evening Prayer beginning Sunday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. and continuing through Sunday, March 21. The evening will offer meditation, scripture, reflection by a guest speaker and music. Guest speaker for Sunday, March 21st Fr. James Gutting.

St. Joseph Lenten Fish Fries - St. Joseph in Force, PA will offer Fish/Shrimp dinner Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent from noon to 6:30 p.m. Take-out only. For \$12, the dinner includes: Haddock or Fantail Shrimp, Baked Potato or French Fries, Cole slaw or Applesauce, Roll and Dessert. To order, call 814-787-4151 #6.

St. Boniface Lenten Fish Fries - Fridays during Lent from 3-7 pm or until sold out. Call 814-885-8611 to order. To review your specific choice options go to the St. Boniface website. Take-out or limited dine-in.

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.

40 Days for Life - Tuesdays during Lent, following the 8:30 am Mass at St. Marys Church, please join us in offering the recitation of the Rosary for an end of abortion.

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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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.*

Deadline for bulletin submissions

For the **March 21** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on **March 15**.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday, March 13	5:15 p.m.	People of St. Leo Parish	
Sunday, March 14 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Lino Morelli Donna Hinton	Betty Rutigliano & Family Dave & Lynne Kucenski
Monday, March 15	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bob & Marie Blose Marianne Drathman	Family Carol & Julie Bomba & Carrie Washburn
Tuesday, March 16	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Angie & Joe Aiello Michael Thompson	Julie & Joe Aiello Dave & Joey Kepple
Wednesday, March 17 Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Allison Caimi Kathleen Ferraro	Mom & Dad Frank & Caroline Armanini
Thursday, March 18	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Renaud & Mori Families John Bonghi	Family Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello
Friday, March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30 a.m.	Robert Gausman	Kevin & Marilyn Gahr
Saturday, March 20	5:15 p.m.	Patrick Zamoski	Family
Sunday, March 21 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Veronica DePanfilis Francesco Villella	Family Rosa Aiello & Family

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of March 14th will burn in memory of Michael Quattrone from his family.

The wine and hosts for the month of March are in memory of Larry Johnson from Linda Johnson.

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathy to the family of Norman Smith, brother of Noel Murphy. May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!

Ministry Schedule
Week of March 21, 2021
Money Counters

Team 3
Altar Guild
For 3/19: Group 6, Pew 6

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 9 am - noon & 1pm - 4 pm
Friday: 9 am - noon
CLOSED HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Prayer to Saint Joseph by Pope Leo XIII

To be recited after praying the Holy Rosary

To thee, O Blessed Joseph, we fly in our tribulation and after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession.

By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His Precious Blood, and with thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that, sustained by thy example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death, and obtain the everlasting happiness of heaven. Amen

CANCEL THE COLD
†WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER†

MARCH 17
JOHN "NOODLES" VIOLA

MARCH 19
JOSEPH FUSCO

MARCH 21
MARTHA LAUGHNER



Next week
we'll publish
300 club winners &
memorial donations