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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 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:

Dec. 1-22 Tuesday & Thursday 4-8 p.m.

Or by appointment

ST. LEO MAGNUS ADORATION TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9 AM TO 6 PM

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SAINT LEO MAGNUS IN RIDGWAY, PENNSYLVANIA

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. beginning
November 30th thru December 22nd

BAPTISM

Please call the rectory for scheduling.

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
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Lectors.....
Altar Servers
Baptismal Preparation Classes
Adoration
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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:

Instead of packing away Christmas like the corporate mentality in our society and already casting our gaze to red and pink Valentine hearts, on this day of Epiphany shifting our focus again to **giving** is important. Just as the Magi gave Jesus gifts we have the opportunity not just today but each day we take a breath, which is a gift from God – each time our hearts beat, again another gift from our loving Creator, we can give to one another. Now that Jesus Christ has returned to heaven and has no need of material gifts, what can we possibly offer to the Creator of the universe and the Lord of all good things?

The poet, Christina Rossetti has it right: *“What can I give Him, poor as I am? Give Him my heart!”* Yes, that should be our prayer every morning- a prayer that every Christian no matter what denomination can offer: *“Lord Jesus, You who became one of us, I give you my heart – the heart You created to love you.”* Our hearts were not created only to pump blood throughout our bodies to sustain our human life, but our hearts were fashioned to radiate love first to God, then to others, especially those who feel lost and abandoned, and thirdly to ourselves. Love sustains our divine life!

The gifts we truly appreciate, that are real treasures, are the gifts that aren't so much tailor made or handpicked for us, but they are the gifts that we receive because the giver has put so much love into them. Think of the toddler offering his mother a freshly picked dandelion, the teenager who can't sing that well, but belts out the most wonderful song to their significant other on their first date, or the famous author who comes back to their hometown to sign the first copy of their first book to that teacher that gave them their time and concern back in junior high.

In the same way God is delighted – He is overjoyed – when we offer Him what no else on earth can possibly give: ourselves – our own personal, unique and irreplaceable love. Just like a fingerprint or snowflake, *our* love from *our* hearts can never be replicated by anyone else. So when our love is poured into God's love, he knows exactly who it comes from. And God's response – His unbelievable love – is also personally shaped and directed back to us. Yes, when God's love hits us, we have no doubt from where it came!



Over there in this beautiful representation of the first Epiphany, yes we do see FOUR kings: as tradition names the traveling magi as Melchior, Caspar and Balthasaar, although we have no absolute proof that that was their names; but the name of the fourth king is certain, we have no doubt who He was, who He is and who He shall be forever more – it is Jesus Christ the King of Kings and Lord of All!

Yes, there are FOUR gifts over there too: gold, frankincense, myrrh.....and **eternal life**. The gift of Jesus cannot be placed in a gilded box, a fancy bag or a jeweled urn. The gift of God's love through Jesus will never run out or become old or go stale. The gift of the Lord to humanity is truly the gift that gives all year – every year – for all eternity, because God's love has to boundary, no end, no obstacle.

Then why do people replace that gift? Why do people return that gift unopened? We must be different. We must share the gift of Jesus Christ every day! **God came for all people** and the gift all people must return to Him? The gift of love – love that is exchanged and multiplied! Send this gift today – open up *your* treasures and offer yourself to our beautiful King!

May these days of Christmas renew and gladden our lives!

Father Justin

SAINT LEO STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of December 20, 2020

Weekly
Contributions
\$8395

Weekly
Budget
\$9,915

Contributions
Year to Date
\$186,741

Budget
Year to Date
\$261,606

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

To date 89 Families have
pledged \$29,255
and \$28,981 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: \$160,000

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.



BAPTISMAL TRAINING SESSIONS

For first time parents and godparents

Jan. 5 7 p.m. Queen of the World, St. Marys 834-4701

Jan. 20 7 p.m. Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg 965-2819

*Please call ahead for reservations

Family Perspective -

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month: Who are the perpetrators? Traffickers can be anyone who profits from the selling of a child for sex to a buyer, including family members, foster parents, friends, gangs, trusted adults, or "boyfriends." Much of the trafficking of children has moved from street corners and truck stops to the internet where children are sold for sex. Online classified sites allow traffickers and buyers anonymity and accessibility when exploiting children. In some case, there is no identified trafficker, and it is the person buying sex from the child who is exploiting the child's vulnerabilities. A child cannot consent to being bought and sold for sex, and anyone purchasing sex from a child is committing a serious crime. If you suspect a case of Child Sex Trafficking you can call 1-800-THE-LOST or make a report at www.CyberTipline.org . Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

The Angel Tree this year may have looked a bit different but the support from this parish made it a success. Thank you all so much, your contributions for the children during this trying time make many smiles happen at Christmas and beyond. A very Merry Christmas to each of you and may God's Blessings bring a Happy and Healthy New Year.
Jeanne Hall
814-772-2569



Breaking Bread Mass Books

The new 2021 books are available for purchase in the parish office
Cost \$5.00
Limited quantity available.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

For the **January 10, 2021** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on January 4.

For the **January 17, 2021** bulletin please have submissions, in writing, to the parish office by 4 pm on **January 11**.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

ADORATION

Tuesdays and Thursdays

*9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
During Advent*

*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.

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

*Thank you to all who helped
decorated our church for
Christmas. Your efforts were
really appreciated*





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

ECC Music Boosters Cash Bash! - January 16, 2021- \$100 drawing every 5 minutes; \$200 drawing every 15 minutes; \$2000 Grand Prize! Tickets \$50 each - call ECC to purchase tickets #834-7800.

Pre Cana - Sacred Heart Church January 23, 2021. Call for reservation 814-781-7861



**Lucky 13 Big Winner
Kenny Hinton**

Congratulations to the Lucky 13 winners

\$7,500 - Ken Hinton, Ridgway
\$1,000 - Edward Gerg -
St. Marys
\$500 - Kerry Jo Leader - Ridgway
\$250 - Bev Drost - Kane
\$250 - Kerry Jo Leader - Ridgway
\$100 - Jane Judice - Ridgway
\$100 - Donald Steudler - St. Marys
\$50 -- Anna Marie O'Neil - Ridgway
\$50 - Kay Morgan - Kane
\$50 - Lee Briggs - Ridgway
\$50 - Paul Sobolewski - Sarver, PA
\$50 - Teri Neil - Brockport
\$50 - Frank Jovenitti - Ridgway

Thank you for your support!



Shown: Molly Cerroni, winner. Theresa Zameroski and Linda Facchine from the CD of A

CD of A Christmas Basket Giveaway

Winner - Molly Cerroni
Thank you to all who participated



Thank you to Dan Bloam and Beaver Trucking for keeping our sidewalks and parking lots clear. It's shaping up to be a very long winter for them.

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

FORMED.ORG

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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.*

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, January 2 Vigil - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	5:15 p.m.	Alexander David Amico, Sr.	Family
Sunday, January 3 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	People of St. Leo Parish John Addeo, 19th anniversary	Family
Monday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	8:30 a.m.	Dr. William W. Thompson & Michael Thompson	The Thompson Family
Tuesday, January 5 St. John Newman, Bishop	8:30 a.m.	Mary Butera	Estate
Wednesday, January 6 Christmas Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Nina Aiello	Ed & Tina Aiello & Children
Thursday, January 7 Christmas Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Helen & Michael DeStefano	Family
Friday, January 8 Christmas Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Ray Case	Family
Saturday, January 9 Vigil - BAPTISM OF THE LORD	5:15 p.m.	People of St. Leo Parish	
Sunday, January 10 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Elden Lewis Kathleen A. Ferraro	Family Sisters

CANCEL THE COLD

† WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS †

JANUARY 1

EDITH & JOSEPH FUSCO

GIUSEPPE VILLELLA

ERINIE AIELLO

DON PETERSON

SANDY LEWIS

MIKE THOMPSON

JANUARY 4

NANCY HABERBERGER

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of January 3rd will burn in memory of Clara Jane Mago from George & Karen Kutcher.

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 family of James Weisner and baby Nash Andrew Aiello. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace!

Ministry Schedule **Week of January 10, 2021**

Money Counters

Team 2

Altar Guild

For 1/8: Group 2, Pew 2

Parish Office Hours

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

