



St. Leo Magnus

Roman Catholic Church

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*Faithful Witnesses of Christ's Gospel since
1874*

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 10, 2026



“This is the face of God that Mary allowed to take shape and grow within her womb, completely transforming her life. It is the face she proclaimed through the joyful yet delicate light of her eyes while bearing him in her womb; the face whose beauty she contemplated daily in her home as Jesus grew as a child, boy and young man; and the face she followed with the heart of a humble disciple, as he walked the paths of his mission, all the way to the cross and the resurrection. To do so, she too laid aside every defense, renouncing expectations, claims and comforts – as mothers so often do – consecrating her life without reserve to the Son she had received by grace, so that she might, in turn, give him back to the world.”

Pope Leo XIV + 1 January 2026

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 9, 2026 + Easter Weekday

8:00 AM ROSARY

8:30 am The People of Saint Leo Parish

9:00 AM CONFESSION

Saturday, May 9, 2026 + Vigil for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:15 pm Joseph & Janice Casolo (Family)

Sunday, May 10, 2026 + Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Jean Gier (Family)

10:00 am Marie & John Park, 47th wedding anniv. (Gail Pontious)

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 + Easter Weekday

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM ADORATION

6:00 pm The People of Saint Leo Parish

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 + Vigil for the Ascension of the Lord

4:00 - 6:00 PM CONFESSION

6:00 pm Dolores Miller, 28th anniv. (Dolores Miller)

*****THURSDAY, MAY 14 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*****

Thursday, May 14, 2026 + Ascension of the Lord

8:30 am Toni Kilhoffer (Roger & Patty Carlson)

12:05 pm Jennifer Ford Starry (Family)

1 PM-6 PM ADORATION

Friday, May 15, 2026 + Easter Weekday

8:30 am Frederico Family (Jim Laughner)

Saturday, May 16, 2026 + Easter Weekday

8:00 am ROSARY

8:30 am Lisbeth Mitchell (Nina Stolburg)

9:00 am CONFESSION

Saturday, May 16, 2026 + Vigil for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:15 pm Bob Connacher (Carol Connacher)

Sunday, May 17, 2026 + Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Viola & Dellaquila Families (Family)

10:00 am John & Marie Park, 47th Wedding Anniv. (Gail Pontious)

*The Sanctuary Candle before the Blessed Sacrament will burn this week
In Thankfulness for an answered prayer*



*Thank you Ladies of the CD of A
For your support of the St. Leo Mass
heard on 97.5 The Hound at 9:00 am
on Sunday mornings in May*

**IN NEED OF PRAYERS? CALL JAN @ 814-776-1352
SHE WILL ADD YOUR INTENTION TO OUR PRAYER LIST**



Prayer for a New Bishop

*O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.*

*We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
May we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.*

*Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.*

*For he lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.*

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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie



Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for May ***THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD***

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

*The wine and hosts for May have been donated
in loving memory of
Jacqueline Renaud
By her family.*

Liturgical Ministries Week of May 16 & 17

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Sat, 5/16 5:15 pm	D LaBenne G McCloskey	J Wonderly	J Challingsworth
Sun, 5/17 8:00 am	A Corl J Nicklas	V Stager	M Stager
Sun, 5/17 10:00 am	J Hoyle J Tettis	S Fink L Fink L Caggese	S Gresco
Money Counters	Team #3	Altar Guild (5/15)	Group 1 Pew 5

*The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to
the family of **Kenneth Gross** (Father Justin's uncle)
May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal
peace.*

Parish Stewardship

May 3, 2026

This Week	CSA, 2026
Offering.....\$ 10,712	Pledges.....\$26,730
Goal.....\$ 9,168	Goal.....\$61,135

Thank you for your Generosity

Online Giving

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior this Easter, we invite you to consider offering a gift to Saint Leo Magnus. Your generosity during this sacred season helps us continue our mission and support our community. Head over to our parish website to make a one-time donation or set up automated, recurring giving for the entire year. It's quick and easy when you visit our online giving page www.stleomagnus.org. It's quick, easy, and convenient. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support. Your contributions are a genuine blessing, and we are profoundly thankful for your kindness.

Ways to Remember

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:

Mass - \$10/requested date

Candles: Sanctuary, Saint Leo, Saint John of God - \$20/week

Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold - \$10/date

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.

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

May 21, 2026	6:30 pm	St. Mary's, St. Marys	814-781-1019
June 2, 2026	6:30 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys	814-834-4701

****Be Sure to call ahead to reserve your spot**

Bulletin Deadline - May 12th for the May 17th bulletin

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm
Monday - Thursday
Ph:814-772-3135
secretary@stleomagnus.org

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

Weekly Wisdom from our Holy Father

“One cannot serve the Bride of Christ as a spectator, but only with the love of those who know they belong to her, in a bond of faith and communion that is first and foremost a gift of grace, a gift from God. I therefore invite you to live out your daily occupations as part of a mystery, a history and a plan that precede and transcend you. The places where you carry out your daily tasks are the first setting in which you are called to give shape to the Gospel, promoting unity and peace, with patience and humility, through mutual care and support. And this awareness must shape the way you perceive yourselves, speak, listen, correct and support one another, permeating your workplaces and giving rise to truly evangelical ways of life.”

**Pope Leo XIV
Speech – 2 May 2026**



Cancel the Cold/Beat the Heat

†We Remember in our prayers†

May 10th

Edith Fusco
Carl D. Lindberg



SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please let the Parish Office know if a member of your family is sick and would like to have someone deliver Holy Communion to them.

ST. BONIFACE FEAST DAY FAMILY FEST

Join St. Boniface, Kersey, as they celebrate the Feast Day of St. Boniface on Friday, June 5. Start at 5 pm with Mass then food, drink kids activities and live music until 9 pm.

INNOCENT VICTIMS OF ABORTION

Ecumenical Memorial Service will be held May 12 at noon. St. Marys Cemetery. Bring lawn chair. Sponsored by Elk County Right to Life Maternity Closet.

CELEBRATING AMERICA 250 IN SONG

Concert Choir of Elk County will host this event at the Red Fern in St. Marys May 15 & 16 at 6:00 pm. Tickets \$40/person include dinner. Tickets can be purchased at ECCOTA, Ridgway.

SACRED HEART BREAD SALE

Thursday, May 14. Pre-orders only. Call 814-781-1019 by May 12 to order.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

DIGITAL SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Your child's personal info online is easy to track--and hard to erase. Protect them with these simple steps: Never share personal details like full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on social media. Keep passwords private – never give them to anyone. Check privacy settings on games, apps, social media, and devices. Turn off GPS sharing to prevent location leaks. Avoid public WI-FI when sharing personal info. For more resources: www.eriecd.org/childprotection



MILLIONS OF MONICAS
One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children

*Join us on Wednesday, May 20th
6:00 pm at St. Leo Church*

CD OF A COURT ST. LEO
WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ITS NEWEST MEMBER
KAREN CATALANO

If you would like to join this dynamic group of women contact Regent Sara Gresco at 814-673-7829 for more information. The next meeting of the CD of A will be **Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall.



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

MAY HAS BEEN FILLED WITH MANY WONDERFUL SCHOOL AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND SACRAMENTS, INCLUDING MAY CROWNING AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION! THIS YEAR'S MAY QUEEN WAS 8TH GRADER JOAN DOLLINGER. THE ST. JOSEPH STATUE WAS CROWNED BY JOEY MURICEAK ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH!



*Saint Leo Magnus Church
First Holy Communion*



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300 Club Winners**

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
\$100	J Steis	B Frazzini	J Peterson
\$50	J Leithner	S Cleveland	M Zelicosky
\$50	P Dutchcot	R Viglione	A DePanfilis
\$50	J Polinski	L Caggese	J Challingsworth

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

On the mantle of my office are numerous objects that all have a story. Passing by them quickly you wouldn't know it – because many look “normal” – some out of place. For instance, there is an old piece of wood, at first sight it merely appears to be driftwood. But it has a story. It was part of the Bocce court that my grandfather built for family gatherings. When I look at the piece of wood, I am transported back to childhood, when our family would gather for celebrations. I don't see a piece of old wood, but I see my grandparents, both of whom would have been 100 years old this spring. I remember countless stories from the past and a seemingly inanimate object calls to my mind and heart – wonderful living memories.



I hope you've noticed the new and magnificent stained-glass window of the Blessed Mother in the Gathering Space, near the doorways leading to the parking lot. We are grateful to Ken and Twila Miller who donated the funds for its installation, and its placement honors the Miller's four parents. But the story doesn't start there or here – that window, its journey, and why it was originally created began far away from Ridgway – many years ago. Let me share it with you.

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The window of the Blessed Mother with two adoring angels on either side of her, resplendent in beautiful colors, was most likely created in New York. From July 4, 1895, until not long after the year 2009, it welcomed worshippers above the main entrance to Sacred Heart Church in Laporte, part of the Diocese of Scranton in Northeastern Pennsylvania. (See the photo in this column.) After the church ceased its sacred purpose, the holy objects including this window were properly and respectfully removed, eventually during our recent 150th anniversary celebrations, the window came to Ridgway to once again be part of our Catholic worship, bringing honor and glory to God, and in particular the Virgin of Nazareth who said “yes” to His plan of our salvation. Over the past year, artisans at Hunt Glass Studios in Pittsburgh painstakingly removed all the glass, created a new framework, cut the window to size, and reinstalled the repurposed art for our parish.

But back to the story. The reason the window was originally installed in Laporte was because of a mother – and sadly, her death. Born in 1867, not long after the end of the Civil War, in the town of Laporte, Pennsylvania, Nellie Sheehan, the daughter of Bernard and Annie Sheehan, grew up in the rural surroundings and attended Saint Basil Parish in nearby Dushmore. On June 25, 1890, she married John Connolly of New York City, where they moved to set out on a long and happy life together. That marriage and Nellie's life would be tragically short. In January 1892, as Nellie gave life to her daughter, the mother's earthly life was to slip into eternity. On January 11, 1892, the Connolly's welcomed their daughter, but complications from the delivery made Nellie seriously ill. She died at 9 p.m., 10 days later. Her husband, mother, and two sisters were present when Nellie returned home to the Lord. Nellie's body returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania via train and on January 24, 1892, a funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Basil Church, followed by burial in the parish cemetery.



John and Nellie's daughter would be cared for after her mother's death by her paternal

grandparents in New York. When a church was to be built in Laporte in 1894, Mr. Connolly and his young daughter chose to memorialize Nellie with a window depicting the greatest of all mothers – She who knew sacrifice for her child – Mary. That window that held pride of place in Laporte for over 115 years, now finds a new home here at Saint Leo. Nothing is said in the historical record of what happened to John Connolly or his and Nellie's daughter after 1895. But I am going to continue to search; therefore, stay tuned for the next chapter of the story!

So, as you walk in and out of the Gathering space. When you pass by the window – realize there is a beautiful story of love – sacrifice – and remembrance contained in that glass – in those colors – in the image of the Mother of all Mothers. Say a prayer of gratitude for Ken and Twila and their generosity. Say a prayer for their parents in whose honor we have installed this window. Say a prayer for Nellie Connolly, who like all mothers, did not shirk from sacrifice out of love for her child. On this Mother's Day weekend, stop by the window – thank your mother – pray for her – ask Mary to wrap her arms around her, whether on earth or in Heaven, and acknowledge nothing will ever separate us from their motherly love – not even death itself!

A blessed Mother's Day to all! + Mary, full of grace, intercede for us! *Father Justin*