



ST. LEO MAGNUS

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Sat. Vigil: 5:15 pm + *Sunday:* 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday: 6 pm + Wednesdays - Saturdays: 8:30 am
Saturdays: Rosary is recited at 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

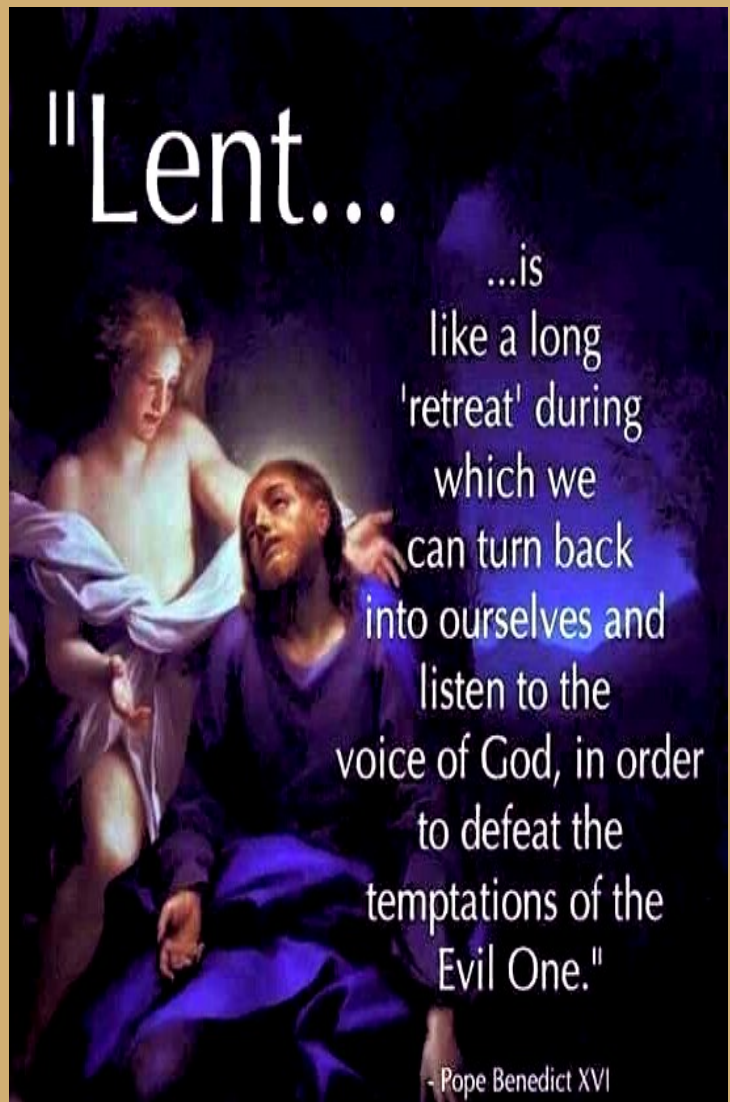
Evening before: 6:00 pm
On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9 am - 6 pm + Thursdays 9 am - 7 pm



Holy Year of Hope
Jubilee 2025

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 8, 2025 + *Saint John of God*

Anointing Mass

10:00 am **Fred Wonderly** (Jan Wonderly & Family)

Saturday, March 8, 2025 + *Vigil for First Sunday of Lent*

5:15 pm **Felcia Nelson** (Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

Sunday, March 9, 2025 + *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am **Linda Giovanini** (Ed & Tina Aiello)

10:00 am **Mario Mascioni** (Donnie & Marcia Wildnauer)

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 + *Lenten Weekday*

9 am - 6 pm Adoration

6:00 pm **James Johnson** (Rose Wolf)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 + *Lenten Weekday*

8:30 am **Dorothy & Joseph Medvid/Victor & Victoria Aiello**
(Gennaro & Cyndi Aiello)

4-6 pm Confession

6:00 pm **Sara Hill** (Dave & Lucy Bobby)

Thursday, March 13, 2025 + *Lenten Weekday*

8:30 am **David Aiello** (Vic & Barb Aiello)

9 am - 6 pm Adoration

1:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm **Kathleen Pino** (Caroline & Frank Armanini)

Friday, March 14, 2025 + *Lenten Weekday*

8:30 am **Wilma Bradish** (Peter, Olivia & Jude Bobnar)

6:00 pm **Jennie Morelli** (Jeff & Lisa Motta)

Saturday, March 15, 2025 + *Lenten Weekday*

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am The People of Saint Leo Parish

9:00 am Confession

Saturday, March 15, 2025 + *Vigil for Second Sunday of Lent*

5:15 pm **Sandy Lewis** (Friends)

Sunday, March 16, 2025 + *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am **Mike & Pat Belsole** (Gary & Rose Anne Leithner)

10:00 am **Debra Larnder** (Chris Piurkoski)



Altar Candles

Sanctuary In loving memory of **Art Cianca**
from Mary Ann Cianca

Saint John of God In loving memory of **Caroline Addeo**
from her family

*May the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen*

Please contact the parish office if you would like to reserve
a special candle in memory or in honor of a loved one.
Our candle offerings for 2025 include
Sanctuary, Saint Leo and Saint John of God

The wine and hosts for March have been
provided by Mary Therese Cianca in loving
memory of her husband, **Arthur Cianca, Jr.**

Liturgical Ministries March 15 & 16, 2025

	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Lector
5:15 pm	R MacDonald T Bish	M Facchine	A Anderson
8:00 am	Messineos	D Richards	L Caggese
10:00 am	O Buck MJ Bish	S or L Fink	C Tutton

Ministry Schedule
Week of March 9, 2025

Money Counter
Team #3

Altar Guild ^(3/14)
Group 4, Pew 4

Cancel the Cold

†We remember in our prayers†

March 9

Arthur Cianca, Jr.

Dominic & Elvira Judice

Deceased of Judice-Boggia Families

Souls in Purgatory

Jane Gapinski Judice

Prayer Chain ~

In need of prayers? Call Jan @ 814-776-1352

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US VIA EMAIL & TEXT!

TO SIGN UP
TEXT STLEO TO 84576 OR STLEO.FLOCKNOTE.COM

Parish Contributions

Week of 3/2/2025

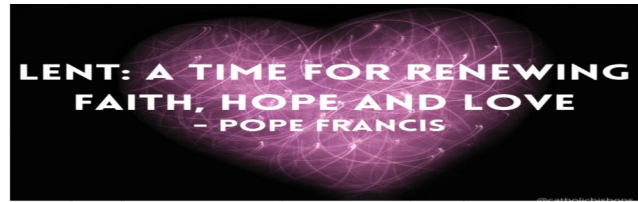
Weekly Offering.....	\$10,926
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,695
Year -To-Date (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)	
Actual.....	\$274,635
Budget.....	\$313,020

Happening This Week

Sun	9	Confirmation Class, 11:30 am, church
Wed	12	K of C Meeting, 7 pm, K of C building
Thu	13	Stations & Soup, and The Seven Last Words, 1 pm, church and social hall

Lent Penance Services

Thu.	March 20	6:00 pm	St. Boniface, Kersey
Sun.	March 23	6:00 pm	St. Mark, Emporium
Mon.	March 24	6:00 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg
Thu.	March 27	6:30 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys
Tue.	April 1	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church, St. Marys
Wed.	April 9	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway
Sun.	April 13	2:00 pm	St. Joseph, Force



Ways to Remember

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

Mass - \$10/request

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

Hosts and Wine - \$100/month

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

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Pledge to Heal:

The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. The diocese will provide counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information, please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 814-451-1521. *The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims/survivors or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543.*

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.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Infant baptisms (for children from birth to just before their 7th birthday) are scheduled throughout the year after weekend Masses. **Baptisms are not performed during the solemn season of Lent (between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday).**

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Mar 22	10:00 am	Sacred Heart, St. Marys	814-781-1019
Apr 16	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	814-772-3135

***Be sure to call ahead to reserve your spot!**

Pre-Cana class schedule

Mar 15	9:30 am - 6:15 pm	Queen of the World, St. Marys	814-834-4701
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Sick and Homebound

Please let the Parish Office know if a member of your family is sick and in need of anointing or would like to be placed on our First Friday Communion List.

Online Giving

As spring blossoms with new life, we invite you to consider offering a gift to **St. Leo Magnus**. Your generosity during this time helps us continue our mission and support our community. Visit our parish website www.stleomagnus.org to make a one-time donation or to set up automated, recurring giving throughout the year. It's quick, easy, and convenient. Thank you so much for your generosity and support. Your contributions are a true blessing, and we are deeply grateful for your kindness.

Bulletin Deadline- Submit by Mar 11 at noon for Mar 16 bulletin

Contact St. Leo Parish

111 Depot St, Ridgway PA 15853

www.stleomagnus.org

Ph: 814-772-3135

email: secretary@stleomagnus.org

Office hours: Mon. - Thur.

9:00 am - noon + 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call the parish office for your cemetery needs

ECC PTO MUSIC BINGO

Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Dream View Restaurant. Doors open at 5 pm. Music Bingo provided by: Bingo With A Beat from Pittsburgh. \$50/ticket includes: Buffet Dinner at 6 pm & Music Bingo. Questions contact Rhonda Hoffman at 814-335-1400

CINCH TOURNAMENT

To benefit Relay for Life on Sunday, March 23 at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Dinner at 12:15 pm and play to begin at 1 pm. \$10/person. To register call Sharon @ 814-594-5594 or Sacred Heart 814-834-7861

QUEEN OF THE WORLD WALNUT ROLL SALE

March 22nd & 23rd - Pick up after Masses Whole roll \$12 each, 1/2 roll \$7 each. To place an order call 814-834-4701 by March 14th

ST. JOSEPH LENTEN DINNERS

Due to broken pipes this winter, the Lenten Fish and Shrimp Dinners offered by St. Joseph in Force, PA have been cancelled for this year. Look for us to return in the fall.

LUNCH WITH THE LORD

Thursdays during Lent at noon in the Sacred Heart Social Hall. Lunch will be followed with 5-10 minutes of a spiritual message. To reserve your spot call Sacred Heart Parish Center @ 814-834-7861 #1.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 5 through April 13. This is an International Campaign of Fasting Prayer and Community Outreach to end Abortion. You can help save babies by participating in the 40 Days Rosary after Tues. 8:30 Mass at St. Marys Church and after Fri. 6:15 Mass at Sacred Heart. 40 Day Prayer Sheets at entrances of Churches. Sponsored by Elk County Right To Life. For more information contact Mary Ross @ 814-781-6867.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bisop Persico. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This years celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Tobias, Brockway, 3:00 pm. More information will be coming shortly as will the registration form. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you in August, 2025!

THE MAGIC JAMIE SHOW

A fun evening for the whole family will be sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish Social Committee on March 15th from 6-8pm. Reserve your spot for this free event by calling 814-834-7861 #1 by March 13th.



RICE BOWL

Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. In addition to working with our brothers and sisters worldwide to overcome the challenges of hunger and climate change, a portion of your contribution remains in your area and will assist the Good Samaritan Food Bank and the Helping Hand Food Pantry. These organizations fight hunger and poverty in our communities and help our neighbors



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST

St. Leo School a Catholic, Classical Academy

ST LEO MAGNUS CHURCH OFFERS ADORATION TWICE A WEEK, AND MANY OF OUR OLDER CLASSES OFTEN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS MOST SACRED TIME TO PRAY IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON A WEEKLY BASIS. GRADES 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6 ATTEND ADORATION FAITHFULLY EVERY WEEK. DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, OUR OLDER STUDENTS ATTENDED ADORATION WITH THEIR YOUNGER PRAYER BUDDIES, SOME HAVING NEVER BEEN TO ADORATION BEFORE. THEY WALKED THEM THROUGH HOW TO ATTEND, AND SOME OF THE REVERENT WAYS THAT THEY CAN ADORE AND PRAY IN FRONT OF JESUS. THIS WAS SUCH A SPECIAL TIME FOR THESE PRAYER BUDDIES TO HAVE TOGETHER. PICTURED BELOW ARE SOME OF OUR 1ST AND 5TH GRADE PRAYER BUDDIES ATTENDING ADORATION TOGETHER.



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 SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST: *Lent Meditation Series + Part 2*

My dear parish family:

Traditionally, the words of Jesus as He hung between heaven and earth on Calvary's hill have always been a source of strength and consolation for us Christians disciples, especially considering that most of His disciples abandoned Him that first Good Friday, except for a few, who stood at the foot to the Cross. Ever since that afternoon, nearly 2,000 years ago, the story of Jesus' Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection has been told and retold. Every Lent and Easter, we reencounter the amazing events that helped to shape our eternal salvation. Our ways of meditating and remembering them bring healing and hope. The Seven Last Words certainly make Jesus more present to us and recall these significant actions for our redemption, so we might live again with Him in eternal joy!

Our life story finds true meaning only when we can relate it to Jesus. By meditating on these Seven Last Words, we make them our words too – we make them part of our expression of love; yes, they are ways to being one with our Lord. By visualizing and meditating on Christ's words, healing occurs; the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being that we need to maintain and continue our journey is strengthened by being close to Jesus' suffering for us. Let us pray in the weeks of Lent, that we will have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts of hope to continue on especially when pain and hurt seem to crush us. Jesus endured – and so must we!

And so our Lenten meditation continues.....

The Second Word:

“AMEN I SAY TO YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.”

(Luke 23:43)



These words remind us that, for the Catholic Christian follower/friend of Jesus, life is not ended, but changed. These words are spoken in a varied way at funeral masses. Life has changed, for the loved one we honor with Christian burial, not ended! We need to pray for more trust everyday that everything ultimately will be made new again, whole again, and far better than we can ever imagine, in paradise! As Christians, we must first seek the Kingdom of God; then everything else falls into place. Heaven – eternal life – the return to Paradise must be our constant focus from when we get out of bed, until we fall asleep again at night. We need to be called back to our understanding of our shared journey – a journey we all must take on the way back to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus' words to the “good thief,” or as Tradition calls him, Dismas, bring comfort and consolation that there is Paradise and the heavenly reunion will be ours, if we pick up the Cross of Christ today and follow Him. Yes, follow Him through the good times and bad – the happiness and the suffering – from the blood dripping on Calvary to the garden morning three days later!

We recall the words "Life is changed, not ended" there is, then, the transformation of our souls as they cross over the waters of death. In our ever secular and increasingly “God-less” society, there is a constant need to emphasize that life is eternal and that we all hope for a reunion with God, Jesus, our loved in the Paradise, He first created for us in Eden. This for us while we pray, hope, trust, suffer, and even fail in this earthly/temporary life, is an assurance of faith of an eternal and never-ending life to come. The promise of Jesus' second last word is not just to the good thief – it is an unbroken promise – assurance – absolute gift to us!

*May the human voice of Christ from the Cross this Lent
lead us to the divine glory of Easter morning!*

Father Justin