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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

#38: WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! In this c. 1985 photo, we see Mrs. Mary (Viola) Detwiler and some of her Sixth Grade students in the Social Hall for a lesson.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 1, 2024

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 31, 2024 + Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **Rosary**

8:30 am **The Frederico Family**

9:00 am **Confession**

Saturday, August 31, 2024 + Vigil for the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Phil Mitchell** (Peggy Mitchell & Family)

Sunday, September 1, 2024 + Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Don Steger** (Family)

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

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 + Saint Gregory the Great

9 am - 6 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
(will be held in the hall today)

6:00 pm **Josephine & Frank Capuccini** (Charlie & Debbie Richards)

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 + Weekday

8:30 am **James Rupprecht** (Jan Wonderly & Family)

4:00 pm **Confessions**

Thursday, September 5, 2024 + Weekday

8:30 am **Kathleen Pino, 1st anniv.** (The Urmann Family)

9:00 am - 7 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Friday, September 6, 2024 + Votive Mass of Saint Leo

8:30 am **Livio Morelli** (Betty Rutigliano)

Saturday, September 7, 2024 + Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am **Rosary**

8:30 am **The Hasselman Family** (Phil & Arlene Regulski)

9:00 am **Confessions**

Saturday, September 7, 2024 + Vigil for the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Florendo Facetti** (Linda Johnson)

Sunday, September 8, 2024 + Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Marcy & Francine Nearing, Renee Constable**
(Bill & Marian Nelson)

10:00 am **Amanda McClain** (Dave & Joey Kepple)

The wine and hosts for September have been provided in loving memory of **the deceased members of the Caggese and Fragale Families** by Larry Caggese.

Prayer Chain ~

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

If you would like to pray for the needs of those requesting prayers, call the parish office to be included as a prayer chain warrior.

Altar Candles

WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Sanctuary ~ Deceased members of Saint Leo Parish Family

Saint Leo ~ **John MacDonald**
by Beverly MacDonald

Blessed Mary ~ **Kathleen Pino**
by Andrew & Nicholas Grogan

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

Liturgical Ministries Sept. 7 & Sept 8, 2024

	Altar Servers	Eucharist Minister	Lector
Saturday 5:15 pm	Washburns	JP MacDonald	J Challingsworth
Sunday 8:00 am	D LaBenne J Tettis	D Richards	L Caggese
Sunday 10:00 am	R MacDonald D Tutton	K Gerber	C Tutton

Ministry Schedule
Week of Sept. 8, 2024

Money Counter
Team 2

Altar Guild ^(9/6)
Group 1, Pew 1

Beat the Heat

†We remember in our prayers†

September 1

Arthur Cianca, Jr.

Dominic & Elvira Judice

Deceased of Judice-Boggia Families

Souls in Purgatory

Jeff Penfield

If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

USCCB

Parish Collections

August 25, 2024

Operations Income.....	\$8,934
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,695

Year -To-Date

(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Actual.....	\$63,043
Budget.....	\$69,560

Thank you for your continued generosity

Ways to Remember

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

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

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 Sept. 10 at noon for Sept. 15 bulletin.

Baptism Preparation

Class Schedule

Sept 10, 2024 6:00 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 814-772-3135

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



ATTENTION RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES

This coming school year we will be partnering with St. Boniface Parish to bring amazing programs to our parish families.

- ◇ **Whole Family Catechesis (grades K-5)** and
- ◇ **Edge Program (grades 6-8)** will be on Sundays 11:30-12:30 p.m. at St. Boniface.
- ◇ **Confirmation (grade 9)** will be held on Sundays 11:30-12:30 p.m. at St. Leo.

Classes will begin Sunday, September 8.

Complete your registration form online at <https://st-boniface.org/familyoffaith/> or pick up a form in the gathering space or parish office.

If you have question, please contact Carey MacDonald @ 814-772-3135. x3

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Call the parish office for your cemetery needs

Sunday Evening Mass

St. Tobias Parish, Brockway offers Sunday evening Mass the first Sunday of each month. The next Mass is scheduled for September 1 at 6:00 pm.

Glory Bound Christian Music Festival

Ridgway Carnival Grounds on September 7, 2024 noon to 8 pm. Concessions and children's activities will be available.

Religious Item Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 14 from 8 am until 1 pm at St. Mary's Church Parish Center Cafeteria. If you have any religious items to donate please arrange for drop off with Bonnie, 814-781-1019. Sale is donation only. Proceeds will benefit the Old Convent Grounds Improvements.

Sacred Heart Parish BINGO

Friday, Sept. 6. Doors open at 4 pm, Play begins at 6:30. Call Sacred Heart Parish for more information ~ 814-834-7861.

Remember to get you St. Leo Cash Giveaway tickets 5 winners each winning \$1,500 will be drawn on September 8th

Call the parish office to order your 150th Anniversary Christmas ornament.



We still have PEW CANDLES available. If you would like to purchase a candle in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY DONUT SOCIAL

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
AFTER 10AM MASS
IN THE ST. LEO SOCIAL HALL**

ALL PARISH AND SCHOOL FAMILIES WELCOME!



**ST. LEO CLASSICAL ACADEMY
PRESENTS:**

Dr. Ray Guarendi

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 6:30PM

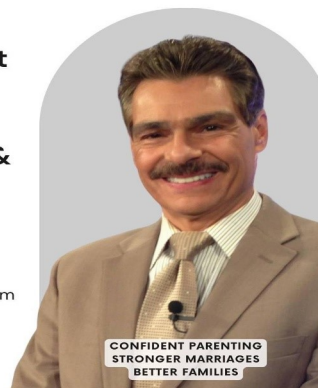
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BETTER FAMILIES

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

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF THE BIBLE SUMMER REFLECTION SERIES

XIII: LYDIA: Prepared with Purple

My dear parish family:

I hope you have found this reflection series helpful in your summer spiritual journey. There are dozens more extraordinary women to found in the pages of sacred scripture. Maybe next summer we can meet more. Stay tuned!



In her article "Cameos: The Women of the New Testament," author Ann Madsen says this about Lydia, **"A seller of purple, she may have been named Lydia because she came from Thyatira, a city in the district of Lydia in Asia Minor that was famous for its exports of purple dye, a highly prized item during this period. An inscription discovered in the ruins in Thyatira commemorates the Dyers' Guild. Perhaps Lydia had learned the proper use of purple dye as a member of that very guild."**

Her home was most likely used as the meeting place for the Church in Phillipi and perhaps Paul had Lydia in mind when later in his letter addressed to his friends, the Philippians, he writes, **"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. Always in every prayer of mine for you making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."** Lydia was probably a very "well-to-do" woman, seeing as the author of the Acts of the Apostles (most scholars say it's Luke) identifies by her trade as a "seller of purple" and that she has a "household." It may be that she was unmarried or a widow seeing as there is no mention of her husband.

The thing that stands out the most about Lydia's story is how she had been prepared, long before Paul arrived at Phillipi, to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ. The scriptures tell us that she "worshiped God" even before her conversion and that the Lord had opened her heart. She was a seeker of truth and had prepared her heart and mind to receive it. In fact we can't help but wonder if it was her prayers and her desire for the truth that prompted the Lord to send Paul a vision of "a man in Macedonia... saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Even though the messenger of this vision was a man, it is very likely that Paul's appearance in Phillipi was in direct answer to Lydia's prayers; especially seeing how quickly and readily she accepts the gospel. Yes, Lydia had already made room in her heart and in her home for God and His messengers.

There is a great lesson to be learned from Lydia's example. She teaches us the value of cultivating our faith and having an inquiring mind and an open heart. She also shows us how being in the right place and being surrounded by the good people helps us be in the right place at the right time to hear God's messages. Her story also makes us ponder if we have made "room" in our hearts and in our homes for God's word. Like Lydia, are we quick to recognize God's truth and welcome it into our home and our life? Alternatively, do we wait for a huge tragedy, like the earthquake that converted Paul's prison keeper or some devastatingly horrible world event like war, before we are willing to accept God's message?

Finally, Lydia's story shows us the value of each soul to God and His willingness to answer our prayers. Lydia's prayers were probably one of the reasons Paul felt called to travel to Phillipi. Lydia's soul was precious to God and her worth great in His eyes. The Lord heard the deepest desires of her heart and answered them, probably in ways greater than she ever imagined. Her story is a beautiful testament of God's love for His children, especially His daughters, and the degree to which He is willing to go to save just *one* soul and bring truth to just *one* of His children who are ready and willing to hear truth.

Have we made room in our homes (not just at the four walled structures we bustle around in, but the home of our hearts – or more profound the home of our eternal souls), like Lydia did, for God come to us? If not. If our homes are too cluttered and messy, what changes can we make in our lives and in our hearts to give them room for God?

ALL YOU HOLY WOMEN + PRAY FOR US! *Father Justin*